Summer 2024

Course Title
323 Congregational Care
Instructor
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*Special note: My son graduates from college June 22. I will be out of town and unavailable
(or limited availability) June 17-23. In addition, I have a silent retreat planned for June 30-
July 2 and will be disconnected from electronics.
Course Description
This course introduces students to practices of congregational care and the pastor’s
responsibility in caregiving.
Course Times
This course will meet in person on June 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 4:00pm-5:55pm. In addition to
the in-person sessions, there will be asynchronous modules to complete June 29-July 12.
Course Objectives
Students will be able to:
1. Implement and oversee appropriate types of care in varieties of settings,
including prisons, hospitals, nursing facilities, and homes.
2. Organize caring ministries within the congregation.
3. Discern and implement appropriate boundaries, knowing when and to whom to
refer people, and when and when not to share information.
4. Reflect on and practice skills of sensitive caregiving, using role play and analysis
case studies.
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Final Assignments – Due July 12, 2024 at 11:59pm
1. Self-Care Foundations (1 page). Write a one-page paper discussing your biblical,
theological and practical foundations for the importance of self-care? Why does self-care
in life and ministry even matter?
2. Self-Care Reflection (1 page). Write a reflection paper about the self-care goal that
you worked on during class. How did it go? What did you learn about yourself?
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