DP8001W Theology and Practice of Pastoral Care

This unit provides an exploration of the biblical, theological and practical aspects of pastoral care as an expression of Christian life and ministry. Particular emphasis is given to biblical models of care, theological understandings of personhood and pastoral identity, and specific pastoral skills essential to the good practice of caring ministries.

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Identify and describe biblical and theological themes that inform a Christian commitment to pastoral care
2. Engage with contemporary issues and challenges that impact upon the ministry of care
3. Draw upon personal experience and basic helping-skills as tools in the effective practice of pastoral care in daily life.
4. Demonstrate a capacity to research a specific topic in a critically rigorous, sustained and self-directed manner.

Prerequisites: Nil

Class Time: Three hours per week

Assessment:
- One reading report (1,500 words) (25%)
- One case study (1,500 words) (25%)
- One essay (3,000 words) (50%)

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Offered: 2016: Semester 1

Recommended Reading:
* = set texts recommended for purchase