

LIDLAW COLLEGE

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511.615 Pastoral Care in Community Course Assessment and Delivery Outline

Campus: Distance Learning

Semester 2, 2015
NQF Level: 6, 15 credits

CONTENT OVERVIEW

- a) Introduction to pastoral theology and pastoral care.
- b) Images of pastoral care
- c) The pastoral role and its distinctives, differentiated from counselling
- d) A theology of personhood and pastoral care, including care for the carers
- e) Community as a paradigm for transformation
- f) Hospitality as a 'way of being' that builds community
- g) Networks of care for church and community
- h) Equipping helpers
- i) Pastoral care through the stages of life

ASSESSMENT TASKS AND DUE DATES

1. Online Discussion Forums

<i>Learning outcomes</i>	1, 2, 4, 6
<i>Due Date</i>	11:55pm Sunday at the end of weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11
<i>Percentage weighting</i>	20%
<i>Length</i>	As Specified Below

During six lessons of this semester, you will be required to post a response of 200 words on the Online Discussion Forum to a question raised about some aspect of that lesson. These questions are found in the course materials. In addition to each initial posting, you will be required to make at least one further posting of not less than 50 words, which interacts with what your online tutor and other students have said. The second posting for each assessment exercise must be within seven calendar days of the due date for the initial posting.

2. Essay

<i>Learning outcomes</i>	1, 3, 6
<i>Due Date</i>	11:55pm Sunday at the end of Week 8
<i>Percentage weighting</i>	45%
<i>Length</i>	2500 words

Discuss the following statement: *It is the community that is the central well-spring for care of the saints and it is in the context of community that true transformation will take place.*

- Find arguments from Scripture and other resources that support this statement.
- How can a pastor build the kind of community in which transformation takes place?
- In your answer incorporate at least two concrete approaches that illustrate how such a community is transformative.

For this essay use a minimum of 6 books/articles including at least 2 from the bibliography on community and transformation. Keep in mind that you will need a broad cross-section of books from across the recommended reading list.

3. Case Study

<i>Learning outcomes</i>	5, 6
<i>Due Date</i>	11:55pm Sunday at the end of week 12
<i>Percentage weighting</i>	35%
<i>Length</i>	2000 words

Choose one of the case studies below and write an integrated response covering the following elements:

- Identify any common human development issues in this story.
- Identify the potential risks facing this person/family.
- Discuss the kind of pastoral care you would provide.
- Explore the role of the wider church community in the pastoral care process.

You must reference at least 5 appropriate resources, both in identifying the problem and suggesting an appropriate response. At least 2 of the 5 resources should be taken from the bibliography on Adult Faith Transition (key books are listed below).

Further books should be utilised based on the developmental issues you want to explore and type of pastoral care you recommend:

Estep, James and Jonathan Kim, eds. *Christian Formation: Integrating Theology & Human Development*. Nashville. B & H, 2010.

Hagberg, Janet and Robert Guelich. *The Critical Journey: Stages in the Life of Faith*. Salem, WI: Sheffield, 2005.

Price, Wayne W. *In Transition: Navigating Life's Major Changes*. Harrisburg: Morehouse Publishing, 2002.

Sell, Charles M. *Transitions Through Adult Life*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1991.

Case Study Option 1

Mark and Judy are new to the community. Mark has relocated due to a work promotion. They have just had their first child. They come to you for help with their marriage which is under a lot of strain.

Case Study Option 2

Rob has just finished university and is job hunting. He has a girlfriend and doesn't know whether they are ready for marriage. He was really involved in church through youth group, but is now struggling to find a place to belong. He comes to you to discuss how he can know God's leading for his future.

Case Study Option 3

Carol and Doug are now in their 60's and have been married for 35 years. Doug is considering retirement many years in the same job, but is unsure what he would do with his time. Their youngest child has just left home and they are struggling to reconnect with one another now that they have an "empty nest".

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT

Online Discussion Forums

Before beginning your first online discussion, please see the grading grid (rubric) on the "online discussion grading guide and indicative mid-semester feedback" for further details on how these

criteria will be applied.

- Engagement with material
- Constructive engagement with others
- Structure and presentation
- Timeliness

Essay

- Clearly articulated biblical/theological foundation for community
- Understanding of the pastoral role in forming community
- Appropriate explanation and incorporation of at least two forms of pastoral care.
- Depth of analysis and evidence of critical thinking
- Structure; logical flow of thought and reasoning
- Evidence of interaction with reference materials
- Communication and Presentation: Clarity, format, spelling, grammar; Annotation and bibliography.

Case Study

- Care and insight in analysing the situation and possible risks
- Incorporation of developmental theory
- Appropriate and insightful pastoral care responses suggested
- Evidence of interaction with reference materials
- Communication and Presentation: Clarity, format, spelling, grammar; Annotation and bibliography.

LEARNING HOURS

Course Material Study	60 hours
Participation in Online Discussion Forum	20 hours
Essay	40 hours
Case Study	30 hours
Total:	150 hours

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Please note: the following bibliography consists of a compilation of many of the books included in the reference lists found at the end of each lesson. Students are advised to check these smaller reference lists for material on specific topics as there are some references which have not been transferred to this master list.

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