

Pastoral Evangelism (PE)

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.

Purpose

To understand the place of evangelism within the context of pastoral ministry.

Aims

- To provide an introduction to a biblical perspective on evangelism in pastoral settings.
- To explore opportunities to apply these perspectives in pastoral contexts.
- To expose you to a brief history of holistic pastoral care.
- To introduce you to some models of pastoral care.

Learning Outcomes

At the end of the unit you should:

A. Know and understand:

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

B. Be able to:

1. Present a basic understanding of the Gospel
2. Describe how pastoral evangelism functions in a variety of ministry settings.
3. Utilise basic listening and pastoral skills
4. Recognise 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

Outline

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

Unit Content

- Introduction to the definitions of pastoral care, pastoral ministry and evangelism
- The biblical perspective of suffering and human need
- Study of biblical examples of pastoral evangelism especially in Acts and the epistles
- Understanding the place of pastoral evangelism within two pastoral care models
- Understanding the Gospel message and particularly how to apply it to pastoral settings
- The practice of listening and pastoral skills
- Opportunities for pastoral evangelism in institutional and community chaplaincies, and through church and community involvement
- The importance of prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit
- The importance of the pastoral evangelist's own spiritual and personal care