



RELATE
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STUDENT HANDBOOK



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Student Handbook
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Relate University exists to assist Christian leaders in reaching their full potential through instruction in God's word and training in best ministry practices.

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Welcome

I am thrilled to be providing this opportunity for you to grow your leadership, deepen your faith, and receive training in best ministry practices through Relate University. Whether you have a call to a five-fold ministry of Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, or Teacher, or if you have a desire to serve in a greater capacity in the local church, I am confident you will receive the necessary tools at Relate University.

Many have had a desire to attend a Bible School, yet were hindered because of time, money, circumstances, and/or distance. Now we are able to bring the necessary training of the Word of God and practical ministry application at a university level to you!

As you press toward the goal of the upward call of God in Christ, we will be working together to reach a lost and dying world for Jesus.

I look forward to seeing you in class and seeing what God does in your life through Relate University!

Chuck Ford
Relate Church

Doctrinal Beliefs

Relate University holds to the same beliefs held by Relate Church. These tenants of faith can also be found on the Relate Church website, www.relatechurch.com

HOLY BIBLE

The Holy Bible, and only the Bible, is the authoritative Word of God. It alone is the final authority in determining all doctrinal truths. In its original writing, it is inspired, infallible and inerrant (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21; Proverbs 30:5; Romans 16:25-26).

TRINITY

There is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. These three are coequal and co-eternal (I John 5:7; Genesis 1:26; Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 9:6; Hebrews 3:7-11).

JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is God the Son, the second person of the Trinity. On earth, Jesus was 100% God and 100% man. He is the only man ever to have lived a sinless life. He was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, performed miracles, died on the cross for mankind and thus, atoned for our sins through the shedding of His blood. He rose from the dead on the third day according to the Scriptures, ascended to the right hand of the Father, and will return again in power and glory. (John 1:1, 14, 20:28; I Timothy 3:16; Isaiah 9:6; Philippians 2:5-6; I Timothy 2:5).

VIRGIN BIRTH

Jesus Christ was conceived by God the Father, through the Holy Spirit (the third person of the Trinity) in the Virgin Mary's womb; therefore, He is the Son of God (Matthew 1:18, 25; Luke 1:35; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18, 23-25; Luke 1:27-35).

REDEMPTION

Man was created good and upright, but by voluntary transgression he fell; his only hope of redemption is in Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Gen. 1:26-31, 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-21).

REGENERATION

For anyone to know God, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential (John 6:44, 65).

SALVATION

We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ; His death, burial, and resurrection. Salvation is a gift from God, not a result of our good works or of any human efforts (Ephesians 2:8-9; Galatians 2:16, 3:8; Titus 3:5; Romans 10:9-10; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 9:22).

REPENTANCE

Repentance is the commitment to turn away from sin in every area of our lives and to follow Christ, which allows us to receive His redemption and to be regenerated by the Holy Spirit. Thus, through repentance we receive forgiveness of sins and appropriate salvation (Acts 2:21, 3:19; I John 1:9).

SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification is the ongoing process of yielding to God's Word and His Spirit in order to complete the development of Christ's character in us. It is through the present ministry of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God that the Christian is enabled to live a godly life (I Thessalonians 4:3, 5:23; II Corinthians 3:18, 6:14-18, II Thessalonians 2:1-3, Romans 8:29, 12:1-2, Hebrews 2:11).

JESUS' BLOOD

The Blood that Jesus Christ shed on the Cross of Calvary was sinless and is 100% sufficient to cleanse mankind of all sin. Jesus allowed Himself to be punished for both our sinfulness and our sins, enabling all those who believe to be free from the penalty of sin, which is death (I John 1:7; Revelation 1:5, 5:9; Colossians 1:20; Romans 3:10-12, 23, 5:9; John 1:29).

JESUS CHRIST INDWELLS ALL BELIEVERS

Christians are people who have invited the Lord Jesus Christ to come and live inside them by His Holy Spirit. They relinquish the authority of their lives over to him thus making Jesus the Lord of their life as well as Savior. They put their trust in what Jesus accomplished for them when He died, was buried, and rose again from the dead (John 1:12; John 14:17, 23; John 15:4; Romans 8:11; Revelation 3:20).

BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

Given at Pentecost, it is the promise of the Father, sent by Jesus after His Ascension, to empower the Church to preach the Gospel throughout the whole earth and is evidenced by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues. This experience can be received by faith by every believer today. (Joel 2:28-29; Matthew 3:11; Mark 16:17; Acts 1:5, 2:1-4, 17, 38-39, 8:14-17, 10:38, 44-47, 11:15-17, 19:1-6).

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is manifested through a variety of spiritual gifts to build and sanctify the church, demonstrate the validity of the resurrection, and confirm the power of the Gospel. The Bible lists of these gifts are not necessarily exhaustive, and the gifts may occur in various combinations. All believers are commanded to earnestly desire the manifestation of the gifts in their lives. These gifts always operate in harmony with the Scriptures and should never be used in violation of biblical parameters. (Hebrews 2:4; Romans 1:11, 12:4-8; Ephesians 4:16; II Timothy 1:5-16, 4:14; I Corinthians 12:1-31, 14:1-40; I Peter 4:10, Romans 11:29).

THE CHURCH

The church is the Body of Christ, the habitation of God through the Spirit, with divine appointments for the fulfillment of Jesus' great commission. Every person who is born of the Spirit is an integral part of the church as a member of the body of believers. There is a spiritual unity of all believers in our Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:22, 2:19-22; Hebrews 12:23; John 17:11, 20-23).

TWO SACRAMENTS

Water Baptism: Following faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the new convert is commanded by the Word of God to be baptized in water in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12, 36-38; 10:47-48). The Lord's Supper: A unique time of communion in the presence of God when the elements of bread and grape juice (the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ) are taken in remembrance of Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross (Matthew 26:26-29; I Corinthians 10:16, 11:23-25).

HEALING OF THE SICK

Healing of the sick is illustrated in the life and ministry of Jesus, and included in the commission of Jesus to His disciples. It is given as a sign, which is to follow believers. It is also a part of Jesus' work on the Cross and one of the gifts of the Spirit. (Psalm 103:2-3; Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:16-17; Mark 16:17-18; Acts 8:6-7; James 5:14-16; I Corinthians 12:9, 28).

GOD'S WILL FOR PROVISION

It is the Father's will for believers to become whole, healthy and successful in all areas of life. But because of the fall, many may not receive the full benefits of God's will while on Earth. That fact, though, should never prevent all believers from seeking the full benefits of Christ's provision in order to better serve others.

Spiritual - John 3:3-11; II Corinthians 5:17-21;
Romans 10:9-10)

Mental and Emotional - (II Timothy 1:7, 2:11; Philippians
4:7-8; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 26:3).

Physical - (Isaiah 53:4, 5; Matthew 8:17; I Peter 2:24).

Financial - (Joshua 1:8; Malachi 3:10-11; Luke 6:38;
II Corinthians 9:6-10; Deuteronomy 28:1-14;
Psalm 34:10, 84:11; Philippians 4:19).

RESURRECTION

Jesus Christ was physically resurrected from the dead in a glorified body three days after His death on the cross. In addition, both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; they that are saved to the resurrection of life and they that are lost to the resurrection of eternal damnation (Luke 24:16, 36, 39; John 2:19-21, 20:26-28, 21:4; Acts 24:15; I Corinthians 15:42, 44; Philipians 1:21-23, 3:21).

HEAVEN

Heaven is the eternal dwelling place for all believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Matthew 5:3, 12, 20, 6:20, 19:21, 25:34; John 17:24; II Corinthians 5:1; Hebrews 11:16; I Peter 1:4).

HELL

After living one life on earth, the unbelievers will be judged by God and sent to Hell where they will be eternally tormented with the Devil and the Fallen Angels (Matthew 25:41; Mark 9:43-48; Hebrews 9:27; Revelation 14:9-11, 20:12-15, 21:8).

SECOND COMING

Jesus Christ will physically and visibly return to earth for the second time to establish His Kingdom. This will occur at a date undisclosed by the Scriptures (Matthew 24:30, 26:63-64; Acts 1:9-11; I Thessalonians 4:15-17; II Thessalonians 1:7-8; Revelation 1:7) (John 3:3-11; II Corinthians 5:17-21; Romans 10:9-10)

MARRIAGE

Relate University upholds the sanctity of permanent marriage between a man and a woman, avoiding any sexual misconduct, including harassment and abuse.

