

LIDLAW COLLEGE

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575.615 Pastoral Leadership and Management Course Assessment and Delivery Outline

Campus: Distance Learning

Semester 2, 2015
NQF Level: 6, 15 credits

CONTENT OVERVIEW:

1. Biblical and theological principles for Christian leadership.
2. Characteristics and personal qualities of effective leaders.
3. Defining leadership: leadership and/or management.
4. Leadership styles; appropriate styles for different situations and people.
5. The leadership development process and life-stages; coaching and mentoring; leadership assessments.
6. Power and authority; leadership misconduct.
7. Leadership self-care; dealing with stress.
8. Developing and maintaining vision; philosophy of ministry.
9. Working in teams.
10. Managing conflict in congregational and organisational life.
11. Implementing change
12. Organisational principles; systems theory.

ASSESSMENT TASKS AND DUE DATES:

1. Participation in the Online Discussion Forum

<i>Learning Outcomes:</i>	a, b, d
<i>Due Dates:</i>	11.59PM Sunday end of semester weeks 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11
<i>Percentage Weighting:</i>	20%
<i>Word Count:</i>	As specified below

In lessons 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, and 11 you will find **Assessment Exercises** which require you to make an online posting of 200 words on the Online Discussion Forum to a question about some aspect of that lesson. In addition to your initial posting or contribution, you will be required to make at least one further posting of at least 50 words, which interacts with what other students have said. The second posting for each assessment exercise must be within 7 calendar days of the due date for the initial posting.

2. Essay A

<i>Learning Outcomes:</i>	a, b, c, d
<i>Due Date:</i>	11.59PM Sunday end of semester week 7
<i>Percentage Weighting:</i>	35%
<i>Word Count:</i>	2000

Write a 2000 word essay, in which you interact with the material in your lessons and in your wider reading about the theological, biblical and practical foundations of leadership. Throughout the essay, there must be ample evidence of thoughtful interaction with biblical material, recommended course texts and at least three other sources such as books or journal articles. Choose from **one** of the following topics:

- a) Discuss biblical leadership, comparing the relative importance of character, theology and spirituality with skills and competencies. Consider the extent to which biblical leadership can be developed, and with reference to biblical examples and other research, the process of leadership development.
- b) If you were starting a new independent church, what leadership structures and processes would you build in? Justify these, from a biblical/theological stance as well as on pragmatic grounds. If you were working within an existing church within a known denomination, how might you modify the leadership structures and processes to make them more effective?
- c) Analyse the presence of power in ministry, its use and abuse. In what ways is power in ministry acceptable? Give your reasons. Evaluate the importance and place of authority in contemporary church ministry, with suggestions for the local church.
- d) To what extent are principles of church leadership dependent on cultural context, and to what extent are they universal and biblically derived? Discuss, in relation to two or more cultures.

3. Essay B

<i>Learning Outcomes:</i>	a, b, c, d
<i>Due Date:</i>	Sunday midnight end of semester week 12
<i>Percentage Weighting:</i>	45%
<i>Word Count:</i>	2500

Write a 2500 word essay, in which you consider the theological, biblical and practical foundations of leadership. Throughout the essay, there must be ample evidence of thoughtful interaction with biblical material, recommended course texts and at least three other sources such as books or journal articles.

Choose from **one** of the following topics:

- a) Discuss the risk factors leading to self-care issues within ministry. You may narrow your selection to just one specified issue. Evaluate a range of safety measures that may be implemented to avoid or protect against such an issue or issues.
- b) Discuss the ways in which, in the New Zealand church context, a church may develop a united vision. To what extent can leadership impart a vision and encourage a church to own it, without imposing it, dividing the church, or veering off course?
- c) Discuss the place of teams in Ministry. Discuss the attributes of a healthy team, and how it can best function for effective ministry and sustained growth. Locate biblical examples of a team ministry and analyse with particular reference to contemporary application.
- d) Summarise the advantages and disadvantages of different sized churches. Choosing one size of church, discuss the particular challenges it faces, and how these might be addressed.
- e) Discuss the notion and place of change, and its role in the growth of the Kingdom. To what extent should the principles of change management be used?

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT:

1. Participation in the Online Discussion Forum

Before beginning your first online discussion, please see the grading grid (rubric) on the “online discussion grading guide and mid-semester feedback” for further details on how these criteria will be applied.

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

2. Essay A

- Reflection: the seriousness, sense of personal conviction, and depth with which you have reflected on the issues raised in the question
- Clear interaction with the biblical, theological and practical foundations of leadership.
- Reading & Research: the nature and extent of the reading and research that lies behind the essay.
- Clarity of expression: the extent to which you have been able to articulate the intellectual, vocational or spiritual issues you have addressed and the "discoveries" you have made.
- Communication and presentation: Clarity, format, spelling and grammar; annotation and bibliography.

3. Essay B

- Reflection: the seriousness, the sense of personal conviction, and depth with which you have reflected on the issues raised in the question
- Clear interaction with the biblical, theological and practical foundations of leadership.
- Reading & Research: the nature and extent of the reading and research that lies behind the essay.
- Clarity of expression: the extent to which you have been able to articulate the intellectual, vocational or spiritual issues you have addressed and the "discoveries" you have made.
- Communication and presentation: Clarity, format, spelling and grammar; annotation and bibliography.

LEARNING HOURS:

575.615 is a 15 credit course consisting of 150 learning hours. The assignment tasks and learning hours are as follows:

Study of Course Materials, extra readings, reflection, and research	60 hours
Participation in Online Discussion Forum	20 hours
Essay A	30 hours
Essay B	40 hours
Total:	150 hours

Although this guideline regarding learning hours is not intended to be applied rigidly, it should help ensure a balanced workload.

TEXTBOOKS:

Required textbooks

The following two books are **required** for this course.

Malphurs, Aubrey. *Being Leaders: The Nature of Authentic Christian Leadership*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 2003.

Wright, Walter C. *Relational Leadership: A Biblical Model for Leadership Service. Second Edition*. Colorado Springs: Paternoster Publishing, 2009.

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Additional Resources

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