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TITLE: Introduction to Caring Ministry**TERM:** Fall 2019-2020**PROFESSOR:** TBD**CREDIT HOURS:** 3**REGISTRATION:** LIMITED TO: _____
AUDITORS: _____UNLIMITED X
NO AUDITORS X**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

In this course, students will be introduced to the theology and practice of caring ministry, with special attention to pastoral self-awareness and key relational skills. The course will help students develop their capacity to understand and discern the needs of persons and communities and to determine appropriate responses. Students will also explore the intersection of leadership and care through the study of organizational dynamics and group processes.

CLASS OBJECTIVES:

This course will enable students to

- (1) develop an understanding of pastoral theology and pastoral care, and their relationship to one another;
- (2) explore and reflect on their Christian identity as caregivers;
- (3) learn basic principles, theologies, and theories that ground pastoral care and use them to guide and critique their own ministry; and
- (4) begin developing a practical expertise in the art of pastoral care through skill-building and reflection.

PREREQUISITES: None.**REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS/READING:**

TBD

ASSIGNMENTS & GRADING:

TBD

ATTENDANCE: Required.