

## **MN472/572 FOUNDATIONS OF PASTORAL CARE**

**Spring, 2010**

**Jamieson**

**3 Credits**

**No Prerequisites**

**This is a core course.**

**Letter Grade Only**

### Description

**An introduction to the caring aspects of pastoral ministry, including biblical and theological foundations of care, the development of pastoral identity, various models of care, and varieties of essential pastoral communication skills necessary for entering diverse situations of crisis and need.**

### Objectives

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- 1. to offer an introduction to the caring aspects of pastoral ministry**
- 2. to articulate biblical, historical and theological foundations of care**
- 3. to encourage the development of a healthy and faithful pastoral identity**
- 4. to examine the primary contexts of pastoral care**
- 5. to strengthen essential pastoral communication skills**
- 6. to become acquainted with various models of pastoral care**

#### Curricular Objectives

- Nurture habits and disciplines of study, prayer and reflection that increase love of God and neighbor and shape personal and professional life**
- Be formed by, live in, and minister out of scripture, and the historical and theological tradition of the church**
- Provide pastoral care for individuals and congregations in daily life and moments of transition and crisis**
- Integrate theology and practice in all areas of life and ministry**

### Requirements/Evaluation

- 1. Midterm Exam – 35%**
- 2. Case Response Paper – 30%**
- 3. Final Exam – 35%**

Tentative Bibliography

Required

- Anderson, Ray S. *Christians Who Counsel* (Fuller)**  
**Gorsuch, Nancy J., *Pastoral Visitation* (Fortress)**  
**Long, Thomas G. *Accompany Them with Singing* (Westminster)**  
**Purves, Andrew, *The Crucifixion of Ministry* (IVP)**  
**Richardson, Ronald W. *Creating a Healthier Church* (Fortress)**  
**Van Deusen Hunsinger, Deborah, *Pray Without Ceasing* (Eerdmans)**  
**Willimon, William H., *Worship as Pastoral Care* (Abingdon)**  
**Wimberly, Edward P., *Using Scripture in Pastoral Counseling***

Recommended

- Jones, Stanton L. and Butman, Richard, *Modern Psychotherapies* (InterVarsity Press)**  
**Purves, Andrew, *Reconstructing Pastoral Theology* (Westminster)**