



Student Handbook

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THE AFCEE MISSION

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel.” —Mark 16:15

The Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism team can train you and your church to become dynamic, effective soul-winners—no matter your background or experience in evangelism!

Our professional, caring instructors will equip you with the information and tools you need to reach any soul for Christ at any time and any place. So what are you waiting for? Become the courageous disciple God has called you to be!



Welcome to the Amazing Facts Center of Evangelism (AFCOE).

You have chosen an institution of academic and practical excellence, and we thank you for your interest in our program. Our purpose is to disciple committed Christians to do effective evangelism.

This dying world needs the message of a living Savior! God is calling people to prepare for service. Jesus said, “The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest” (Luke 10:2).

Nothing is more rewarding or exciting than seeing people accept Christ as their Savior and embrace the truths of God’s Word. Many Christians long to effectively witness for God, but they lack the training that will enable them to be successful. Our center is designed to help Christians become dynamic soul winners for God’s Kingdom.

AFCOE is uniquely situated at the new Amazing Facts International headquarters where you will see that real church growth can happen without bringing in worldly methods and entertainment. Our vast resources of radio, social media, television programs, a thriving church, and our staff will help you learn how to better share God’s truth in these last days.

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Equipping disciples to proclaim and exemplify the final message of Jesus Christ to the entire world.

CORE OBJECTIVES

1. Training

To give students training in the various aspects of the complete cycle of evangelism:

- a. Personal evangelism
- b. Public evangelism
- c. Understanding of fundamental Bible doctrines
- d. Understanding of end-time prophecies

2. Education/Discipleship

To disciple students in the image of Christ by giving them a Bible-based education that enables mature Christian thinking and practice.

3. Worship

To give students an environment in which true worship is both practiced and encouraged.

4. Work-Study

To provide a balanced experience, students will be involved in hands-on, outreach experience. This typically will be in an outdoor setting.

5. Personal Relationship with God

To help students grow in their personal relationship with God by providing a nurturing spiritual environment.

6. Healing

To enable students to find wholeness out of brokenness through education and experience.

7. Replication

To spread the AFCOE mission by producing global training centers.

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel” (Mark 16:15).

“One worker who has been trained and educated for the work, who is controlled by the Spirit of Christ, will accomplish far more than ten laborers who go out deficient in knowledge, and weak in the faith” (Evangelism, p.109).

Admission

Prospective students must be baptized members in good and regular standing of the Seventh-day Adventist Church so that they will have the foundational Bible knowledge necessary for this program. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent to be considered.

Application Procedure

All students need to complete and submit an application and payment by the deadline. Send a recent picture of yourself for your file. Each application will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. All applicants will be notified regarding their acceptance to the program.

Application Deadlines

The application deadline is two (2) weeks prior to the first day of class. Students applying after the deadline will be accepted by special permission only, and full payment must be made upon acceptance.

Medical Forms

A current medical form is required to be on file for all accepted students in the Complete Program (three-month) and is due 2 weeks before the start of the session. No physical exam is required.

Registration

Students should arrive for registration at Amazing Facts International on the published beginning date for your session. Arrivals before registration day will not be accommodated in student housing.

To register, students must have submitted an application and a medical form (provided by us) and been accepted to AFCOE. If you have any questions, please call AFCOE at 916-209-7234, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Pacific Time.

AFCOE is operated by Amazing Facts International, a nonprofit Christian ministry. Neither Amazing Facts nor AFCOE receive any state, federal, or denominational funding or subsidies. AFCOE is dependent on tuition and donations to continue operation. AFCOE is also not eligible for state or federal student aid.

Financial Responsibility for Individual Student

Tuition, registration, curriculum, and field trips	\$2,000
Housing*	\$4,000

Please note, if no housing is needed by AFCOE, please provide the address of where you'll be residing during the three-month program. We do NOT accept any student living in their cars or any other unsafe living quarters. You MUST reside in a proper home.

Housing for families	call for options
Outreach gas fee (for those without vehicle)	\$350

Other Estimated Expenses

* Food for duration of AFCOE

* Overseas Mission trip expense (if you choose to go)

Refer to the AFCOE.org for the due dates.

For students bringing a vehicle, you must have enough money for your fuel.

Special Discounts

- If students have completed any of our AFCOE online courses ([Amazing Disciples](#), [Amazing Doctrines](#) or [Amazing Sanctuary](#)), they will receive a \$100 discount towards tuition for each course.

Refund Policy

All cancellations must be made in writing and sent to Amazing Facts by mail, fax, or e-mail. Cancellations received 30 days prior to the opening day of class will receive a full refund. Refunds requested after this period through the first 15 calendar days of the program will receive a 50-percent refund of tuition only. There will be no refund for housing.

