This unit draws on a number of presenters with expertise from across the field, including theologians and practitioners.

Dr Bruce Rumbold
Dr Rosalie Hudson
Dr Mark Brett
Rev Merrill Kitchen
Dr Heather Tan
Dr Lindsay Carey
Rev Dr Frank Rees
Rev Cecilia Francis
Margaret O’Conner
Sue Retschko

We will be employing a number of innovative learning opportunities – including Keynotes, narrative reflections, Masterclass, forums and group work.

To enrol:
Student must enrol by 11 June, 2014
Contact Whitley College
to enrol as either for credit or audit

This course is available for audit, and is being accessed in this way by a number of experienced chaplains. It can also be taken for credit at post-graduate level.

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DP9028S Dementia, Palliative Care and End-of-Life Care: Integration, Reflection and Advanced Practice

July – October 2014

A unit of study for pastoral Carers, chaplains and practitioners considering the social, personal, practical and theological dimensions of dementia, end of life care and palliative care.

A collaborative venture between Whitley College, Stirling College and Baptnare
RATIONALE

This unit theologically explores the nature and practice of pastoral care in the context of dementia, palliative care and end-of-life care. Focused theological input, case study analysis, peer reflection and practitioner insight will engage participants as they review their own practice and develop their own theological frameworks. The unit will consider the social determinants of health in Australia today and critique individual and corporate pastoral care responses. Drawing on recent theological, spiritual care and healthcare literature, participants will consider what promotes health and spiritual wellbeing in the context of dementia and palliative care. This theoretical and practical exploration will assume a multidisciplinary and multi-faith environment of ethical care.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

The unit divides generally into three focused themes – dementia, palliative care and end of life care. Throughout the course, however, you will be invited to consider these as both distinctive and overlapping concepts. While there are discrete factors in each to be mindful of, there are sweeping threads which continue throughout the course. In particular there will be an approach to the themes in the shape of ‘health promoting pastoral care’. Having a clear capacity for theological reflection throughout the journey is seen as a key resource for understanding and interpreting these experiences including:

- Memory and identity
- Hope and future
- Wellbeing and health promotion
- Community and belonging
- Identity and belonging
- Ethics and values
- Difference

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The regular post-graduate fee is applied when the unit is taken for credit. FEE-HELP, the Australian Government’s student loans scheme, is available for eligible students.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO ONCE YOU HAVE ENROLLED

* Obtain a Whitley College IT account, in order to access the reading materials online. Check out the readings on Moodle – your course password is Life

* Contact the library for borrowing rights

* Read the novel by Lisa Genova, Still Alice so you are ready for discussion on the first day.

THE MASTERCLASS MODEL

This innovative teaching model draws two people into a presentation, where the group has the opportunity to observe an unchartered conversation around a topic. This is anticipated to be a lively and engaging theological encounter for all present.

The sessions are :

Session 1 8:30am – 4:00pm Monday 21 July
Session 2 8:30am – 3:00pm Tuesday 22 July
Session 3 8:30am – 4:00pm Monday 1 Sept
Session 4 8:30am – 3:00pm Tuesday 2 Sept
Session 5 8:30am – 4:00pm Monday 27 Oct
Session 6 8:30am – 3:00pm Tuesday 28 Oct

This unit will be held as a semi-intensive, in three two-day blocks. Please ensure you are available for all of the sessions.