

2021 Term 1

Module Dates: January 15 to April 15, 2021

Module: MED 6-4 Curriculum Design for Faith Education (Core)

Facilitator: Dr Rosalind Tan

Mode: Synchronous Online

Dates for synchronous class sessions (Malaysian time)

January 15, (9 a.m.-11 a.m.)

February 15, (9 a.m.-1.00 p.m.)

March 15, (9 a.m. -1.00 p.m.)

April 15, (9 a.m. -1.00 p.m.)

Module Description: Faith education is an explicit task. The goal is individual and communal growth, formation, and transformation towards Christlikeness. For this purpose, we use curriculums as “maps” to intentionally direct our task. A relevant faith education curriculum is biblically and theologically informed, intentional, context specific, and people friendly in its design and development. In this module, we will discuss several types of curriculum approaches for faith education, and the principles and practices for design and implementation. The mode of learning will include self-study, synchronous online meetings, group work, and a participatory field project.

2021 Term 2

Module Dates: May 15 to August 15, 2021

Module: MED 7:1 Spiritual Formation and Discipleship (Core)

Facilitator: Dr Alex Tang

Mode: Synchronous Online

Dates for synchronous class sessions

From 14 May to 17 July.

8.00 p.m.-10.00 p.m., Friday (Malaysian time)

Course Description: This is a totally online module. It will be both synchronous and asynchronous. This module is designed to enable leaders in Christian ministries to reflect on spiritual growth in a time of fluidity and change. Education institutions are in tatters, seminaries are in retreat against the onslaught of the pandemic and emerging technologies, and churches are emptying of the younger generations seeking to be ‘spiritual but not religious’. In this module, we will examine the underlying principles of Christian education, discipleship, and spiritual formation processes. We will also evaluate the inner life of educators, spiritual formation communities and its missional aspects. We will look at pedagogy in faith communities in this digital interconnected world

Module Dates: September 15 to December 16, 2021.

Module: MED 6-5. Education: Theologizing in Church and Ministry

Facilitator: Dr Sunny Tan

Mode: Hybrid, Face-to-Face and/or synchronous online

On-Campus: Oct 14-19 (*We hope to conduct the on-campus portion face-to-face. If the situation does not allow, we will revert to the synchronous online mode.*)

Course Description: The Module is about "the *practice* of theology." The focus is on the factors and influences impacting the reasoning process within a local church. The Module's assumption is that the students should be prepared to serve as "resident theologians" and contribute to the decision-making process of their local churches, especially in the face of challenges from the environment or the public sphere. The Module will challenge the students to understand in greater depth what it means to "reason" ("to theologize) for the glory of God and for the well-being of the church members.