

Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

**PTH 614 Hospital Ministry
(1 Credit)**

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This comprehensive course provides a foundational understanding for working with patients, families, and staff in a healthcare setting. The pastoral student will gain a sense of calling, confidence, and competence in healthcare ministry. The sessions will be geared to practical ministry for the pastor and staff of the local church.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. To identify core values, current issues, and challenges for healthcare ministry
2. To manage the unique stresses within the crisis/grief ministry
3. To discern issues that the pastor will face in healthcare ministry
4. To discern the practical aspects of chaplaincy, volunteer and professional

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK

Kirkwood, Neville A. *Pastoral Care in Hospitals*. Harrisburg: Morehouse Publishing, 1998.

BASIC OUTLINE

Session 1: Hospital orientation, spiritual assessment and confidentiality

2 pm-3:15 pm CHAPEL

Session 2: Children

Session 3: Dying and death

Session 4: Emergency department

Session 5: Heart patients (cardiology)

Session 6: Cancer (oncology)

Session 7: Critical care areas (intensive care units)

Session 8: Ethical issues and organ & tissue donation

Session 9: Chronic illnesses

Session 10: Strokes and rehabilitation

Session 11: Professional and volunteer chaplains

Session 12: Wrap-up session

METHODOLOGY

This course will utilize lectures by the professor, discussion of required texts, guest professionals and case studies. Dialogue is encouraged.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Students are expected to attend all sessions. Punctuality is expected. Absences should be for extreme circumstances only. The limits established by the Seminary will be observed.
2. Students should read the required text in its entirety and prepare a three page critique. In the critique, please state if you read the entire book and share a personal reflection on key points as applied to your ministry setting. **The critique is due at the beginning of class.**
3. The final requirement will be a reflective paper of 7-10 pages describing how one would carry out healthcare ministry within the local church. Other topics may be addressed only with the instructor's prior approval before submitting the paper. **Final project is due: October 12, 2009.**

GRADING PROCEDURE

The course grade will be determined by evaluating class attendance and participation, book critique and final project. Failure to complete assigned reading or handing assignments in late will result in a grade reduction. Late work will be accepted only if prior arrangements have been made. The completion of required work does not equal "A" quality. This element of quality will be objectively and subjectively evaluated by the instructor and will be reflected in the final grade.

25% Class attendance and participation
25% Book critique
50% Final project
100%

All assigned work for the course must be submitted for the student to receive a passing grade for the course. The grade of I (incomplete) will be granted only for extenuating circumstances upon the written request of the student. Except in the case of severe extenuating circumstances, the course grade will be reduced by one letter grade.

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SPECIFIC DATA

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