

Pastoral Evangelism (EM066-508)

Australian College of Theology name: *Pastoral Evangelism: An Introduction*

Unit Description

Be introduced to a biblical perspective on evangelism in pastoral settings. Explore holistic pastoral care, and sensitively recognise and respond to gospel opportunities.

We strongly recommend that you do this unit after Practical Pastoral Care.

Exclusions

Prior to 2020, this unit content was delivered under the unit code EM236.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit, you will:

A. **Know and understand:**

Demonstrate foundational knowledge and understanding of pastoral evangelism, including standards of professional, safe and ethical practice

B. **Be able to:**

1. Outline the underlying theological concepts and definitions of pastoral evangelism
2. Under supervision, observe pastoral evangelistic practice
3. Demonstrate skills in pastoral evangelism
4. Present organised evidence-based perspectives on pastoral evangelism

C. **Be in a position to:**

Relate perspectives and skills from this unit to contemporary Christian living and ministry contexts

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