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PC 660 Practicum in Pastoral Care

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PC 660 – Practicum in Pastoral Care
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NOTE: THIS IS NOT CPE!

**Purpose:** The purpose of this course is to provide students the opportunity to experience ministry and to reflect upon that experience. The goals include:

1. To confirm present knowledge as well as learning new knowledge about pastoral care.
2. To develop understanding about persons and their needs and to understand those needs from a pastoral perspective and purpose.
3. To experience the applications of pastoral care knowledge and understanding in the context of a “hands-on” ministry.
4. To reflect on one’s acts of ministry in order to gain insights about those actions, about the needs of people, and about one’s style of ministry.
5. To develop one’s pastoral identity and role of authority.

**Context:**

1. Participants will be assigned to an institutional setting (hospitals, retirement centers, etc.). They will be supervised by staff chaplains and will respond to opportunities for ministry in assigned areas of these settings.
2. Complete 120-130 hours of involvement at the placement. (For example: Spend four days a week for four weeks at the hospital – Tues. – Fri., 8:00 am – 4:00 pm).
3. Read one book as assigned by supervisor and/or selected by the student.
   
   **Suggestions:**
   
   
   
4. Assume responsibility as assigned by the chaplain supervisor; including: visitation of patients, two verbatims, individual and group supervision, and didactic seminars.
5. Prepare a 3-5 page reflection paper of the experience. (See outline)
   
   Discuss with supervisor in last session and hand in a copy to Dr. Mucherera.

**Evaluation:**
This is a credit only course and will be evaluated by your on site CPE supervisor. The evaluation is to be mailed or handed in to **two places**:

**Original to:** Supervised Ministry
Asbury Theological Seminary
204 N. Lexington Avenue
Wilmore KY 40390

**Copy to:** Tapiwa Mucherera, Ph.D.
Asbury Theological Seminary
204 N. Lexington Ave
Wilmore, KY 40390

It is your responsibility to make sure the supervisor sends in the evaluation or you will not receive credit.

The Supervised Ministry Office will maintain the original evaluation in your file.
Instructions: Prepare for your final supervisory session a two – three page reflection paper. This paper is to be an overview of your experience. The paper is to be typed and double-spaced. Discuss your reflection paper with your supervisor in the last session and send a copy only to Dr. Tapiwa Mucherera.

1. Describe the placement and some of your assignments.

2. Discuss some of the issues that you dealt with professionally. That is, the situations you encountered. Select only a few that were especially growth provoking.

3. Discuss what you learned about yourself.

4. Finally, reflect upon some areas for further growth and how you might deal with those areas to facilitate growth and development in them.