

Course Unit Outline	
<b>Unit Code</b>	P7101
<b>Unit Name</b>	Introduction to Pastoral Theology and Ministry
<b>Unit Weighting</b>	9cps
<b>Type of Unit</b>	Foundational
<b>Prerequisites, corequisites or exclusions</b>	none
<b>Academic Staff</b>	Anthony Maher BA (Durham 1990), MA (Lancaster 1996), FHEA (London 2007), PhD (ACU 2011). The Faculty Register lists all faculty accredited to teach this course unit.
<b>Curriculum Objectives</b>	This course unit is an introduction to practical theology for ministry. It is also an opportunity to overview the biblical and theological foundations of ministry. Common aspects of ministry will be considered.
<b>Learning Outcomes</b>	At the end of the unit students will be able to: 1) demonstrate a sound knowledge of key issues relating to the practice of pastoral care 2) display a sound understanding of the role of the human sciences in pastoral theology and ministry 3) apply the critical insights of biblical and theological foundations to the practice of ministry 4) demonstrate the process of reflection in the practice of ministry 5) develop and apply effective skills for pastoral ministry
<b>Threshold concept to be acquired in this unit</b>	The interdisciplinary nature of pastoral theology.
<b>Content</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The theological, epistemological and biblical foundations of pastoral theology</li> <li>2. Aspects of church pastoral and caring ministry</li> <li>3. Human science perspectives on contemporary pastoral issues</li> <li>4. Basic listening skills</li> <li>5. Developing reflective practice in pastoral ministry</li> <li>6. Methods of ministry and the place of ordination / leadership</li> </ol>
<b>Learning Activities</b>	Lectures, tutorials, student presentations, DVD case studies, verbatim, small group work
<b>Required Specialist Facilities or Equipment</b>	
<b>Assessment Profile</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Critically analyse biblical and theological foundations for pastoral care eg essay, presentation, book review [Outcomes 1 &amp; 3]</li> <li>2. Demonstrate familiarity with pastoral skills eg verbatim, recording [Outcomes 1, 2, &amp; 5]</li> <li>3. Demonstrate the ability to reflect in the context of pastoral ministry [Outcomes 2 &amp; 4]</li> </ol>
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