

DM9027W Introduction to Chaplaincy

Offered: 2018: Semester 1
[Unit offered alternatively as DP9027W]

This unit introduces students to the ministry of the Chaplain, providing a biblical, theological and pastoral underpinning for the ministry of chaplaincy. Students will explore the relationship between pastoral and spiritual care with attention to the variety of contexts in which chaplaincy ministry can be expressed. Students will learn the art of reflecting theologically on ministry practice outside of the church.

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

1. articulate a biblical and theological basis for chaplaincy ministry;
2. outline and critique the challenges of ministering in diverse cultural and social contexts;
3. apply principles of cultural exegesis to chaplaincy contexts;
4. describe the constraints of ministering in an organisational context;
5. reflect theologically on the ministry of chaplaincy both from a theoretical and a personal perspective;
and
6. identify and critique the application of pastoral theology in particular chaplaincy contexts.

Prerequisites: 30 points

Class Time: Nine sessions of 4 hours

Assessment:	Reading report (1,500 words)	(25%)
	Ministry context analysis (1,500 words each)	(25%)
	Essay (3,000 words)	(50%)

Faculty: Gary Heard

Recommended Reading:

* = set texts recommended for purchase

- Caperon, J. *A vital ministry: Chaplaincy in schools in a Post-Christian era*. London: SCM Press, 2015
- Cameron, Helen, Deborah Bhatti, Catherine Duce, James Sweeney and Clare Watkins. *Talking about God in practice: theological action research and practical theology*. London: SCM Press, 2010
- Cooper-White, Pamela. *Shared Wisdom: Use of self in pastoral care and counselling*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2004
- Graham, E., Walton, H & Ward, F. *Theological reflection: Methods*. London: SCM Press, 2005
- McAlpin, K. *Ministry that transforms. A contemplative process of theological reflection*. Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 2009
- Mowat, H., & Swinton, J. *What do chaplains do? The role of chaplains in meeting the spiritual needs of patients*. Aberdeen: Centre for Spirituality, Health and Disability, University of Aberdeen, 2005
- Paget, Naomi K., and Janet R. McCormack. *The work of the chaplain*. Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 2006
- Pye, J., Sedgwick, P. & Todd, A. *Critical care: Delivering spiritual care in healthcare settings*. London: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2015
- Swift, C., Cobb, M. & Todd, A. *A handbook of chaplaincy studies: Understanding spiritual care in public places*. Farnham, Surrey: Ashgate, 2015
- Threlfall-Holmes, M. & Newitt, M. *Being a chaplain*. London: SPCK, 2011