



TEAM IMPACT CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



Doctor of Ministry Degree **Study Guide No. 5 of 8**

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Partial Study Guide for the *Doctor of Ministry Degree*

Students wishing to successfully graduate must comply fully with all the requirements of this study guide.

IMPORTANT POINTS FOR ALL DOCTORATE STUDENTS TO REMEMBER BEFORE SUBMITTING THEIR WORK FOR GRADING

The examiner will not look at how many pages you have submitted, but will look at the number of words. The course work must contain at least 20,000 words and the thesis 100,000 words. The examiner will also look to see if there are footnotes as well as a Bibliography.

If these conditions are not met, your work will be returned to you without being graded.

Students must understand that all work submitted for this degree will become the intellectual property of Team Impact Christian University.

In order to graduate successfully, students must complete 7 core courses as well as a dissertation as listed below:

Code	Course	Credits
DM701	Ministerial Ethics	3
DM702	Adult Faith Development	3
DM703	Leading Christian Organizations	3
DM704	Cultural Studies for Evangelism	3
DM705	Advanced Pastoral & Counseling Ministry	3
DM706	Revival History	3
DM707	The Ministry of the Holy Spirit	3
DM709	Dissertation	15
		36 Credits

Purpose of the Doctor of Ministry Degree

The Doctor of Ministry degree offers pastors, missionaries and leaders an opportunity for professional and personal growth. The student will be equipped for a higher level of competent practice of ministry than that achieved in the foundation work.

The candidates are challenged to develop their ministerial skills to refine and articulate a Biblical theology of ministry while in a setting of ministry. This degree is ideal for those who serve the Church in congregational/pulpit ministries; Para church

organizations, mission agencies, and any other vocational ministry setting where advanced leadership skills and training would make a difference.

The following is a study guide for one of the 7 core courses

**(There are a total of 8 study guides for the Doctor of
Ministry Degree program.)**

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DM705 Advanced Pastoral & Counseling Ministry

Course Description

Pastors face many different kinds of pastoral care needs and counseling situations

This advanced course will provide students with the theories and skills needed to address pastoral care and counseling situations in the Christian environment

This Doctor of Ministry degree course introduces students to advanced studies in pastoral care and counseling and focuses on the advanced development of pastoral care skills and formulating an adequate and effective care-giving ministry. Particular attention will be given to establishing and maintaining a community of care in a Christian community

Outcomes of the Course

Upon the successful completion of the course the students should be able to:

- Have a basic understanding of the various theories of counseling and how these theories can assist pastoral leaders in understanding the psychological dynamics at work in people's lives.
- Learn and demonstrate foundational counseling and communication skills including active listening, empathic understanding, discerning and referring.
- Understand the relationship cycle of attending, listening, responding and valuing with particular attention paid to the pastoral relationship.
- Understand the differences between pastoral care, pastoral counseling and spiritual accompaniment.
- Gain a better awareness and understanding of self and the impact on pastoral care relationships.
- Evaluate some of the major counseling theories from a Biblical perspective.
- Interpret and summarize published psychological research.
- Develop an integrated conceptual framework that accommodates psychological and theological perspectives on mental illness and psychological health.
- Apply insights gained from published literature about the pastoral ministry.
- Identify the most common mental illnesses that are seen in pastoral ministry and now when, and how, to refer such a person to appropriate helping professionals.
- Develop an individualized and integrated counseling model for use in pastoral counseling practice.

- Distinguish between normal and problematic forms of bereavement in terms of characteristic symptoms and trajectory.
- Review contemporary models of complicated or traumatic bereavement with a focus toward assessment and intervention.
- Explore the pastoral role and the nature of pastoral counseling.
- Development of a skills framework for pastoral counseling interventions.
- Examine and reflection on personal strengths and limitations that may have an impact on counseling and other pastoral relationships.
- Explain the importance and need of making the Church more communicative.
- Meet a wide range of needs in people's lives with a loving and powerful application of Biblical truth.
- To become aware of oneself as a minister and aware of the ways in which one's ministry affects other persons.
- To interface between theology and the psychological sciences in understanding the human condition.
- Identify and discuss major life events and relationships and cultural contexts that influence personal identity as expressed in pastoral functioning.
- Formulate clear and specific goals for continuing pastoral formation with reference to one's strengths and weaknesses.
- Critically analyze theory and practice concerning the contextual nature of pastoral theology.
- Research and critically evaluate the current global and local contexts of pastoral ministry.
- Analyze and critique at advanced level models of ministry in contemporary pastoral theology.
- Analyze the ways people respond to the bereaved to determine which are helpful and which are hurtful.
- Develop a personal pastoral approach to bereavement ministry.
- Understand the biblical mandates for care, and a proper theological understanding of the appropriate function of care in the life of the church.

Course Evaluation

Research Paper content	60%
Research Paper format & methodology	25%
Bibliography Selected	15%

All work must include a cover sheet with the following information:

- Student name
- Student Number
- Course number

Course Requirements

Students are required to complete a short research paper for this course and should comply with the objectives for each course as indicated below.

- The research paper must consist of a minimum of **20,000** words, a minimum of **15** references in the bibliography and a minimum of **45** footnote references.
- The paper must be submitted using correct referencing technique, including footnotes, and bibliography similar to the guidelines shown on the resource website www.learnerassociates.net/dissthes/.
- Students must read books related to each subject or may do research on the internet in order to fulfill the course objectives.
- Students must include a bibliography at the end of each paper. List the titles and authors of the books that have been researched in the bibliography as well as the websites addresses researched.
- Students must submit their work per email to dean@powerhousecollege.com in either PDF or WORD format.
- **Before emailing your work, make sure that it does not exceed 3MB in size. Avoid using pictures in your research paper.**

Total credits for this course = 3 of the 36 credits required