

## *Ministry with Seniors*

**Australian College of Theology name:** *Seniors Ministry*

The purpose of this subject is to prepare you to pastorally care for seniors and to encourage seniors to participate fully in the life of the church.

### **Learning Outcomes**

1. To be able to explain the needs and challenges of seniors;
2. To be able to describe the theological and pastoral issues relating to ministry to seniors;
3. To be able to demonstrate an understanding of the types of pastoral care that will be most beneficial to seniors;
4. To be able to explore ways that seniors can be encouraged to contribute to the life of the church.

### **Content**

- \* Theological and ethical issues in ministry to the aging
- \* Psychosocial and spiritual development and needs in older people
- \* The aging person: challenges for body, mind and spirit
- \* The pastoral care of older people including residential care, mental health and dementia
- \* Ministry to and by seniors
- \* The place of seniors in the life of the church
- \* Supporting carers of seniors