

## **MTH IN CLINICAL PASTORATE (50806:889) 2021 – 2022**

The Faculty of Theology at Stellenbosch University offers a two-year modular MTh in Clinical Pastorate.

The aim of the programme is to guide students to develop contextual pastoral knowledge and clinical skills through the integration of theory and practice as well as clinical supervision in pastoral practice.

Closing date for applications is **30 September 2020**.

### **Unique learning experience**

This course presents a unique learning experience to all the students. The course is structured to develop the ability of students to become pastoral caregivers by reading academic literature, reflecting in a learning community, skills training and articulation, as well as the integration of theory by means of assignments and/or book summaries and a research thesis. A key aspect of the learning experience in this course is the ecumenical community created by the students in the course. Therefore it is compulsory to attend all modules.

The second year of this programme will focus on clinical training and skills development within the pastoral context. The clinical training will be under the guidance of pastoral supervisors.

### **Focus**

The focus is to understand people within the networks of relationships (contexts), especially between different generations. Nobody exists alone by him/herself. We are always connected to a 'significant other' and even more significant others, usually, in the first instance, our family.

Contextual pastoral care, or Dialogical intergenerational pastoral process, is of particular interest to family pastoral care, but it cannot be limited to families, as it is applicable to individuals as well as communities. It is also of great significance for resolving conflict and facilitating greater understanding between people and cultures in general. The aim of this approach is to endeavour to restore trust in human relations damaged by hurt and separation caused by conflict. Within this context, hope becomes one of the important key words.

### **Key objectives**

- To integrate pastoral theory, theology and practice
- To motivate a trans-disciplinary approach between pastoral care & counselling and other relevant disciplines
- To help to make this approach appropriate to one's biography including offices as minister or/ pastoral caregiver
- To develop clinical counselling and listening skills in different pastoral contexts in accordance with this dialogical approach
- To establish a multi-directed pastoral sensitivity in care and counselling
- To develop a sensitivity for other people's suffering and enjoyment of life, Coram Deo, in awareness of their relational involvements

- To cultivate an attentive acceptance of the richness of cultural diversity
- To read and interpret the Bible text from an ethical relational perspective

### **Core modules & Credits**

This is a 180-credit master's degree. The clinical master's programme in contextual pastoral care consists of three modules in year one, one module in Systematic Theology and two modules in Practical Theology.

#### **YEAR 1**

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| • Systematic Theology | 20 Cr |
| • Practical Theology  | 20 Cr |
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#### **YEAR 2**

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| • Clinical modules and pastoral practice | 60 Cr |
| • Research assignment                    | 60 Cr |

### **Structure**

- The course is structured in three contact weeks (modules), which take place during the first year (March, June and October).
- It is compulsory to attend all block weeks. Each of the modules focuses on a specific core area of contextual pastoral care and counselling.
- Students need to prepare for the contact weeks by reading the prescribed material.
- The classes will take place at the Faculty of Theology in Stellenbosch.
- The programme for the second year, the clinical year, will entail two block weeks and practical exposure in a pastoral context supported with supervision sessions.

### **Lecturers**

The lecturers are faculty members of the Faculty of Theology and accredited research fellows who are recognised as practitioners in their respective fields.

### **Applications**

- All students need to apply at Stellenbosch University via [www.sun.ac.za](http://www.sun.ac.za).
- All applications are subject to the admission requirements of Stellenbosch University.
- This is a selection course. You will be notified by the first week in October 2019 if you need to attend an interview.

### **Bursaries**

Bursaries are available.

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