Scholarships

If available, scholarship funds can only be applied to the \$2,000 tuition portion. We encourage all students to continue to raise /save up for the \$2000 tuition portion to be paid in full by the first day of the program.

Principles of Christian Faith

Powerful course exploring selected fundamental Christian doctrines as believed and outlined in the 28 fundamental beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Develop concise and meaningful answers to significant questions and objections to these doctrines from a Christ-centered perspective using the Bible as the basis of authority. Focus on applying biblical doctrines into personal life and witnessing opportunities.

Prophetic Studies

A detailed, verse by verse study of the books of Daniel and Revelation with emphasis upon the interpretation of prophecy, apocalyptic imagery and symbols, and how to present these prophetic messages in an evangelistic setting. Special attention will be given to understand the context of Jesus' death and second coming, the literary and chiasmic structures of both prophetic books, the themes and central messages, as well as applying these into personal witnessing opportunities.

Personal Evangelism

Study the fascinating principles of soul-winning, the process of conviction, and the art of leading people to decisions for Christ. Learn to effectively communicate biblical truth through friendship evangelism, focused conversations, your personal testimony, door-to-door surveys and canvasses, community programs, health evangelism, social media, and Bible studies. Christ's example of witnessing is highlighted.

Public Evangelism

Practical and theoretical instruction into the planning and implementation of the complete cycle of evangelism with a special focus on preparing and preaching sermons and organizing your own evangelistic series. All aspects of this course will be experienced in a live field school with an Amazing Facts evangelistic campaign that affirms our solid theological foundation. Special emphasis on developing, planning and implementing your own ministry.

Practicum in Ministry: Community Outreach

Real life, hands-on field experience and instruction in friendship evangelism, door-to-door ministry, giving Bible studies, hosting an evangelistic seminar and evangelistic visitation.

In addition to the basic training that everyone receives while at AFCOE, students will receive specialized instruction and mentorship in other areas like Bible work, overseas mission work, self-supporting ministries, health evangelism, and much more. Some of these courses will be accredited for higher education through Weimar Institute.

AFCOE Mission Trip

Immediately following every AFCOE session, students have the opportunity to travel to a foreign country for two-three weeks and preach their very own evangelistic series! This hands-on program allows students to implement what they have learned at AFCOE; prophecy meeting preparation, giving Bible studies, leading souls to Christ, etc.—while following the great commission to “go and make disciples of all the nations.” You too, can have the incredible privilege of being a co-laborer with Christ in this exciting adventure! Location and costs will change from year to year. We will announce once we have all the details. The cost of the mission trip is not included in tuition or housing.

An important part of AFCOE training is the practical application of the information students learn in class. This includes regular opportunities for students to develop their skills and gifts in real-life experiences with non-believers.

Students work in teams of two under the supervision and guidance of experienced Bible workers, pastors, and evangelists. They seek to take non-believers from the point of initial contact all the way through to baptism and full profession of faith.

Participation in a local evangelistic meeting conducted by Amazing Facts and their partners also provides an important part of the training.

Some ministries in which students will participate include: prayer ministries, friendship evangelism, campus ministries, door-to-door ministry and one-on-one Bible studies, visiting people who have responded to Amazing Facts media programs, reclaiming former and missing members, running a correspondence Bible school, leading small-group studies, evangelistic visitation, gaining decisions, and preparing people for baptism.

Our classes are designed to give each student the personal attention they need to develop their soul-winning potential.

“After AFCOE, then what?”

AFCOE provides a unique springboard into many ministry options. However, like most other schools, we do not guarantee employment upon the completion of our course.

The most common position available to AFCOE graduates is Bible working. Some youth evangelism positions might also be available after graduation.

AFCOE graduates are able to work as lay pastors; however, we generally encourage those who desire to enter pastoral ministry to continue their studies in theology at a college or university.

You will find that AFCOE is an excellent place for you to develop the skills and experience you need to enter into a satisfying and lifelong work in evangelism and ministry. You will learn many ways to bring training, revival and promote evangelism in your local church, as well as other churches in your community and conference.

Many conferences and churches contact us requesting the services of an AFCOE-trained Bible worker. If our graduates are interested in employment, we regularly notify them of open positions and also post opportunities on our AFCOE Facebook page. (These postings are available only to AFCOE graduates.) Graduates will then have the chance to connect directly with the churches involved. In most cases, the local church will then employ the Bible worker on a contract basis. It varies with each church and conference.

Many of our graduates have continued on to become ...

