

MTW251.7 Pastoral Care in Context

Name of Unit 1 (Unit Code 1)

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SECTION 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

Administrative details

| Associated higher education awards | Duration | Level | Unit Coordinator |
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| Bachelor | One semester | Advanced | Bruce Hulme |

Core or elective unit

Indicate if the unit is a

- core unit
 elective unit
 other (please specify below):

Unit weighting

Using the table below, indicate the credit point weighting of this unit and the credit point total for the course of study (for example, 10 credit points for the unit and 320 credit points for the course of study).

| Unit credit points | Total course credit points |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 6 credit points | 144 credit points |

Student workload

Using the table below, indicate the expected student workload per week for this unit.

| No. timetabled hours per week* | No. personal study hours per week** | Total workload hours per week*** |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 3 | 6 | 9 |

For those students requiring additional English language support, how many additional hours per week is it expected that they will undertake?

Additional English language support: 0 hours per week

Pre-requisites and co-requisites

Are students required have undertaken a prerequisite or co-requisite unit for this unit?

- Yes No

If **YES**, provide details of the prerequisite or co-requisite requirements below.

Prerequisite: MTW250.5 Pastoral Health and Care

SECTION 2 – ACADEMIC DETAILS

Brief description of the content of the unit (key topics):

This unit explores a 'triage' approach to Christian pastoral care in relation to life-cycle stages and life issues. It connects strongly with the formation domain *Engaging the World & Others' Stories* in Tabor MTC's curriculum paradigm. *Pastoral Care in Context* is designed to equip students with the knowledge, skills and dispositions needed for assessing and addressing a variety of pastoral care issues and situations, with an emphasis upon resources for referral. Key topics covered include pastoral care and: young people and families; relationships and marriage; infertility and early pregnancy loss; vocation and work; aging, dying and loss; crises and illness; disability and mental illness; spiritual oppression; addiction; gender and sexuality.

Learning outcomes for unit:

- 1) Explain key issues involved in ministry related to specific pastoral care contexts (e.g. typical presenting issues, scope of impact, theological issues etc.) with reference to the biblical text and contemporary scholarship
- 2) Theologically reflect upon and analyse their experiences of giving care related to a life-cycle stage (e.g. adolescence, aging) or life issue (e.g. addiction, sexuality), with self-awareness of their unique capacity and skills as a pastoral carer
- 3) Analyse the significance and relevance of life-cycle stages and life issues for pastoral care ministry, and identify possible responses and resources for referral

Assessment tasks

| Type | Learning Outcome/s assessed | When assessed | Weighting |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| 1) Critical Experience Report Students theologically reflect upon a significant experience of their giving of pastoral care, including analysis and personal application, in light of key contextual issues (1,500 words) | 1, 2 | Various | 30% |
| 2) Research Paper Students analyse key issues for pastoral care ministry within the context of a specific life-cycle stage, and identify possible responses (1,500 words) | 1, 3 | Week 9 | 35% |
| 3) Research Paper Students analyse key issues for pastoral care ministry within the context of a specific life issue, and identify possible responses possible responses (1,500 words) | 1, 3 | Week 14 | 35% |
| 4) Pastoral Care Resource Students prepare a resource file that gathers, throughout the semester, relevant resources for referral and support for pastoral care situations and issues for the their future use (500 words) | 3 | Week 14 | 10% |

2.1 Prescribed and recommended readings

Provide below, in formal reference format, a list of the prescribed and recommended readings for the unit.

- Beardsley, Christina, and Michelle O'Brien, eds. *This Is My Body: Hearing the Theology of Transgender Christians*. London: Darton, Longman & Todd, 2016.
- Beates, Michael S. *Disability and the Gospel: How God Uses Our Brokenness to Display His Grace*. Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway, 2012.
- Carey, Lindsay B., and Bernice Mathisen, eds. *Spiritual Care and Allied Health Practice*. London: Jessica Kingsley, 2017.
- Colwell, John E. *Why Have You Forsaken Me?: A Personal Reflection on the Experience of Desolation*. Eugene, Or: Cascade Books, 2012.
- Cornwall, Susannah, ed. *Intersex, Theology, and the Bible: Troubling Bodies in Church, Text, and Society*. 1st ed. 2015 edition. Palgrave Macmillan, 2015.
- DeFranza, Megan K. *Sex Difference in Christian Theology: Male, Female, and Intersex in the Image of God*. Eerdmans, 2015.
- Fox, Bethany McKinney, and John Swinton. *Disability and the Way of Jesus: Holistic Healing in the Gospels and the Church*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Academic, 2019.
- Heaton, Jean. *Helping Families Recover from Addiction: Coping, Growing, and Healing through 12-Step Practices and Ignatian Spirituality*. Chicago, IL: Loyola Press, 2020.
- Hein, Tim. *Understanding Sexual Abuse: A Guide for Ministry Leaders and Survivors*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP Books, 2018.
- Hill, Jess. *See What You Made Me Do: Power, Control and Domestic Abuse*. Carlton, VIC: Black Inc., 2019.
- Hirsch, Debra. *Redeeming Sex: Naked Conversations About Sexuality and Spirituality*, 2015.
- Kail, Robert V, and John C Cavanaugh. *Human Development: A Life-Span View*. Belmont, Calif.: Wadsworth Cengage Learning, 2013.
- Marin, Andrew. *Us versus Us: The Untold Story of Religion and the LGBT Community*. NavPress, 2016. Nolan, Steve. *Spiritual Care at the End of Life: The Chaplain as a "Hopeful Presence."* London; Philadelphia, PA: Jessica Kingsley, 2012.
- Mast, Benjamin T. *Second Forgetting: Remembering the Power of the Gospel during Alzheimer's Disease*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2014.
- McCall, Junietta B. *Bereavement Counseling: Pastoral Care for Complicated Grieving*. New York, NY; London: Routledge, 2012.
- Simpson, Amy. *Troubled Minds: Mental Illness and the Church's Mission*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 2013.
- Sprinkle, Preston. *People to Be Loved: Why Homosexuality Is Not Just an Issue*. Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2015.
- Swinton, John. *Finding Jesus in the Storm: The Spiritual Lives of Christians with Mental Health Challenges*. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans, 2020.