

# Ministry with Seniors (SM)

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

## Unit Description

We are moving into a period in history that has unprecedented numbers of people entering into their more mature years. Look at the needs of people as they age, issues of mental health and dementia, their place in the church as they give and receive ministry, the challenges and opportunities of ageing, how to support people who care for the ageing and the opportunities to share the gospel.

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## Aim

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