- Campus Outreach Leaders
- Church Planters
- Conference Bible Coordinators
- Health Ministry Leaders
- Medical Missionaries
- Music Evangelists
- Pastors
- Chaplains
- Church Trainers
- Evangelists
- Literature Evangelists
- Missionaries
- Outreach Coordinators
- Youth Directors

Biblical Principles

Students are expected to live in harmony with biblical teachings and the guidelines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Personal Devotions

We strongly encourage each student to maintain a regular time of personal prayer and Bible study. Without this experience, you will miss the blessing that could otherwise be yours during our time together.

Social Relations

A friendly and professional association is expected between students. Because of the intensity of the program, dating and courting are not allowed among the students while in school. All students are required to maintain a high standard of moral purity, avoiding the appearance of inappropriate attentions to the opposite sex.

Sabbath Observance

The Sabbath hours, from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday, are a sacred and joyous time for spiritual renewal, public worship, and Christian fellowship. Secular activities (shopping, business, and distracting amusements) are to be avoided during this time. Attendance at morning worship, Wednesday night prayer meeting, Friday night vespers, and Sabbath worship services are required unless otherwise announced.

Dress

Dress and grooming should be modest, neat, and clean. Please do not wear shorts, jeans, sleeveless tops, skin-tight apparel, or low-cut shirts. Dresses and skirts must be knee length or below. Jewelry, including wedding bands/rings, are not to be worn. Tattoos should be covered and not visible if possible. Please keep your hair as close as possible to its natural color, no flamboyant colors.

When participating in class or community outreach, a professional casual look is expected. (No jeans or T-shirts.) For ladies, please wear skirts or dresses to worship services. Skirts and dress pants are acceptable for outreach. For gentlemen, please wear dress pants and collared shirts.

Forbidden Items

In no case will firearms, hunting knives or pocketknives, recreational drugs, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, pornography, gang symbols, or occult items be permitted in the housing, car, or possession of AFCOE students. Discovery of such items is grounds for immediate dismissal without a refund. To insure proper focus, students are not allowed to have employment during AFCOE.

Honesty

All students are expected to have a high standard of personal integrity. All forms of dishonesty, such as cheating and plagiarism, are grounds for dismissal without a refund. Integrity should also be displayed in computer usage, such as avoiding accessing websites of questionable moral nature. Care must be taken in the use of equipment at Amazing Facts and local churches. Integrity also should be shown in one's interactions with other students.

Attendance

AFCOE encourages students to take responsibility for class attendance. Students must participate in all scheduled classes and outreach activities and be on time for each scheduled event. If a student is absent, he or she must fill out the appropriate form. Three unexcused absences from class will result in disciplinary action. Three unexcused instances of tardiness will equal one unexcused absence.

Student Dismissal

Students are asked to assist the staff and other students by manifesting a cooperative, harmonious attitude. Students must complete assignments by the due date, meet community outreach goals, and abide by written rules as outlined in this handbook. If you have concerns, questions, or special circumstances, please discuss them with administration. Every effort is made to carefully resolve such issues. AFCOE reserves the right to dismiss without a refund a student who fails to abide by the policies and guidelines outlined in this handbook. Unexcused absences, including frequent tardiness, will result in disciplinary actions.

Housing

A letter specifying your accommodations and what you will need to bring will be sent to you. You should expect to share a house with several other students. There may be two students in each bedroom.

Meals

Meals are the responsibility of each participant.

Cleanliness

Please keep your living quarters and common areas clean at all times.

Laptops

You will need to have a personal laptop to complete and submit your assignments and outreach projects. No DVD or downloaded movies should be used during your time here unless they are of a religious nature. Free access to the internet will be available in the AFCOE classroom.

Damage

Students are responsible for damage done to their house and will be charged for the cost of repair.

Utilities

Gas and electricity are covered in your fees.

Pleasant Environment

When sharing a room, please do everything possible to be pleasant. This also includes shared living spaces(kitchen, living room, garage, dining area, bathroom, etc.) Little courtesies go a long way! Don't neglect them. Please share responsibilities for keeping the facilities clean and respect the personal property and space of your roommates.

Telephone

Landline is not included.

Television and Music

We ask students to maintain a quiet, studious atmosphere conducive to spiritual thoughts and in harmony with Christian principles. To best meet the needs of our program and promote Christian development, we do not allow the use of televisions. Televisions are already included in the homes, but refrain from using them.

If you wish to openly listen to music in your accommodations, please obtain the consent of your roommates before playing it. If necessary, use headphones or keep the volume low.

All music needs to be in keeping with Christian standards as set forth in Philippians 4:8. Music classified as "Christian rock" or "rap" is not appropriate.

