

**MN572 Foundations of Pastoral Care
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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.

M.Div. Curricular Goals

This course helps fulfill the following M.Div. curricular goals:

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

M.A.M.C. Curricular Goal

This course helps fulfill the following M.A.M.C. curricular goal:

1. Develop skills and capacities for faithful and competent Christian witness.

Class Objectives:

1. to offer an introduction to the caring aspects of pastoral ministry
2. to articulate biblical, theological and psychological 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

Evaluation:

1. Five "Four for Feedback" Check-ins – 10%
2. Completion of five 1-page role-playing feedback/reflection forms – 10%
3. Pastoral Care Topical Presentation – 20%
4. Case Study Paper, 10 pp. – 30%
4. Final Exam – 20%

Bibliography

(Required Reading):

Franklin, Cynthia and Rowena Fong, *The Church Leader's Counseling Resource Book* (Oxford) (selections)

Martin, William, *The Art of Pastoring: Contemplative Reflections* (Vital Faith Resources)

McMinn, Mark, and Timothy Phillips, *Care for the Soul*

Purves, Andrew *The Crucifixion of Ministry* (IVP)

Van Deusen Humsinger, Deborah, *Pray Without Ceasing* (Eerdmans)

Willimon, Will, *Worship as Pastoral Care* (selections)