The MAPS/DPS program involves a partnership between Covenant Baptist Theological Seminary and local churches. In addition to the 33 hours of academic instruction, the program mandates a minimum of 200 hours of pastoral mentoring and practical experience, overseen by one or more of the student’s pastors. This character-molding, hands-on aspect of training is structured around the biblical qualifications of 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 and includes a quarterly assessment of the student regarding his progress in godliness and service. Students must log their hours and provide a record to CBTS signed by their mentor.

**Spiritual Maturity and Character**
- **Quarterly Meetings:** Student will meet with pastors at least once a quarter for assessment in spiritual maturity and character. Includes personal spiritual health, marriage, family, and witness to outsiders. (Minimum of 16 hours)

**Preaching and Teaching**
- **Quarterly Preaching:** Student will preach at least once a quarter in some venue, preferably a worship service. Pastors will provide encouragement in strengths as well as constructive criticism for improvements for each sermon. (*Minimum of 48 hours)
- **Weekly Teaching:** Student will teach at least one 13-week Sunday School class per year. If the church does not have a Sunday School hour, some other venue of regular teaching must be determined by the pastors and accepted by CBTS. If possible, feedback from class members is encouraged. (*Minimum of 52 hours)
- **Evangelism:** Student will regularly engage unconverted people with a view to sharing the gospel outside of the church. These opportunities will be assessed by the pastors of the student at their quarterly meetings. (Minimum of 16 hours)

*Preaching and Teaching hours include preparation time.

**Other Pastoral Responsibilities**
- **Worship Service Planning:** Student will coordinate all aspects of a worship service at least once a quarter, including music, prayer, Scripture reading, and preaching. (Minimum of 8 hours)
- **Pastoral Counseling:** Student will sit in on pastoral counseling sessions at least once a quarter. This should include different types of counseling, and include pre-marital counseling. (Minimum of 8 hours)
- **Weddings:** Student will help his pastor at least once as he prepares for a wedding. This should cover all aspects of a gospel-centered wedding. (Minimum of 2 hours)
- **Funeral:** Student will help his pastor at least once as he prepares for a funeral. This should cover all aspects of a gospel-centered funeral. (Minimum of 2 hours)
- **Ordinances:** Student will assist in the preparation and performance of at least one baptism and Lord’s Supper. This should include all aspects of the ordinances. (Minimum of 4 hours)
- **Visitation:** Student will go with pastor at least once a quarter to visit church members and others. This should include hospital visits, visiting shut-ins, and family visits. (Minimum of 16 hours)
- **Hospitality:** Student will open up his home at least once a quarter to host members in the church and those outside of the church for the purpose of evangelism and edification. (Minimum of 8 hours)
- **Meetings:** Student will attend pastor meetings at least twice a quarter and deacon meetings at least once a quarter. He should also learn how to lead in these meetings. (Minimum of 20 hours)
Pastoral Mentoring Agreement

Basic Training involves a partnership between Covenant Baptist Theological Seminary and local churches. In addition to the 31 hours of academic instruction, the program mandates a minimum of 200 hours of pastoral mentoring and practical experience, overseen by one or more of the student’s pastors. This character-molding, hands on aspect of training is structured around the biblical qualifications of 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 and includes a quarterly assessment of the student regarding his progress in godliness and service.

As a pastor of ___________________________________________, I have read through the pastoral mentoring expectations from Covenant Baptist Theological Seminary and agree to oversee the completion of these ministry requirements. I will submit a quarterly report to CBTS summarizing my assessment of this student regarding his progress in godliness and service. If I can no longer serve as a pastoral mentor, I promise to find a suitable replacement and to let CBTS know of this change.

___________________________________________
(Pastor’s Signature)

___________________________________________
(Pastor’s Name)

___________________________________________
(Name of Church)

___________________________________________
(Date Signed)