

ASSEMBLIES OF GOD THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

PTH 640 SPECIALIZED STUDIES: HOSPITAL MINISTRY

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COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course is designed to provide hands-on experience in working with patients, families, and staff in a healthcare setting—hospital, nursing home, and hospice. Both the pastor and/or chaplain candidate will gain a sense of confidence and competence in hospital ministry.

OBJECTIVES

1. To provide clinical experience in the hospital setting.
2. To acquaint the student with the unique stresses within the crisis/grief ministry.
3. To explore areas of ministry that the pastor will face in healthcare ministry.
4. To provide an overview of the process and purpose of ecclesiastical endorsement of the Assemblies of God Commission on Chaplains.
5. To provide practical information concerning professional chaplaincy.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

Taylor, Charles W. *The Skilled Pastor: Counseling as the Practice of Theology*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1991.

Wheeler, Sondra Ely. *Stewards of Life: Bioethics and Pastoral Care*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1996.

Manning, Doug. *When Love Gets Tough*. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: In-Sight Books, Inc., 1998.

RECOMMENDED TEXTBOOK

Matthews, Dale A. *The Faith Factor: Proof of the Healing Power of Prayer*. New York: Penguin Putnam Inc., 1998.

BASIC OUTLINE

August 30 Hospital orientation and tour.

September 6 Spiritual Assessment/Visitation

September 13 Children (Pediatrics)

September 20 Dying and Death (including Hospice)

September 27 Emergency Department/Trauma Center

October 4 Heart Ministry (Cardiology)

October 11 Patients with cancer (Oncology)

October 18 Critical Care Areas

October 25 Ethical Issues/Organ&Tissue Donation

November 1 Chronic Illnesses

November 8 Nursing Home (Christian Health Care)

November 15 Strokes/Rehabilitation

November 29 Nursing Home (Maranatha)

December 6 Professional and Volunteer Chaplains

December 13 Final Exam

METHODOLOGY

This course will make use of lectures by the professor, discussion of pertinent material, clinically supervised visits, and reflection of pastoral visits.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. The student is expected to attend all class sessions. Punctuality is expected. Absences should be for extreme circumstances only. The limits established by the Seminary will be observed. (“Barring a serious medical emergency, credit cannot be granted for courses in which a student has been absent beyond the equivalent of more than 2 weeks”-Catalog, 70.)
2. The student should read the three required texts in their entirety. There will be a 3 page critique of each book. Taylor’s book critique is due September 20, 2001. Wheeler’s book critique is due October 11, 2001. Manning’s book critique is due November 1, 2001.
3. Articles will be handed out weekly. The student is expected to read the article and be prepared to discuss the subject matter.

4. The students will be required to write a weekly verbatim. It is to be in the professor's interoffice box by the following Monday. There will be a total of 12 verbatims.
5. The student will submit a reading report of 1,000 pages on the date of the final exam. The required texts and articles may be included in the report. The student is encouraged to read about topics of healthcare of their particular interest.
6. Final exam will be a reflective paper describing how one would carry out healthcare ministry within the local church.
7. Optional: There will be time to reflect as a group on visits with patients, families, and staff. You are encouraged to attend the reflection period.

GRADING PROCEDURE

The course grade will be determined by evaluating class attendance and participation, weekly verbatims, book critiques, and final exam. 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.

10% Class attendance and participation
30% Verbatims
30% Reading report and critique
30% Final exam
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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