

DP8001W Theology and Practice of Pastoral Care

Offered: 2018: Semester 2

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. investigate specific contemporary issues and challenges that impact upon the ministry of care;
3. develop a process of care that considers theological understandings, personal experience and basic helping-skills as tools in the effective practice of pastoral care;
4. evaluate three theological themes relevant to the delivery of pastoral care; and
5. critically research a specific topic encountered in a pastoral context in a rigorous, sustained and self-directed manner, including the theological and pastoral responses.

Prerequisites: Nil

Class Time: Three hours per week

Assessment:	Case study (1,500 words)	(25%)
	Reading report (1,500 words)	(25%)
	Essay (3,000 words)	(50%)

Faculty: Anne Mallaby

Recommended Reading:

* = set texts recommended for purchase

Brister, C W *Pastoral care in the church* (3rd edn) San Francisco: Harper Collins, 1992

Geldard, D & Geldard, K, *Basic Personal Counselling*, Frenches Forrest: Prentice Hall, ed 4 or 5

Killen, J.L. *Pastoral care in the small membership church*. Nashville: Abingdon, 2005.

Lartey, E *Pastoral Theology in an intercultural World*. Peterborough, Epworth, 2006

Pattison, S. *A critique of pastoral care*. (3rd ed) London: SCM, 2000.

Roberts, S.B., *Professional Spiritual and Pastoral Care : A practical Clergy and Chaplains Handbook* Woodstock, Vermont : Skylight Paths, 2012

Rose, J, *Psychology for pastoral contexts*. London: SCM, 2013

Stephenson-Moessner, J. *A primer in pastoral care*. Minneapolis: Fortress, 2005

Whipp, M *Pastoral Theology* London: SCM, 2013

Whitehead, E. & Whitehead, J. *Transforming our painful emotions: Spiritual resources in anger, shame grief, fear and loneliness*. Maryknoll: Orbis, 2010

Wicks, Robert and Thomas Rodgers. *Companions in hope*. New Jersey: Paulist, 1998

Zaragoza, E *No Longer servants but Friends : A theology of Ordained Ministry*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1999