

**ECCLESIA BIBLE COLLEGE**

**PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELLING**

Master of Christian Ministry

January – May 2012

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course will provide an introduction to basic Pastoral Care and Counselling from a biblical, theological and practical perspective. It will explore different methodologies of caring and relational skills needed in Pastoral Care. It will examine biblical principles and ministerial practices of Pastoral Counselling within the context of the church, the nature of Christian counselling, approaches to Christian counselling, and resources in Christian counselling.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES**

After taking this course the student should be able to:

1. Understand and identify relevant Pastoral Care and Counseling ministries.
2. Know and provide the biblical and ethical principles for these ministries in the church.
3. Appreciate both the potential challenges and rewards of Pastoral Care and Counselling.
4. Be equipped and have greater confidence in undertaking appropriate care and counselling approaches.

**TEXTS ( No single book will be used – selection of books will be assigned for reading)**

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

1.	Class participation and attendance	10%
2.	Reading Assignments	10%
3.	Article Report – written/oral	10%
4.	Pastoral Interviews	20%
5.	Research Paper	30%
6.	Exam	20%

## **REQUIREMENTS:**

1. *Reading Assignments:* Read the assigned sections of the texts and class handouts and submit a record of your readings. DUE DATE: Last class
2. *Article Report:* Read additional articles and write a 1-2 page summary of each including personal thoughts and also present to the class for further discussion. DUE DATE: TBA
3. *Pastoral Interviews:* Conduct two pastoral interviews. Select two Christian pastors who are currently pastoring or counselling in a local church. Prepare a list of questions, quotes and/or comments that will form the basis of a minimum one-hour interview with each person.  
The interview should address the following questions:
  - What is the person's attitude toward the field of counselling/psychology?
  - What is the basis for those attitudes?
  - How does this pastor/counsellor integrate, if at all, counselling and psychology into their ministry with individuals, couples and families?
4. *Research Paper:* 10-12 pages (typed and double spaced) on a subject chosen in consultation with the lecturer. Bibliography to include at least 8 entries. DUE DATE: Last class
5. *Exam:* Take home exam to be completed within one month of the last class.