

# Syllabus:

## Elective, Ministry at the End of Life

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### Course Overview

#### Course Instructor

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#### Course Description

At some point during our human experience, everyone faces the existential issue of death and the desire to find comfort or to comfort others. Ministers especially are called upon to help congregants cope with issues related to aging, dying, death, grief, and bereavement. The focus of this course is on the function of ministry to individuals and family members within such circumstances. Spiritual, medical, ethical, legal and cross-cultural considerations are also explored.

#### Course Learning Objectives

By the end of the course, learners will be able to:

- Consider the state of end-of-life care in the United States with its multiple cultures and evaluate how it is provided in their community.
- Compare a variety of grief models and discover which model resonates with their ministry.
- Examine grief as a gift, as well as a change agent, within the human experience.
- Build tools to assist in maintaining presence and resilience as a ministry professional
- Explore the end-of-life throughout the human experience integrating cultural, age, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity and race as variances in the end-of-life process and develop an understanding of integrating these concepts into ministry.
- Experiment with the “Dialogue on Death & Dying” model as a participant and observer and evaluate its potential as a tool provided to congregants and their friends and families.

#### Prerequisite Courses

- MAS 600 Pastoral Counseling Theory
- MAS 605 Pastoral Counseling Practice

## Required Book

- Elisabeth Kubler-Ross and David Kessler. *On Grief and Grieving*
- Gawande, Atul. *Summary & Analysis of Being Mortal, Medicine and What Matters in the End, A guide to the Book by Atul Gawande*. Zip Reads
- Robert Brumet. *Finding Yourself in Transition*
- Atul Gawande. *Being Mortal*

## Recommended Book

- Emily Thiroux Threatt. *Living and Loving Your Way Through Grief*

## Live Collaborate Class Sessions

*All times Central Time (CT) Zone*

### January 2023

1. Wednesday, January 18 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CT
2. Wednesday, January 25 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CT

### February 2023

3. Wednesday, February 1 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CT
4. Wednesday, February 8 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CT
5. Wednesday, February 15 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CT
6. Wednesday, February 22 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CT

### March 2023

7. Wednesday, March 1 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CT
8. Wednesday, March 8 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CT
9. Wednesday, March 15 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CT
10. Wednesday, March 22 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CT