

DP2500P  
Theology of Pastoral Care

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Semester 2: Classroom-based (DP2500P)

**Description**

This unit enables students to integrate theology and pastoral practice. By exploring the theological nature of pastoral care and the relationship between theology and pastoral ministry, it helps students develop a reflective basis for pastoral practice that is grounded in Christian theology and Biblical studies. Consideration will be given to the uniqueness of 'pastoral' care, to some of the challenging questions raised in situations of crisis, to diverse cultural perspectives, and to the appropriate use of prayer and Scripture in pastoral situations. Liberty will be given for students to explore a range of contextual issues and questions in pastoral ministry.

**Learning outcomes**

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the biblical and theological foundations of pastoral care.
2. Articulate the integrative connections between theology and pastoral practice.
3. Integrate theology and skills in their own pastoral practice.

**Assessment**

Assessment Type	Weighting
Written Reflective Journal (1500 words)	30%
Paper (2500 words)	70%

**Pre-requisite:** 18pts in each of Biblical Studies and Theology

**Lecturer:** Randall Prior

**Recommended reading**

\* = set texts recommended for purchase

Burns, S. *Pastoral Theology for Public Ministry*. New York,: Church Publishing, 2015.

van Deusen-Hunsinger, D. *Pray Without Ceasing: Revitalizing Pastoral Care*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2006.

Doehring, C. *The Practice of Pastoral Care: a Postmodern Approach* Rev. ed. Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press 2015.

Dykstra, R. *Images of Pastoral Care*. St Louis, MO: Chalice Press 2005

Lartey, E. *Pastoral Theology in an Intercultural World*. Rev. ed. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2013.

Ramsey, N., ed. *Pastoral Care and Counseling: Redefining the Paradigms*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press, 2005.

Pembroke, N. *Renewing Pastoral Practice: Trinitarian Perspectives on Pastoral Care and Counselling*. Aldershot: Ashgate 2006

Swinton, J. *Raging with Compassion: Pastoral Responses to the problem of evil*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans 2007.

Thornton, S. *Broken Yet beloved: A Pastoral Theology of the Cross*. St Louis. MO: Chalice Press 2005.

Woodward, J. and S. Pattison. *The Blackwell Reader in Pastoral and Practical Theology*. Oxford: Blackwell, 2000.

DP8500P  
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Semester 2: Classroom-based (DP8500P)

### Description

This unit enables students to integrate theology and pastoral practice. It explores the theological nature of pastoral care and the relationship between theology and pastoral ministry as well as providing an insight into recent trends in the nature and practice of pastoral care. It aims to help students develop a reflective basis for their own pastoral practice which is grounded in Christian theology and Biblical studies. Consideration will be given to some of the challenging questions raised in situations of crisis, to diverse cultural perspectives, and to the appropriate use of prayer and Scripture in pastoral situations. Liberty will be given for students to explore a range of contemporary issues and questions in pastoral ministry and to offer a way of dealing with these issues and questions which integrates sound theology and effective practice.

### Learning outcomes

Upon successful completion of this unit, it is expected that students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the biblical and theological foundations of pastoral care.
2. Articulate the integrative connections between theology and pastoral practice.
3. Integrate theology and skills in their own pastoral practice.
4. Engage with challenging questions raised in contemporary pastoral ministry in such a way that demonstrates an integration of theology and pastoral practice

### Assessment

Assessment Type	Weighting
Classroom-based	
Written Reflective Journal (2000 words equivalent)	30%
Paper (4000 words)	70%

**Pre-requisite:** At least 48 points of Foundational Study

**Lecturer:** Randall Prior

### Recommended reading

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Burns, S. *Pastoral Theology for Public Ministry*. New York; Church Publishing, 2015.

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