Jump Start 2+2

MDiv International Church Planting
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Definition:

This is an option for the existing “2+2/3” MDiv International Church Planting degree programs that are offered by SWBTS. It allows graduating students from the College at Southwestern to “Jump Start” into the program at the beginning of their 2-year appointment with either the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. At the end of the 2-years on the field, students will transition to the SWBTS campus to finalize their MDiv requirements.

Functional Description (International Version):

Students graduating from the undergraduate program of the College at Southwestern earn 24-semester hours of graduate level credit while serving at a duty post with the International Mission Board of the SBC. Students earn credit for three experiences while on the field serving with the IMB:

1. Mentored Church Planting experience (6-hrs)
2. Field Language Acquisition (6-hrs)
3. Modular Classes taken on the field in two sessions of 2 classes each (12-hrs). These classes are held at designated international sites.

Stipulations (International Version):

1. SWBTS will orient and guide field mentors that meet academic and experiential qualifications.
2. Scholarship funding may be available through the financial aid office.
3. Student field assignments must be specifically related to Church Planting and mentors should have successful experience in that area of expertise.

Benefits:

The primary benefit of this degree option is that students can earn graduate level credits while engaging Church Planting activities. This will enhance their learning capacities when they transition to the SWBTS campus to finalize the MDiv degree at the end of their 2-year field assignments.