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COURSE SYLLABUS

EDCO 826

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT OF THE PASTORAL COUNSELOR

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Drawing upon Master's level study of the person in life and ministry, additional factors are explored to develop an Evangelical Christian growth and development strategy for the doctoral level pastoral counselor. Research and assessment provide the foundation for this course as participants develop an understanding of their primary and functional purpose in ministry's highly relational network.

RATIONALE

Ministry's highly relational network presents a myriad of challenges for today's people helpers, especially church counselors. Pertinent research suggests efficient and effective people-helping engagement requires informed self-awareness and research-based preventative-care strategies to be employed under the influence of a well-defined primary and functional relational purpose. This course provides students with pertinent material to develop a paradigm and process to flourish in the pursuit of growing in favor with God and others.

I. PREREQUISITE

For information regarding prerequisites for this course, please refer to the [Academic Course Catalog](#).

II. REQUIRED RESOURCE PURCHASE

Click on the following link to view the required resource(s) for the term in which you are registered:

https://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/vbm/vb_home.php?FVCUSNO=1589&url=liberty.htm

III. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS FOR LEARNING

- A. Computer with basic audio/video output equipment
- B. Internet access (broadband recommended)
- C. Microsoft Office
- D. Webex, Skype for Business, Jing, and Office Mix (free for all Liberty University students):
 - How to join a Webex meeting:
<http://www.liberty.edu/ittemp/index.cfm?PID=30889>
 - How to install Skype for Business through Office 365:
<http://www.liberty.edu/ittemp/index.cfm?PID=30889>
- E. Jing by TechSmith: <https://www.techsmith.com/jing.html>
- F. Office Mix add-in for MS Power Point: <https://mix.office.com/en-us/Home>

IV. MEASURABLE LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- A. Employ appropriate technology, meaningful interaction, and content from the readings, lectures and pertinent research according to current APA guidelines to support a collaborative, cumulative learning process.
- B. Articulate his/her primary and functional purpose in life.
- C. Define words/phrases used in his/her Evangelical Christian, research-based definition of growing in favor with God and others.
- D. Discuss essential resources for growing in favor with God and others.
- E. Compare his/her experience and/or current approach to growth and development with his/her Evangelical Christian, research-based definition of growing in favor with God and others.
- F. Evaluate his/her relational style in service to the development and management of his/her primary and functional purpose in life.
- G. Apply truths, insights, and techniques gleaned from assigned readings, assessments, lectures, meaningful interaction, and pertinent research to a personal growth and development strategy within a specific relational context.

V. COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Textbook readings, self-administered assessments (3) and lecture presentations/notes
- B. Course Requirements Checklist
After reading Course Guides, the student will complete the related checklist found in Module/Week 1.
- C. Research-based interactive forums are employed to resource the collaborative, cumulative learning experience:
 - Question & Answer Center (QAC) forum.

Three student self-reports are assessed through posts in the Question & Answer Center: 1) subscription to QAC, 2) completion of a self-narrated Class Introduction (via Jing, Office Mix, or other audio/video software), and 3) completion of 3 self-administered assessments. Specific instructions are provided in the Question and Answer Center and Class Introduction forums of the course. See Course Schedule for due dates.
 - Subject Matter Conversations (3).

Subject Matter Conversations (SMC) are meaningfully developed through Webex or Skype for Business forums. For example, as part of the

collaborative, cumulative learning process, the first of 3 SMCs (e.g., Week/Module 1, Tuesday 8:00 p.m. ET) will focus on getting acquainted and acclimated. The second of 3 SMCs (e.g., Week/Module 4, Tuesday 8:00 p.m. ET) will focus on assessment interpretations (e.g., Adjective Checklist Test). The last SMC (e.g., Week/Module 6, Tuesday 8:00 p.m. ET) will focus on current and/or classic self-care/resiliency literature. Students present an annotated bibliography highlighting the role of helpful physical, psychological, spiritual, and relational influences which foster higher levels of resiliency. Specific instructions for the last SMC will be provided in Assignment Instructions.

In the event a Subject Matter Conversation is missed due to extenuating circumstances or technical issues, the SMC will be assessed via QAC through a substantive response to the recorded SMC. Specific instructions are provided in the assignment folder of the course. Review dress code expectation—Syllabus VI. F. Dress Code. See Course Schedule for dates and times.

D. Content Building Forum (4).

Due to the nature of these collaborative, cumulative research-based forums, assignment expectations create a “paper-like feel” (i.e. more is expected than in typical discussion based forums). The student will write a research-based thread in response to prompts in each forum. Each thread must be at least 600 words and noticeably integrate course-related knowledge. In the same week/module, the student will write a research-based reply to 1 other classmate’s threads. Each reply must noticeably integrate course related knowledge and be at least 250 words. Since these forums inform the cumulative learning experience, thoughtful integration of insights must be noticeably supported from the readings and/or assessments, pertinent research, and when appropriate, the Bible. Current APA citations and References should be used in each post. All posts must be written with clarity and conciseness, without spelling and grammar errors, and adhere to content-building forum instructions and rubric. Specific instructions are provided in the assignment folder of the course. See Course Schedule for due dates.

E. Practical Book Reviews (2)

The student will write 2 book reviews to resource the cumulative learning process. Practical Book Review 1 will solely address the Ortberg text and Practical Book Review 2— Issler text. The body of each review must be at least 5 pages. Specific instructions are provided in the assignment folder of the course. See Course Schedule for due dates.

