

Soul Care for Pastors, Chaplains, and Clinicians Begins January 2015

The tradition of the care of souls extends back to Biblical days, when priests, prophets, and wise leaders were called to care for God's people. Care for the souls of persons and congregations remains a significant ministry of the church. Communal and contextual models of care enliven the tradition of the care of souls today.

The DMin in Soul Care for Pastors, Chaplains, and Clinicians will equip ministers with the theoretical and practical tools necessary for more effective and reflective ministry in care and counseling. It will include a strong emphasis on biblical and theological foundations combined with current theory and best practices. Participants will grow in the ability to reflect as pastoral theologians and in the ability to respond to pressing human needs as skilled caregivers.

January 5-9, 2015: *Foundations and New Directions in Soul Care* – Dr. Michael Koppel, Howard Chandler Robbins Professor of Pastoral Theology and Congregational Care, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

January 12-16, 2015: *Theological Foundations for Soul Care* – Dr. Beverly Mitchell, Professor of Historical Theology

May 18-22, 2015: *Grounded in the Living Word: The Bible and Pastoral Care Practices*

– Dr. Michael Koppel and Dr. Denise Dombkowski Hopkins, Professor of Hebrew Bible; Woodrow W. and Mildred B. Miller Professor of Biblical Theology

September - October 2015: *Care and Counseling of Couples and Families (online)* – Dr. Valerie L. Leyva, Associate Professor and Field Education Coordinator, MSW Program, California State University, Stanislaus

January 11-15, 2016: *Pastoral Assessment, Diagnosis, and Psychopathology* – Dr. Douglas M. Thorpe, Director of Education and Clinical Services at the Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care

February - March 2016: *Project Seminar (online)* – Dr. Lewis A. Parks, Director, Doctor of Ministry Program

May 10-13, 2016: *Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counseling* – Dr. Cedric C. Johnson, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology and Congregational Care

May 16-20, 2016: *Traversing Life's Transitions* – Dr. Roslyn Karaban, Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry

Up to 40% of this track may be taken online (includes electives). Applicants to this doctor of ministry track must demonstrate readiness in one of two ways: submit a supervisor's final evaluation of CPE (1/2 unit minimum); or, provide a transcript attesting to their successful completion of coursework in pastoral theology, care and counseling beyond the introductory level. CPE taken prior to entry in the D.Min. program may not be counted toward credit in earning the degree.

Electives

- Electives at Wesley Seminary or D.Min. courses at other ATS accredited institutions.
 - Online and Off-campus courses offered through other Wesley D.Min. tracks.
 - Four hundred clinical hours in an AAPC affiliated or accredited center, or,
 - Two units of ACPE recognized CPE, or,
 - A combination of an elective course plus one unit of CPE or 200 clinical hours.
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