

2016 Professional Development Institute for Chaplains

COURSE SYLLABUS

Instructor: Dr. Nevalon Mitchell, Jr.
Course Number: 9913
Course Description: This course provides professional and personal development training and updates through class participation, presentations, didactic learning with an emphasis in professional chaplains training in a military, Department of Veterans Affairs, or other Institutional settings.

Course Objectives:

1. Provide chaplains, pastors and participants with the tools needed to assist in the identification of potential problems with addictions and mental health issues.
2. Provide clinical and spiritual insight into the emotional and physical suffering that threatens the wellness of the chapel, church, the family system and community.
3. Provide basic skills and working knowledge necessary for identifying and assessing mental health challenges; substance abuse, addictions, depression, grief and trauma.
4. Assist the participants in the identification of potential harmful personal issues that may potentially strengthen or harm their ministry.
5. Provide clinical, biblical and spiritual guidelines to enable a theological understanding of pastoral care and counseling in a variety of settings.
6. Provide instruction on the Twelve Steps and their biblical comparison for use in the chapel, church and group settings.
7. Provide an overview of the new vision for the chaplains, ministers and others who are endorsed by The NBC, USA, Inc.

Recommended Readings:

Capps, D. (2003). *Biblical Approaches to Pastoral Counseling*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock.
Eppley, H. and Melander, R. (1995). *Starting Small Groups and Keeping Them Going*. Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Fortress.
Gerkin, CV. (1997). *An Introduction to Pastoral Care*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press.
Haugk, KC. (1985). *Christian Care Giving a Way of Life*. Minneapolis, MN: Augsburg Fortress.
Seamands, DA. (1991), *Healing for Damaged Emotions*. Colorado Springs, CO: David C. Cook.
Switzer, DK. (1979). *The Minister as Crisis Counselor*. Nashville, TN: Abingdon Press.

My personal Goals and Objectives for Class Participants:

Is to assist every person, regardless of their ministry and/or station to think pastorally from a biblical, theological and behavioral science perspective. To know and use listening skills and reflective questions and to learn the value in working cooperatively and collaboratively in every ministry setting by moving from a potential position of annihilation to amalgamation.

In His Peace,

Dr. Nevalon Mitchell, Jr.

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