F. Bounce Journal (Parts 1-3)

In service to the development of a preventative self-care strategy, the student will write a journal with a 3 part submission (i.e., 1 journal entry per submission, at least 2 pages) from *Bounce: Living the Resilient Life*. Specific instructions are

provided in the assignment folder of the course. See Course Schedule for due dates.

G. Bounce-Forward Final Project

In service to growing in favor with God in a predetermined relational context, the student will integrate pertinent insights from all readings, assessments, lectures, and subject matter conversations. An evolving structure (i.e., annotated outline via Microsoft Office doc./docx. document, at least 10 pages) will guide its future application. Central to the development of relational forward progress, a predetermined rational meaningful detachment (e.g., a hobby) will be strategically applied in the action phase. Specific instructions are provided in the assignment folder of the course. See Course Schedule for due dates.

VI. COURSE GRADING AND POLICIES

A. Points

Course Requirements Checklist	10
Question and Answer Center Posts (3 @ 5, 10, 45 pts ea)	60
Subject Matter Conversations (3 @ 25, 50, 75)	150
Content Building Forum (4 @ 100 pts ea)	400
Practical Book Reviews (2 @ 100 pts ea)	200
Bounce Journal (3 entries @ 30 pts ea)	90
Bounce-Forward Final Project	100
Total	1010

B. Scale

A = 940–1010 A- = 920–939 B+ = 900–919 B = 860–899 B- = 840–859
 C+ = 820–839 C = 780–819 C- = 760–779 D+ = 740–759 D = 700–739
 D- = 680–699 F = 0–679

C. Style Guidelines

All assignments for this course are to be formatted in accordance with the latest edition of the APA-style manual (*Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*). Supplemental writing aids are available via the [Online Writing Center](#).

D. Extra Credit

No additional “for credit” assignments will be permitted beyond those given in the course requirements stated above.

E. Course Changes

Course requirements are subject to change by the administration of the University at any time with appropriate notice.

F. Disability Assistance

Students with a documented disability may contact Liberty University Online’s Office of Disability Academic Support (ODAS) at LUOODAS@liberty.edu to

make arrangements for academic accommodations. Further information can be found at www.liberty.edu/disabilitysupport.

COURSE SCHEDULE

EDCO 826 Growth and Development of the Pastoral Counselor

Textbooks: Issler, *Living into the life of Jesus* (2012).
 Ortberg, *The me I want to be* (2014).
 Pettit, *The foundations of spiritual formation* (2008).
 Rosenberg & Silvert, *Taking flight* (2015).
 Wicks, *Bounce living the resilient life* (2010).

Self-Administered Assessments:

DISC assessment/Taking Flight code
 Adjective Checklist assessment/Collins BeMIS code
 Emotional Intelligence (EI) free quiz

MODULE/ WEEK	READING & STUDY	ASSIGNMENTS	POINTS
1	Weekly SnapShot Ppt. 1 presentation Pettit: Forward, chs. 1,2,4-10 Ortberg - entire 1 article (Being & Becoming)	Course Requirements Checklist **Subject Matter Conversation 1 Question & Answer Center (self-report of subscription & narrated introduction by Wednesday)	10 25 *15
2	Weekly SnapShot Ppt. 1 presentation 1 website: Ask the Counselor 1 article (Embodied Cognition)	CBF 1: Thread/Fri; Reply/Sun Practical Book Review 1 - Ortberg	100 100
3	Weekly SnapShot Ppt. Issler 1 presentations	Self-Administer 3 Assessments by Friday & QAC self-report of assessments completion by Sunday Practical Book Review 2 - Issler	*45 100
4	Weekly SnapShot Ppt. Rosenberg & Silvert: Review Wicks: chs. 1-3 (pp. 3-71) Review: Pettit, Ortberg, Issler Lecture Notes	**Subject Matter Conversation 2 CBF 2: Thread/Fri; Reply/Sun Bounce Journal: Part 1 by Sunday	50 100 30
5	Weekly SnapShot Ppt. Wicks: chs. 4-6 (pp. 73-161) Review Course Material	CBF 3: Thread/Fri; Reply/Sun Bounce Journal: Part 2 by Sunday	100 30
6	Weekly SnapShot Ppt. Wicks: chs. 7-9 (pp. 163-191)	**Subject Matter Conversation 3 Bounce Journal: Part 3 by Sunday	75 30

	2 presentations		
7	Weekly SnapShot Ppt. 3 presentations 1 website: Serious Leisure	CBF 4: Thread/Fri; Reply/Sun	100
8	Weekly SnapShot Ppt.	Bounce-Forward Final Project by Friday	100
TOTAL			1010

CBF: Content Building Forum

QAC = Question & Answer Center

*Assignment part of a larger assignment (i.e., Question & Answer Center self-reports)

**Subject Matter Conversations (3 @ Tuesdays 8:00 p.m. ET via Webex, Skype, or recorded link)

NOTE: Each course module/week begins on Monday morning at 12:00 a.m. (ET) and ends on Sunday night at 11:59 p.m. (ET). The final module/week ends at 11:59 p.m. (ET) on Friday. **Make note that Friday is the hard date for Module/Week 8 assignments.** Final Grades will be posted within 5 days of term ending.