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Course Description:
This 20 contact hour course addresses many of the clinical issues providers of pastoral care face. It offers an integrated pastoral and behavioral sciences approach to some of the more challenging situations faced by helping professionals. The course will be grounded in useful theories of human growth, development, and healing and will use both psychological and theological language and images to describe and develop the context, problems and interventions appropriate to the work. The course will consist of lectures, discussion, practice exercises, and consultation on actual pastoral and counseling situations brought by the instructor and participants.

Issues covered in this course:
- Marital and Pre-Marital Counseling
- Parenting and Parent Education
- Pastoral Care with Victims of Trauma and Abuse
- Pastoral Care in dealing with Domestic Violence
- Pastoral Care with Divorce and Re-Marriage
- Pastoral Care with Addictions/Recovery
- Pastoral Care and Aging
- When Religion Becomes Toxic
- Other Topics Brought by the Participants

This course is one of three constituting a professional specialty in pastoral care: (Pastoral Care Specialist in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors). The courses include “Foundations and Practice of Pastoral Care and Counseling”, “Advanced Topics in Pastoral Care and Counseling”, and “Pastoral Care from a Systems Theory Perspective”.

The course is designed for those in ministry and those in counseling who desire to integrate pastoral and behavioral sciences perspectives in their work.

Course Requirements:
1. Participation in seminar discussions and small group exercises.
2. Reading as assigned.
3. Because one of the requirements for Pastoral Care Specialists in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors (AAPC) is ongoing professional consultation, participants will bring appropriately disguised pastoral situations for use in small group consultation exercises (see #4 below).
4. Two required papers:
   - A brief case study of a pastoral/counseling situation to be used for consultation exercises (approximately 2 pages);
Articulation of a personal working definition of integrated pastoral care/counseling, grounded in pastoral and behavioral sciences theories and illustrated by concrete examples from professional work (approximately 10 pages).

**Evaluation**
- Seminar Participation: 50%
- Small group peer evaluation: 25%
- Final Paper: 25%

**Required* and Recommended** Texts:

**Other sources of course information and further reading.**

Hendrix, Harville. *Getting the Love You Want.*

May, Gerald. *Addiction and Grace: Love and Spirituality in the Healing of Addictions.* HarperSanFrancisco


