The first-year full-time student is to participate in one evangelistic ministry through the local church and one non-church-related practical mission ministry. The first-year part-time student is to participate in one evangelistic ministry through the local church. The Practical Missions Department may grant special permission for the first-year student in unusual circumstances to do a specialized evangelistic ministry.

**Personal Witnessing**

All enrolled students must witness to an average of at least one person per week during the semester. To constitute a personal witness, the interview is to include a presentation of the plan of salvation to a person believed to be unsaved and an invitation for that person to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The essential elements of the Gospel—faith in Jesus Christ alone and repentance of sin—are what the Seminary holds to be necessary for salvation. In order to fulfill the personal witnessing requirement, no other element should be involved in the Gospel witness (i.e., baptism, church membership, etc.)

**Chapel and Report Hour**

All students are required to attend report hour and chapel in its entirety every Tuesday and Thursday. Each student is required to report his or her practical missions activities online weekly. A student is not allowed more than six unexcused absences from chapel and report hour during a semester. Students at the Northeast campus must attend chapel and report hour during the regular chapel time on either Wednesday or Thursday, unless the student has a night-only schedule.

A student unable to attend chapel and report hour on a regular basis as the result of a schedule conflict with essential outside responsibilities may petition the director of Practical Missions for excused absences for the semester. Requests are submitted to the Practical Missions office and must be renewed each semester (August and January).

**Minimal Requirements for the Practical Missions Program**

In order to meet the minimal requirements for the Practical Missions program each semester, students must satisfy three criteria:

1. **Full-time students must complete an average of two practical missions per week, and part-time students must complete an average of one practical mission per week.** With each semester’s registration, students must list the practical missions in which they will be involved on SonisWeb in order to clear the practical missions held they will have on their student account each semester at the time of registration. Full-time students must complete at least 75 percent of the practical missions required that semester from each of the practical missions they list in SonisWeb. The remaining 25 percent of the practical missions due for that semester may be from practical missions other than those for which the student registered.