

Pastoral Evangelism (EM236)

Australian College of Theology name: *Pastoral Evangelism*

Unit Description

Be introduced to a biblical perspective on evangelism in pastoral settings. This unit will help you to explore holistic pastoral care, and sensitively recognise and respond to gospel opportunities.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit, you will:

A. *Know and understand:*

1. The definition and role of pastoral evangelism.
2. The essential biblical basis of pastoral ministry and evangelism.
3. The history and essential nature of holistic pastoral care
4. The place of prayer, proclamation and compassion in pastoral evangelism

B. *Be able to:*

1. Outline the essential aspects of the Gospel
2. Describe how pastoral evangelism functions in a variety of ministry settings.
3. Utilise essential listening and pastoral skills
4. Respond to Gospel opportunities in pastoral settings

C. *Be in a position to:*

1. Apply a holistic model of pastoral care that includes evangelism
2. Under supervision, engage in pastoral evangelism

Content

This unit engages the development of ideas and definitions relating to pastoral evangelism. It considers the place of evangelism within pastoral contexts within Christian ministry.

Unit Content:

1. Introduction to the definitions of pastoral care, pastoral ministry and evangelism, from a biblical and theological perspective.
2. The biblical perspective of suffering and human need
3. Study of biblical examples of pastoral evangelism especially in Acts and the epistles.
4. Examination of the place of pastoral evangelism within various pastoral care models.

5. Understanding the Gospel message and particularly how to apply it to pastoral settings
6. The importance and practice of listening and pastoral skills
7. Opportunities for pastoral evangelism in institutional and community chaplaincies, and through church and community involvement
8. The importance of prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit
9. The importance of the pastoral evangelist's own spiritual and personal care