

PASTORAL CARE IN TIMES OF CRISIS

July 16, 2018—August 2, 2018 Monday—Thursday 6:00 PM—9:00 PM

Being in a position of leadership in parishes and churches and other communities of faith is an open invitation to people who are in crisis. Clergy, faith leaders, and lay ecclesial ministers are first responders in situations of crisis because most persons turn to their faith community when faced with acute situations that exceeds their own capacity to respond and cope. Consequently, this course will explore in depth the ministry of pastoral care and counseling in times of crisis in an interdisciplinary process. We will explore together the historical and contemporary definitions, types, and dynamics of crises, and bring them into conversation with our theological and spiritual resources in a praxis of pastoral caregiving. In our exploration, we will identify practices – both personally and communally – to respond to crisis situations and assist persons in identifying their resiliency, rediscovering hope, and creating new meaning for the future in a spiritually integrative way.

PRE-COURSE WORK

Read: Stone, *Crisis Counseling, Third Edition* (pp. 1-96)

Write: An essay (1200-1500 words) wherein you respond to the follow questions (when using direct quotations include the page number(s) of the text).

1. What is Stone's main thesis or argument in this text?
2. What makes a situation a crisis and what are the key dynamics and/or features of crisis situations?
3. What is the ABC method of crisis intervention? Why is this approach effective?
4. How is a local congregation uniquely equipped to minister in times of crisis?
5. What questions or situations of pastoral care has this text raised for you for further reflection?

REQUIRED READING

Kanel, K. (2007). *A Guide to Crisis Intervention, Third Edition*. Belmont, CA: Thompson/Brooks Cole.

Stone, H. W. (2009). *Crisis Counseling, Third Edition*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press.

Switzer, D. K. (2000). *Pastoral Care Emergencies*. Minneapolis: Fortress Press.

Other assigned readings will be available online in the Boston College Canvas course management system

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