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PC501 STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING and LEADERSHIP
Offered by Stephen Ministry at Asbury Theological Seminary
in coordination with the Department of Pastoral Ministry

PURPOSE:

The Stephen Series is a system of lay caring ministry developed for use in the church setting. The program trains and supports lay people as they care for others in their communities who are in need or in crisis. We have adapted this program for our seminary setting. Students will learn care-giving skills such as listening and experience care-giving in one-on-one situations. There are four independent study options available for training, care-giving, and leadership opportunities.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INDEPENDENT STUDY OPTIONS:

OPTION I. Stephen Minister Training
Credit: One hour
Pre-requisite: none
Requirements:
- Attend the training class – 11 Mondays TBA
  Usually includes one Friday evening/Saturday workshop TBA
- Read – Christian Care Giving – A Way of Life, Kenneth C. Haugk
- Present care-giving concerns and needs for ministry in a situation of your choosing.
  Presentation to last 15 minutes. Example: caring for the elderly
- Provide the Department of Pastoral Ministry a summary (1-2 pages) of the presentation.

OPTION II. Stephen Ministry Practicum
Credit: One hour
Pre-requisites: Completion of Stephen Ministry Training (see Option I).
Requirements:
- Minister to a care-receiver as assigned (1 hour per week)
- Attend peer supervision – every other Monday TBA
- Attend Continuing Education – one Monday a month TBA
- Write a paper integrating your experience as a care-giver or in supervision and how this experience benefits your future ministry.
- Read and report on one book from the approved bibliography,

OPTION III: Stephen Ministry Leadership Training
Credit: One hour
Pre-requisite: none
Requirements:
- Attend the Leadership Training Course offered by Stephen Ministry. (This will require going to one of six locations across the country for a week. The schedule of dates and locations for 2004 has not been published.)
• Submit planning exercises completed at Leadership Training.
• Write a three to five page reflection paper on what you have learned about yourself as you trained to be a leader.

OPTION IV: Stephen Ministry Leadership

Credit: One hour
Pre-requisite: Completion of the Leadership Training Course (see Option III)
Requirements:
• Function as a member of the leadership committee
  o Attend leadership planning committee
  o Accept a role responsibility for on-campus Stephen Ministry
• Prepare a three to five page reflection paper that evaluates the formal Stephen Ministry leadership model and the ATS program.
• Read and report on one book from the approved bibliography.