

Applicants to Faith Builders should evidence Christian character and commitment, a commitment to family and church, potential for effectiveness in Christian ministry, and the academic achievement and ability necessary for assignments. The purpose of these requirements is not to exclude potential apprentices but to increase likelihood of student success. Prospective students may call or write the admissions staff at Faith Builders to discuss plans, goals, and questions.

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DISCIPLING THE HEAD, HEART, & HANDS



FAITH BUILDERS TRAINING INSTITUTE

GENERAL INFORMATION

The combination of experiences at Faith Builders provides the student with a broad range of experiences from which to grow as a person, deepen vision for God's kingdom, and sharpen skills for teaching and ministry. Three primary methods of education address the three dimensions of discipleship practiced at Faith Builders.

CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION | *DISCIPLING THE HEAD*

Faith Builders offers a wide range of classes in theology, philosophy, history, literature, science, music, mathematics, education, and communication. Courses are rated by credit hours according to standard college credits, with an approximate ratio of one-to-two hours of out-of-class time for each hour of in-class time.

MENTORING | *DISCIPLING THE HEART*

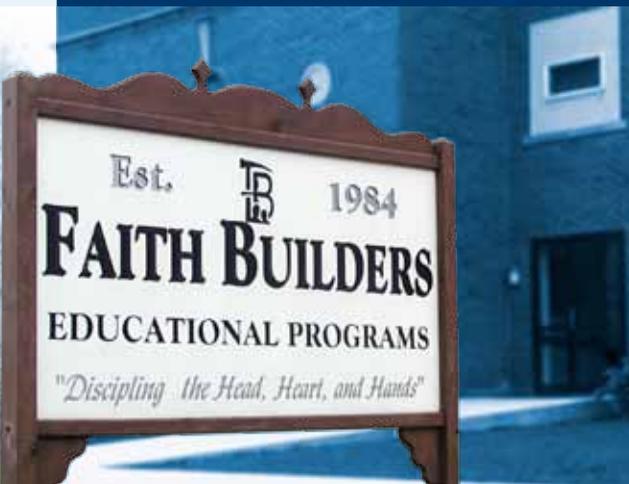
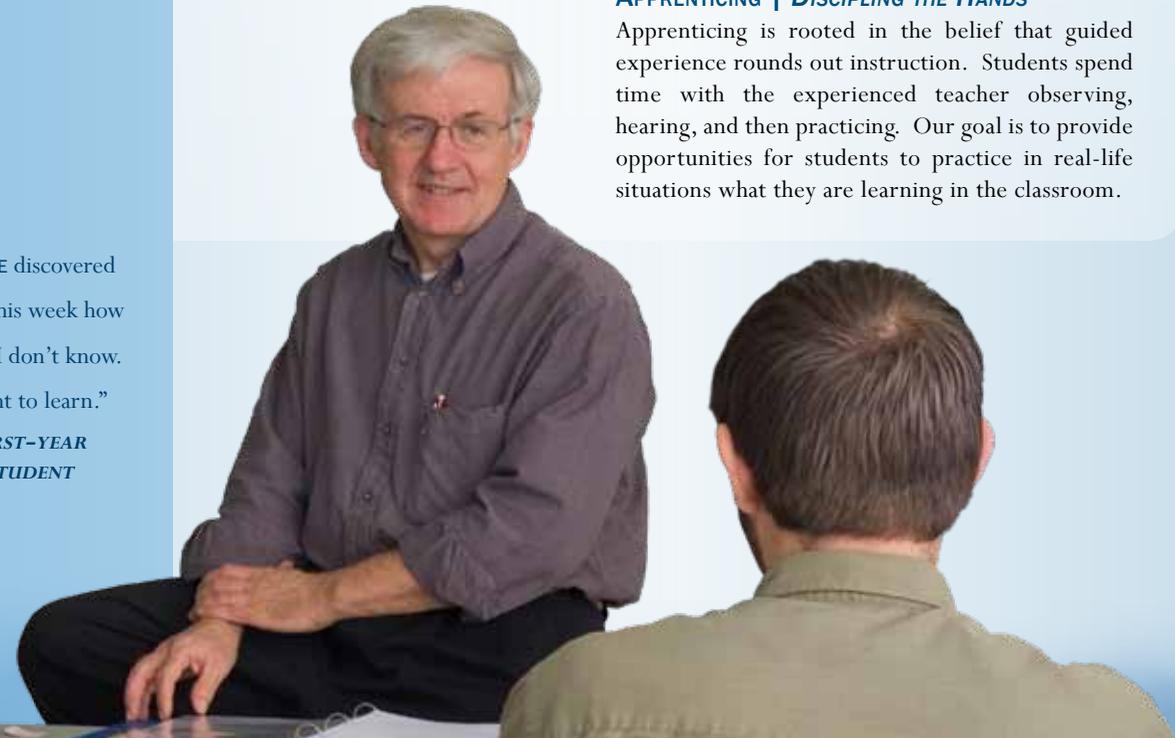
Mentoring refers to discipling the hearts of students and volunteers. In mentoring we invite people to bring who they are and all that they are to Jesus Christ. The experience is intense, life-changing, and rewarding. The goals of discipleship are to foster spiritual growth in students and to equip people to disciple others.

