

FOUNDATIONS OF PASTORAL & ETHICAL CARE

PST-D500

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3 Credits

Description: This course is designed to explore the historical and contemporary directions of Christian pastoral care and to help in the formulation of appropriate professional and ethical responses to the various needs and situations in pastoral ministry.

Objectives: To familiarize the student with pastoral care in the history and practice of the Christian tradition.

To assist the student in growing in self-awareness as a pastoral care minister in his or her personal and professional identity.

To begin to develop in the student a Christian theological and ethical perspective on the practice of pastoral care.

To provide an opportunity for the student to develop a code of professional ministerial responsibility and some of the fundamental skills essential for effective pastoral care.

Procedures: Lectures relevant to pastoral care issues will be presented and discussed.

Written work, oral presentations and online work will be required.

Evaluation: The student's grade will be determined by participation in class sessions, knowledge of assigned reading materials, and the quality of oral and written work.

Required

Texts:

Clinebell, Howard. *Basic Types of Pastoral Care & Counseling*. Abingdon, 1984.

Gula, Richard M. *Ethics in Pastoral Ministry*. New York: Paulist Press, 1996.

Purves, Andrew. *Pastoral Theology in the Classical Tradition*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2001.

Wicks, Robert J. & Thomas E. Rodgeron. *Companions in Hope: The Art of Christian Caring*. New York: Paulist Press, 1998.