Registration Information

Registration deadline for spring semester is December 1st, 2016.

Spring Semester begins January 8th

Spring Semester ends May 7th

No class the week of Spring Break

No class the week of Easter

Fall Semester begins September 10th

Registration for Fall Semester begins August 6th

Fall Semester ends December 17th

No class the week of Thanksgiving

Enrollment Requirements

Students must be 18 years of age.

*This is mostly due to a high school degree/diploma necessary
to continue on to the next level of education.*

Register online or in person at the Relate University
office at Relate Church.

Fill out an application

(at the Relate University Office, see the director)

Students who do not attend Relate Church need a Letter of
Recommendation from their pastor.

Admission

Admission is granted once the initial registration fee is paid for the
school year and if a Letter of Recommendation is received from
a student who does not attend Relate Church.

Financial Information

Fees:

Registration: \$35.00 / One Time

Tuition: \$600 / Per Year

Books: Included in tuition for two semesters

Discounts available for couples at 50% for spouse
(books not included).

Relate University fees can be paid all at once or monthly. A monthly payment plan can be set up for the first of each month with cash or check. Relate University is not set up to take credit card payments.

The Registration fee is non-refundable.

Registration fees and tuition fees are subject to change.

Relate University currently does not have financial aid available.

Relate University Schedule

Classes meet for 9 months, 15 weeks each semester for 3 hours on
Sundays.

Class times are Sunday evenings from **5:00 to 8:00**
with 3 classes each Sunday night for 15 weeks.

First Class - 5:00-5:50

10 minute break

Second Class - 6:00-6:50

20 minute break

Third Class - 7:10-8:00

The Charter class' first semester is January to May.

Second semester from September to December.

Tuition is tax deductible.

School Calendar
Spring / Fall 2017

January.....January 8th Classes Begin
February.....Classes Continue
MarchMarch 12, *Spring Break No Class*
April.....April 16, Easter, No Class
May.....May 7th Last Semester Class
August.....Registration begins August 6th
September.....Classes Begin September 10th
October.....Classes Continue
November.....November 26th *Thanksgiving
Break, No Class*
DecemberLast Class December 17th

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Relate University's First Graduation

Relate University's first graduation will be May 2019. The actual date will be announced.

General Academic Information

No prior degree is required to register for classes at Relate University.

Each student must be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma, a GED, or in the process of getting a GED.

Class Attendance

Class attendance is mandatory. Two absences each semester are allowed. If possible, please notify the professors or the director ahead of time if you are going to be absent. Students are responsible to make up missed work.

Classes meet on Sunday evenings from 5:00 pm until approximately 8:00 pm. Be prepared to attend all three classes. You may bring a snack, and time is provided for you to eat on a break.

Excessive absences could result in a loss of course work, grades, and possible school dismissal.

No Childcare available at this time.

Class Policy

Each teacher/professor will provide a syllabus for students outlining the course expectations, methods of teaching, etc. Please refer to the contact information on the syllabus for any questions about a particular course.

Grading System

Relate University follows a 10 point grading system.

A = 90-100 - Excellent

B = 80-89 - Above Average

C = 70-79 - Average

D = 60-69 - Below Average

F = 50-59 - Failing

Students are expected to maintain average grades. If a student's grades fall below a C, an appointment with the director or professor will be scheduled to help the student with an academic plan.

Books

Books are provided with tuition, but you will need to provide notebooks, recorder, computer, tablet, or whatever you prefer to take notes. Initially classes will be held in the sanctuary without desktops. Part of the academics at Relate University involves Relate Serve. Students will have the opportunity to choose an area to serve in, as well as help with Relate University events and Relate University's class logistics.

Course Offerings and Descriptions

FIRST YEAR

PRAYER PRINCIPLES 1

Prayer Principles 1 is a study of how Jesus taught his disciples to pray and the importance of approaching God as Jesus displayed in Matthew Chapter 6.

PRAYER PRINCIPLES 2

Prayer Principles 2 is a study of the prayers of Paul in Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians.

BLOOD COVENANT

The Blood Covenant is a study of the story of the blood of Jesus made evident through the Old Covenant into the New Covenant. This course reveals why Jesus had to be crucified, shed His blood and be raised from the dead, and how each part relates to believers.

