



**School of Christian Studies  
WBUonline**

**Wayland Mission Statement**

Wayland Baptist University exists to educate students in an academically challenging, learning-focused, and distinctively Christian environment for professional success, and service to God and humankind.

**Course Title and Number**

MNST 5371 Topics in Ministry: Pastoral Care and Emergencies

**Term**

Summer 2023; May 29 - July 22, 2023

**Name of Instructor**

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**Class Meeting Time and Location**

WBUonline Virtual Class

**Catalog Description**

Research in selected issues in pastoral ministry, leadership, administration, ministerial praxis, evangelism, or missions. The topic is Pastoral Care and Emergencies. Students will focus on a single topic [selected with the approval of the instructor] and research ways in which the minister may carry out caring and competent pastoral ministry to affected persons.

**Prerequisite(s)**

None

**Required Textbooks**

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Ed	Year	ISBN #
<i>Pastoral Care Emergencies</i>	David Switzer	Fortress Press	1 <sup>st</sup>	2000	978-0800632281
<i>Prayer in the Night: For Those Who Work or Watch or Weep</i>	Tish Harrison Warren	IVP Academic	1 <sup>st</sup>	2021	978-0830846795

## Course Outcome Competencies

Students will strive to . . .

- Diagnose emergency pastoral care issues arising during the normal course of ministry within a local church context.
- Develop and implement effective pastoral care interventions related to these emergencies.
- Cultivate skills in pastoral reflection for personal and professional growth, including the capacity to evaluate one's own overall ministry.
- Demonstrate pastoral competence through *scholarly research* in a topic of particular interest to the student, with the approval of the instructor, and that relates explicitly to pastoral care issues in identified times of emergency.

## Attendance Requirements

As stated in the Wayland Catalog, students enrolled at one of the University's external campuses should make every effort to attend all class meetings. All absences must be explained to the instructor, who will then determine whether the omitted work may be made up. When a student reaches that number of absences considered by the instructor to be excessive, the instructor will so advise the student and file an unsatisfactory progress report with the campus executive director. Any student who misses 25 percent or more of the regularly scheduled class meetings may receive a grade of F in the course. Additional attendance policies for each course, as defined by the instructor in the course syllabus, are considered a part of the University's attendance policy.

## Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty

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## Disability Statement

"In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), it is the policy of Wayland Baptist University that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any educational program or activity in the university. The Coordinator of Counseling Services serves as the coordinator of students with a disability and should be contacted concerning accommodation requests at (806) 291- 3765. Documentation of a disability must accompany any request for accommodations."

## Course Requirements and Grading Criteria

▪ Discussion Boards (5 @ 20 points each)	100 points
▪ Reaction papers (2 @ 70 points each)	140 points
▪ Book Analysis	80 points
▪ Research Paper	100 points
▪ Final Examination	<u>100 points</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>520 points</b>

## Course Evaluation (Method of Determining Grade)

Out of a TOTAL of **520** possible points:

<b>A</b> 520-468 points	<b>B</b> 467-416 points	<b>C</b> 415-364 points
<b>D</b> 363-312 points	<b>F</b> BELOW 312 points	

Students shall have protection through orderly procedures against prejudices or capricious academic evaluation from crazed professors like me. A student who believes that he or she has not been held to realistic academic standards, just (fair) evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the **final grade given in the course** by using the student grade appeal process described in the Academic Catalog. Appeals may not be made for advanced placement examinations, course bypass examinations, or future heart bypass surgeries. Appeals are limited to the **final course grade**, which may be upheld, raised, lowered, or perhaps nuked at any stage of the appeal process. Any recommendation to lower a course grade must be submitted through the Vice President of Academic Affairs to the Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee for review and approval. The Faculty Assembly Grade Appeals Committee may instruct that the course grade be upheld, raised, or lowered to a more proper evaluation.

### Schedule of Topics, Readings, Examinations, and Assignments:

Pastoral Care and Emergencies			
1 – 29 May		Course Introduction, Syllabi, Assignments	
2 – 05 June	PCE Ch 1-2	Care, Caring, and the Carer	DB 1
3 – 12 June	PCE Ch 3	Situational Crises	DB 2
4 – 19 June	PCE Ch 4-5	Illnesses and Hospital Ministry	Book analysis
5 – 26 June	PCE Ch 6-7	From Dying to Dead	DB 3 & Reaction paper 1
6 – 03 July	PCE Ch 8	Suicidal Persons and their Families	DB 4 & Reaction paper 2
7 – 10 July	PCE 9-11	Families: the Good and the Bad	DB 5
8 – 17 July	Final Examination Online		Research Paper
PCE = Switzer, Pastoral Care Emergencies and assigned chapters			

### Submission of Late Work and Scale of Penalties

- The **penalties** outlined below will apply to **all assignments**:
  - 1 - 6 days late - 10%
  - 7 - 13 days late - 20%
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Only under **exceptional** and the most **profoundly personal circumstances** will work beyond 13 days late be accepted.
  - Work-related issues are not exceptional
  - Personal matters such as vacations, celebrations, etc. are not exceptional
  - In fact, most events you might present will not be exceptional since you know **RIGHT NOW** that certain assignments are due on certain dates and you can and should be preparing them now.

“Care shouldn’t start at the emergency room.”

—James Douglas