

Welcome to All Nations!

I hope you're looking forward to studying with college! We're looking forward to welcoming you as you start your studies.

One of the core undergraduate modules you'll take is Practical Ministry, a volunteer placement in a local church or organisation. We want you to learn in a connected way to ensure a fuller understanding and experience for you as the learner, and so, the All Nations has a holistic training ethos, with a "head, heart and hands" approach to students learning. Each student will complete a Practical Ministry module as part of their undergraduate studies. Your placement will be in a team, have a supervisor and be in a cross-cultural context. The module is 100 hours, consisting of 70 hours volunteering in the ministry (approximately 2-3 hours each week), and 30 hours for completing assignments.

The aims of the Practical Ministry module are:

- *To apply classroom-based learning in a practical context.*
- *To experience the dynamics of working under supervision in a multi-cultural context.*
- *To identify and develop personal gifts and abilities.*
- *To clarify a sense of vocation and prepare for ministry after college.*

There are three types of practical ministries:

- *Church Placements, working with a church, getting involved in a ministry such as children's work, preaching or discipleship.*
- *Creative Arts and Multi-cultural ministries, such as Heart for Mission team or working with Muslim Background Believers.*
- *Development & Justice ministries, for example, Christians Against Poverty, Young Life International or Street Pastors.*

Next Steps:

- Please be praying about which kind of ministry you should choose as your Practical Ministry. It would be helpful to consider existing skills and gifts, and how you would like to be equipped for future ministry. Or perhaps, which ministry fills you with a sense of excitement and the opportunity to learn new skills? Students are encouraged to step into new areas whilst at college, developing in the learning environment.
- During orientation week, I'll have a Practical Ministry meeting with all new students to discuss Practical Ministry, church placement, Practical Courses and Contemporary Issues in Ministry (CIM) seminars. Keep an eye out for this on the orientation timetable!
- Campus Access Learners: During orientation week you'll be given a list of placement opportunities in local churches and organisations. In the first week of term you'll meet with representatives from the placement opportunities in a Practical Ministry Supervisor meet and chat. Please put this in your diary to attend. There will be a follow up meeting in week 2, Friday 2-3pm in Sycamore Hall and Zoom where you'll confirm your chosen practical ministry for the academic year, and receive guidance as you start your practical ministry.
- Hybrid and remote access learners will need to arrange their own practical ministry in their location. You can contact me via email before or after the Practical Ministry meeting in orientation week and we'll arrange a time to discuss this individually on Zoom. We will prayerfully consider the module criteria, your own interests and skills, and potential future ministry in deciding upon your practical ministry.

College are committed to ensuring that you are safe whilst on practical ministry. We seek assurance from any practical ministry that necessary risk assessments, safety checks and safeguarding training are carried out, including DBS checks where appropriate.

I oversee the Practical Ministry module and I'm available to discuss your choices with you, and any other practical ministry questions! Please feel free to contact me before term starts, my e-mail address is c.jackson@allnations.ac.uk

Praying for you as you prepare to start on the next season of your life at All Nations.

Blessings,

C. Jackson

Clare Jackson
Tutor in Practical Ministry