

Implementation

1. Pastor/ministry leader **registers**, and readiness is determined at **namb.net/pipeline**.
2. If ready, follow the emailed link to set up **access** to invite individuals into the Pipeline.
3. Pastor/ministry leader **requests** access for each individual they want to invite into the Pipeline.
4. Upon approval of the request, the individual receives an email to the **application** process.
5. Upon completion of the application, the application is **reviewed** by the North American Mission Board (NAMB).
6. Once approved, the individual will receive a link to NAMB's **pre-assessment**. Individuals will pay at this point for their pre-assessment.
7. Once pre-assessment is complete, NAMB sends the full report of the pre-assessment followed by a summary **report** with a suggested level of placement (Level 1-3) based on the pre-assessment scores.
8. Pastor/ministry leader responds with approval of **placement** level or suggests a different level of placement.
9. Ministry leader/coach is invited onto the **training platform** for their own training and preparation.
10. Once level of placement is confirmed, the individual receives the appropriate **training** (Level 1-3), and coaching begins.

We understand that some churches are not ready to implement the Church Planting Pipeline. We have created a couple resources to help you prepare and have conversations that may move your church closer to discovering and developing church planters and team members from within your own church. To find out more about these resources, look at FAQ #10 below.

FAQ's

1. Who else is involved in the implementation of the Pipeline?

We believe the church should have a *champion* and *coach* who help make sure the Pipeline succeeds over time.

The *champion* is the primary visionary to ensure that the Pipeline is implemented and sustained for multiplication.

The *coach(es)* meets with the intern(s) on a weekly or every-other-week basis to discuss their training.

2. Why do I have to make a request?

We have built a system that allows you to request the individual whom you want to receive Pipeline training. This system also allows you and NAMB to track the progression of the individual as they move toward church planting.

3. What's the difference between endorsed and non-endorsed interns?

Endorsed:

- Individual is considered a NAMB-endorsed missionary.
- Individual is required to agree with the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 and with NAMB's Code of Conduct in application.
- Individual will have an online missionary profile and can raise financial support through our Ministry Partner Development support system.
- Individuals are included in NAMB's Planter Care ministry.
- Individuals pay \$69 if single, \$129 if married for robust pre-assessment, and all training assigned is included.

Non-Endorsed:

- Individual is not a NAMB-endorsed missionary.
- Individual is not required to sign Baptist Faith and Message 2000 and NAMB's Code of Conduct in application.
- Individual will not have online missionary profile and may not raise support through NAMB.
- Individuals will not be included in NAMB's Planter Care ministry.
- Individuals pay \$69 for robust pre-assessment, and all training assigned is included. Spouse and marriage assessment is not provided.

4. Why do the individuals have to do an application and pre-assessment?

The application and pre-assessment process will help the intern and church leadership get the best picture of their readiness for church planting.

- The online pre-assessment is an in-depth tool that helps the intern and pastor/ministry leader understand the areas of strength and weakness in order to best prepare for what God is calling them to do. It has 180 questions related to character, multiplication, leadership and vision. There is also another short set of questions in a DISC personality profile.

5. Is there a cost associated with the training?

Yes. The cost is \$69 for singles and \$129 if married for endorsed interns and \$69 for non-endorsed interns. Refer back to question 4.

6. Is the training completely online?

Not completely. While the overwhelming majority of the training is in an online environment, there is also a more personal reflective handbook that is to be printed as well as the minimum twice monthly coaching sessions.

7. How does the online training work?

The training (Level 1, Level 2, Level 3) is assigned according to the assigned level of placement. The appropriate training is assigned in the intern's online training portal. The training is broken into modules built around tasks that the intern works through. Once a module is complete, the next module becomes available in their portal.

8. Is there any training for the coach?

Yes. Once the coach is invited onto the training platform, they are assigned training to help them coach and a coach's manual that corresponds to the training the individual will be going through online. The manual has scripted questions to help facilitate the coaching meetings.

9. Is funding available for interns?

Funding from NAMB is not available for interns. However, endorsed interns may raise support through Ministry Partner Development funding.

10. What are the two “other resources”?

We have created two resources that will help you get your church ready to implement the Pipeline.

- **Mission Engagement Inventory** – A simple online inventory that will help church members self assess their level of mission engagement and allow you as a pastor/ministry leader to see a report or those inventories collectively.
- **Starting Point** – A 10-week individual and group study that helps you discover and develop missional leaders from within your church. The resources include a vision-casting sermon outline, video bumper and the downloadable curriculum.

11. Why didn't I get access to the Pipeline after answering the readiness questions?

Based on your answers, it seems like the timing may not be right for you. The Pipeline material is not just another discipleship or development tool. In many cases, it demands a mission shift that will require buy-in from church leadership. However, if you feel like we may have come to a wrong conclusion, please email us at help@namb.net, and let us know.