Transportation

Participants are responsible for providing and maintaining their own transportation for class attendance and community outreach activities. It may be possible for students who do not bring their own vehicle to be teamed with those who do. In such instances, these students will pay a transportation fee to help offset gas and vehicle expenses. This fee (\$350) is based on current gas prices and is due at Registration. Please make your own airport transportation arrangements. For those planning to bring their vehicles to use during the program, please plan accordingly by making sure you have enough funds for your fuel expenses.



Doug Batchelor

Types of Christ in Scripture and Bible Q&A

Pastor Doug serves as president of Amazing Facts International and the senior pastor of the Granite Bay Hilltop Church. Recognized as a dynamic speaker, visionary leader, and dedicated soul-winner, he has a passion for revealing Christ and the plan of salvation through Scripture. You'll love his "Ask the Pastor" class, enabling you to tap into his many years of experience in answering difficult Bible questions.



Jëan Ross

Book of Revelation

Pastor Ross serves as vice president of evangelism at Amazing Facts International. He is the co-host of the popular radio program Bible Answers Live. After 18 years in pastoral and lay evangelism training, he created the Empowered Church Program—an in-depth resource that helps local churches prepare for public evangelism events. His presentations on church health, evangelism, Bible prophecy, and practical godliness are inspiring and engaging.



Carlos Muñoz

Discipleship & Outreach, Doctrinal Studies, Everlasting Gospel

Carlos serves as AFCOE director and is a bilingual Amazing Facts evangelist. He is also an AFCOE 2013 graduate! As a young man, Carlos lived for the pleasures of this world, but he felt empty and without purpose until he surrendered all to Jesus. He has been married to Sicely for 10 years, and they love to read, travel, and exercise together. They are both passionate about sharing Bible truths through prophecy seminars and training churches in evangelism.



Daniel Hudgens

Discipleship, Doctrinal Studies, Spirit of Prophecy

Daniel serves as assistant director at AFCOE and a graphic designer in the Amazing Facts marketing department. He grew up fascinated by the fictional battles between superheroes and villains on TV and in comic books—leading to deep questions. He finally found answers in the Bible, which revealed the true war between good and evil. Daniel has since dedicated his life to sharing the truths of Scripture and equipping churches through revivals, evangelism training, and prophecy seminars. He has been married to his wife, Leanna, for 20 years, and they have 4 children.



Elijah Ramos

Discipleship & Outreach, Doctrinal Studies, Prayer Ministries

Elijah Ramos serves as Outreach Coordinator for AFCOE and is also an Amazing Facts Evangelist. Upon graduating AFCOE in 2021, Elijah and his family have been engaged in active, full-time evangelism. He has a passion for leading, teaching, and training others to be the disciples God calls us to be, believing that the home is our very first mission field. “God sees the untapped potential in each one of us. United to Him, He can transform the weakest of us into powerful instruments for His glory!”



Audrey Ramos

Women’s Ministry Coordinator

Audrey is an AFCOE graduate and the wife of Amazing Facts evangelist Elijah Ramos. Although she grew up in a religious home, Audrey decided at a young age that God was not real. After spending years searching for meaning and direction, the prayers of others began to draw her back to God. In a defining moment, she knelt in prayer for the first time in years, and God met her right where she was. From that day forward, she has never doubted His presence. Today, Audrey travels across the country with her husband, sharing the gospel while homeschooling their three children.



Jessica Castro

AFCOE Registrar

Jessica attended AFCOE in 2017. Shortly after that, she went through a colporteur program called Youth Rush, where she found a passion for literature evangelism. She participated in another evangelism school called SOULS West for two years. It was there that her love for canvassing and outreach increased more. After graduating from SOULS West, she worked there until she was called back to serve, where her spiritual journey first began, at Amazing Facts. From working as a writer in the Correspondence department, she is now the AFCOE registrar and assistant to Carlos Munoz and Pastor Jëan Ross.

Guest Speakers

With AFCEO's seasoned faculty and renowned guest speakers, you'll have complete confidence that your class time will be engaging and insightful. Our team of successful and experienced soul-winners and mentors also care deeply about your future in God's work!



Dr. David Shin
Hermeneutics



Don Mackintosh
Studies in the Book of Daniel



Dr. K'dee Crews
Beautiful Minds



Johnny Wong
Care/Small Groups



Anil Kanda
Apologetics



Dwayne Lemon
Family & Health Ministry



Oleg Lotca
Outreach & Literature Evangelism



Dean Cullinane
Public Speaking



Tony Scarpino
Optimize Your Brain



Dr. Daniel Binus
Beautiful Minds



Richard Calderon
Christian Administration



Christian Berdahl
Music Seminar



Subodh Pandit
Apologetics



Kyle Tumberg
Overseas Mission Work

GO!

“Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.”

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