WINNING WITH PEOPLE

In ministry it is not enough to know the Word, you must know people. This course introduces what leadership is and how you can grow your leadership by employing time-tested people skills.

RECEIVING & MINISTERING HEALING

Healing was and is a major part of Jesus ministry which continues through the body of Christ today. This course explores many reasons why we are sure it is God's will for all to be healed today and how to minister healing to others effectively.

BIBLE DOCTRINES AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Based on the book of Hebrews, Bible Doctrines and Spiritual Growth explains the fundamental doctrines of Christ, Jesus as our High Priest and Mediator of the New Covenant, and growing spiritually in the knowledge of God. Humility is the key to Jesus' obedience.

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT / GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

This course, the Fruit of the Spirit and the Gifts of the Spirit show how each works in tandem as the Fruit is the character of Christ and the Gifts show His glory and continued work on the earth. Galatians 5 and I Corinthians 12 are the main texts for this course.

AUTHORITY OF THE BELIEVER

Jesus came to earth as a man to re-capture the authority that Satan had stolen through Adam's disobedience in the garden. He succeeded in securing that power through his death, suffering, and defeat of Satan. As new creations we have been put in a position of power and authority delegated to us by God through Jesus Christ. This course, the Authority of the Believer, teaches about the power and authority of Jesus Christ that has been given to us and the significance of living in that power and authority.

HOLY SPIRIT AND PRAYER

The Holy Spirit was vital to the work of Jesus Christ just as he is vital in the prayer life of the believer. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in prayer? In this course, Holy Spirit and Prayer, students study the role of the Holy Spirit in their prayer life and the importance of a relationship with and reliance upon him.

THE SPIRIT LED LIFE

To accomplish all God has planned for you it is vital to learn to be led by the Holy Spirit. This course unveils the person of the Holy Spirit and how He leads and guides believers today.

MINISTRY GIFTS/QUALIFICATIONS OF MINISTRY

In this course you will learn about the five-fold ministries God has set in the church, the role of each in the church, and the qualifications and expectations God places on these individuals.

OLD TESTAMENT / NEW TESTAMENT

The Old Testament and New Testament course studies the timeline, a snapshot of the authors' lives, how each book points to the life of Jesus, and God's intent and purpose for His creation within a Kingdom of God context.

UNDERSTANDING GRACE

Grace is a person and His name is Jesus. This course studies the concept of Grace and how it finds its fullness in the life of Jesus and how believers can walk in that same grace today.

Preaching Labs / Practicums / Mission Trips / Local Outreach / are scheduled in the second semester of the second year.

Courses are subject to change

Withdrawal Policy

It is our desire for each student to finish all course work, labs, the capstone project, and graduate, but we know that sometimes that is not possible. Please call and schedule an appointment with the director, Michele Morton, to discuss any issues or problems.

Termination Policy

Some areas that could lead to student termination:

1. Cheating on tests
2. The use of drugs or other illegal substances
3. Stealing
4. Outbreaks of violence
5. Any other activities that harm physically, emotionally, or mentally to oneself or others.

Dress Code Policy

Relate University adheres to a dress code that promotes leadership, professionalism, and brings honor to our Lord. Here are some dos and don'ts.

Allowed:

Boys: Dress pants, khakis, jeans, polos, dress shirts, socks, shoes, boots, loafers, tennis shoes.

Girls: Dress pants, jeans, skirts, tops, dresses, hills, sandals, boots, tennis shoes.

Not Allowed:

T-shirts, Tees, tank tops, flip flops

Graduation Requirements

Completion of all courses, average or above average grades, completion of practicum, preaching labs, and capstone project.

Practicum – consists of opportunities in the surrounding community for students to participate in field studies putting into practice what has been learned in the classroom.

Preaching Labs – students will be given opportunities to preach in various venues.

Capstone Project – each student will complete a final capstone project that will be presented to a body of faculty, family, and fellow students just prior to graduation. This project details the journey student have made from starting Relate University up to graduation.

Components of the Capstone project can include:

1. Journal notes
2. Pictures taken throughout the semesters at Relate University
3. Notes and pictures taken during Practicums and Preaching Labs
4. Personal stories, struggles, and photos

Accreditation

Relate University is pursuing accreditation and will keep students and staff aware of the progress in the accreditation process.

I _____ have read this handbook and understand my responsibilities as a student of Relate University.

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