



Syllabus:

Elective, Ministry at the End of Life

Course Overview

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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 “Death Café” model as a participant and observer and evaluate its potential as a tool provided to congregants and their friends and families.

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*

Live Collaborate Class Sessions

All times Central Time (CT) Zone

January 2018

1. Wednesday, January 9 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CT
2. Wednesday, January 16 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CT
3. Wednesday, January 23 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CT
4. Wednesday, January 30 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CT

February 2018

5. Wednesday, February 6 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CT
6. Wednesday, February 13 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CT
7. Wednesday, February 20 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CT
8. Wednesday, February 27 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CT

March 2018

9. Wednesday, March 6 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CT
10. Wednesday, March 13 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. CT