

Ministry with Seniors (PC017-508)

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

Unit Description

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.

Exclusions

Prior to 2020, this unit content was delivered under the unit code PC251.

Learning Outcomes

On completion of this unit, you will:

A. **Know and understand:**

Demonstrate foundational knowledge and understanding of seniors' ministry, including the methods and standards of professional, safe and ethical practice

B. **Be able to:**

1. Describe the theological, pastoral and ethical issues relating to ministry to seniors
2. Demonstrate foundational skills in seniors' ministry
3. Present organised evidence-based perspectives on seniors' ministry

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

Relate perspectives and skills from this unit to ministry contexts

Content

1. Theological and ethical issues in ministry to the ageing
2. Psychosocial and spiritual development and needs in older people
3. The aging person: challenges for body, mind and spirit
4. Adult learning amongst seniors
5. Ministry to and by seniors
6. The place of seniors in the life of the church
7. The pastoral care of older people including residential care, mental health and dementia
8. Pastoral ministry to the grieving and dying
9. Supporting carers of seniors