

DP9077W Supervision Foundations

Offered: 2018: Semester 2

This unit provides a framework for reflection, action and learning in the ministry of supervision. It seeks to equip practicing pastors to work as supervisors for ordination candidates and ministers-in-formation. The theory and practice of supervision will be explored through group work and theoretical input. Group work will offer the opportunity to practice supervision with class peers and receive constructive feedback. Theoretical input will address issues of goal setting, case studies and evaluation with ordination candidates, developing feedback and intervention skills, an introduction to key psychological aspects including projection, power and ethics in supervision.

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

1. Demonstrate skills in supervision practice;
2. Understand the structure of supervision for ordination candidates and ministers-in-formation, particularly goal setting, case-studies and evaluations;
3. Apply the principles of evaluation and feedback in supervision;
4. Understand the dynamics of power and implement this understanding in providing a safe and ethical pastoral practice of supervision;
5. Demonstrate integration of their theological understanding with their supervision praxis in a final essay.

Prerequisites: Students will have successfully completed Supervised Theological Field Education (DP9067 and DP9069) during their ordination formation. In addition, they will need to complete an application form and be interviewed and approved for acceptance into the program by the Director of Field Education.

Class Time: Nine sessions of 4 hours

Assessment: Group participation	(20%)
4 x Case study reflections 750 words each	(40%)
Integration essay 3,000 words	(40%)

Faculty: Anne Mallaby

Recommended Reading:

* = set texts recommended for purchase

Graham, Elaine, Heather Walton, and Frances Ward. *Theological Reflection: Methods*. London: SCM Press, 2005.
Hawkins, Peter, and Robin Shoheit. *Supervision in the Helping Professions*. 2nd ed. Maidenhead: Open University Press, 2000.

Kinast, Robert L. *Let Ministry Teach: A Guide to Theological Reflection*. Collegeville Minnesota: The Liturgical Press, 1996.

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Paver, John E. *Theological Reflection and Education for Ministry: The Search for Integration in Theology*. Aldershot: Ashgate Publishing, 2006.

Pohly, Kenneth. *Transforming the Rough Places: The Ministry of Supervision*. 2nd ed. Franklin, Tennessee: Providence House Publishers, 2001.

Pyle, William T., and Mary Alice Seals, eds. *Experiencing Ministry Supervision: A Field-Based Approach*. Nashville, Tennessee: Broadman and Holman Publishers, 1995.

Thompson, Judith, Stephen Pattison, and Ross Thompson. *SCM Study Guide to Theological Reflection*. London: SCM Press, 2008.

* Ward, Frances. *Lifelong Learning: Theological Education and Supervision*. London: SCM Press, 2005.

Whitehead, James D., and Evelyn Eaton Whitehead. *Method in Ministry: Theological Reflection and Christian Ministry*. Revised ed. Franklin, Wisconsin: Sheed and Ward, 1999.