APPRENTICING | *DISCIPLING THE HANDS*

Apprenticing is rooted in the belief that guided experience rounds out instruction. Students spend time with the experienced teacher observing, hearing, and then practicing. Our goal is to provide opportunities for students to practice in real-life situations what they are learning in the classroom.

"I HAVE discovered again this week how much I don't know. I want to learn."

FIRST-YEAR
STUDENT



PROGRAMS

FBTI offers two programs of study: *Teacher Apprenticing (TAP)* and *Ministry Apprenticing (MAP)*. These programs aim to cultivate the integration of the head, heart, and hands, which is central to the mission and philosophy of Faith Builders.

“THE HIGHLIGHT for me was being met by God through the school teachers and fellow TAP students. I was given hope that ‘yes’ I have something to offer!”

TAP STUDENT



“WE COULD not help but catch a bit of the passion.”

MAP STUDENT ON TOUR

SHORT TERMS

In addition to the two-year academic programs, Faith Builders offers a number of short-term opportunities for personal growth and development.

WINTER SHORT TERM

In January Faith Builders offers classes in a five-week term. Courses focus in the areas of Bible, Theology, and Music. This term is specifically designed to address the needs of students not traditionally served by conservative Mennonite Bible schools, including older students and church leaders. Courses vary in length from one week to the entire five weeks.

SUMMER SHORT TERM

In July Faith Builders offers a five-week term. Courses focus on preparing and equipping teachers in K-12 settings. We offer courses suitable for first-time teachers as well as courses for the seasoned teacher looking for continued development. Many classes will fit into traditional courses of study at other schools.

“I HAVE been challenged especially by the idea of community...”

WINTER TERM STUDENT



TEACHER APPRENTICING PROGRAM

The Teacher Apprenticing Program (TAP) is a two-year program that equips teachers. It is designed to accommodate the introductory-level needs of students preparing to teach in Mennonite, inner city, mission, or other church schools.

CLASSES

Core courses include Bible Surveys, World History, Public Speaking, Worldviews Survey, Anabaptist studies, Principles of Teaching, and Choir.

MENTORING

The mentoring component consists of four courses structured around scripture reading and group interaction. Activities include small-group sharing, journaling, telling life stories, setting goals, and exercising personal disciplines. Mentoring is identical for students in either program.

APPRENTICING

Students spend hours in the classroom observing an experienced teacher, recording and evaluating what they observe. They also plan and present lessons under the supervision and guidance of the teacher.

MINISTRY APPRENTICING PROGRAM

The Ministry Apprenticing Program (MAP) is a two-year program training men and women to serve in the church and in the world in the spirit of Jesus.

CLASSES

Core courses include Bible Surveys, World History, Public Speaking, Worldviews Survey, Anabaptist studies, Church History, Theology, and Choir.

MENTORING

The mentoring component consists of four courses structured around scripture reading and group interaction. Activities include small-group sharing, journaling, telling life stories, setting goals, and exercising personal disciplines. Mentoring is identical for students in either program.

APPRENTICING

Apprenticing focuses on development of skills essential to the Christian community. MAP students observe FB staff leading out in ministry activities and also visit a variety of ministries. They then participate by planning Sunday school lessons, teaching small groups, ushering, leading discussions, leading worship, serving at soup kitchens, witnessing in the city, visiting prisons, and doing service projects in the community.