



Master of Divinity, Master of Ministry and Related Programs

PC603/D
Pastoral Skills and Methods

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MALYON COLLEGE

At Malyon we recognise that the world is changing. These are times of great challenge and opportunity. Our commitment is to raising up a generation of influential Christians who have a strong biblical base, skills in leadership and ministry, and a heart for God.

We have been training Christian leaders for over 100 years, and we've learnt a few things about theological training. Our graduates are serving all over the world as pastors, cross-cultural workers, workplace leaders, chaplains, church leaders and theological faculty.

Malyon offers full-time and part-time study options through lecture, intensive and distance modes. We have excellent resources for students including a large library, wireless internet and 24-hour access to the campus. All our awards are accredited through the Australian College of Theology.

The Australian College of Theology

The ACT was established under the auspices of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia in 1891. The ACT is a company limited by guarantee governed by a nine-member Board of Directors. The Anglican Primate of Australia presides as the chairman of meetings of the company which consists of 54 persons (in 2010). The ACT is an Australasian provider of state accredited higher education courses leading to awards in theology and other disciplines related to Christian ministry. The ACT operates as an ecumenical consortium of some 2,500 students enrolled in 19 Bible and theological colleges approved to teach the awards of the ACT. These awards range from two-year diplomas, three-year undergraduate and coursework masters degrees to masters and doctoral research degrees.

The ACT has a centrally devised and managed curriculum and a quality assurance process that are applied across the whole network of affiliated colleges. The day-to-day educational system is managed by the Dean from the ACT office in Sydney. Academic governance is the responsibility of the Academic Board which oversees all academic activities of the College. The standing committees of the Academic Board share this responsibility by monitoring the quality of delivery and resourcing, developing policy, and reviewing the course structure for research, coursework and diploma courses. The membership of the Academic Board and its committees is comprised mostly of faculty members of affiliated colleges. A number of senior university academics are represented to help ensure that ACT practice (especially in the outcome of the consideration of research examiner's reports and general academic policy) remains comparable with the standards of and best practice in the university sector.

As a HEP under the Higher Education Support Act, the College was required to undergo a quality audit conducted by the Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA). The AUQA Audit Report was publicly released on the AUQA website in February 2007.

In 2010 the company consists of 54 members composed in the following way:

- (1) the Anglican Primate of Australian and the Dean of the ACT,
- (2) the principals of 10 Anglican Theological Colleges,
- (3) 21 persons elected by the House of Bishops of the General Synod,
- (4) the principals of 11 affiliated colleges approved to deliver the research degrees of the ACT,
- (5) 5 graduates holding an ACT research degree,
- (6) 5 graduates holding any other degree of the ACT.

UNIT DETAILS

Unit Description

This unit is an advanced subject in the field of Pastoral Studies. There is great pressure placed on people in community caring roles as they are called upon to cope with the manifold problems of contemporary society. Consequently, carers need to be equipped with knowledge of the main problem areas likely to confront them, and with the relational skills needed to handle such problems. This subject is not a simple panacea for all personal and societal problems. However, it seeks to develop some of the counselling principles and skills, which are always necessary in community caring roles.

Credit Points

This unit is valued at 4 credit points.

Co- and Pre-Requisites

None

Exclusions

None

Unit Content

The unit is made up of the following sections and sub-sections:

Section A: Pastoral Skills and Methods (40%)

1. An introduction to aims and methods in pastoral care and pastoral counseling and their implications for Christian community.
2. Relational skills: empathy, respect, concreteness, genuineness, listening skills
3. Equipping others: teaching, encouragement, recognition of abilities, training.
4. Mechanics of care: administration, publicity, the various settings of care, record-keeping.

Section B: Pastoral Care in Particular Situations (60%)

In the topics studied below, attention should be paid not only to the needs of those in care, but to the carers' own lives.

5. Pastoral care of persons with special needs, including:
 - a. The recognition of normal and abnormal conditions.
 - b. The mentally ill.
 - c. Handicapped and disabled persons.

6. Pastoral care of people in the following situations:
 - a. Marital disharmony and divorce.
 - b. Dying, death and bereavement; the grief process.
 - c. Depression.
7. Pastoral care of those in crisis, or with chronic conditions. Candidates study **two** of:
 - a. Alcoholism and drug dependence.
 - b. Attempted suicide.
 - c. Long-term illness.
 - d. Child abuse.
 - e. Domestic violence.
 - f. AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases.
 - g. Unemployment and work related stress.
 - h. Financial or debt-related stress
8. Community resources for pastoral care, including other helping professions; then to refer.

Unit Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, student should be able to:

A. know and understand

1. The aims and methods of pastoral care
2. The skills, models and methods of pastoral care
3. Typical pastoral care contexts
4. Community resources for pastoral care
5. The administrative requirements of care
6. Selected perspectives on the skills and methods of pastoral care

B. be able to

1. Explain the aims and methods of pastoral care
2. Discuss the skills of pastoral care
3. Analyse typical pastoral care contexts
4. Observe and practise the methods and skills of pastoral care
5. Evaluate selected perspectives on the methods and skills of pastoral care

C. be in a position to

1. Integrate perspectives from pastoral skills and methods with their other theological studies
2. Commence a ministry of pastoral care
3. Observe community standards in pastoral care, including referral and record keeping
4. Maintain appropriate self-care

Workload Requirement

A unit will generally require about 10 hours per week for lectures for contact students or home study for distance students, preparation and revision, and assignment work over

thirteen weeks. In addition, two study weeks are worked into each semester. Excluding the study weeks, this generally averages out as follows:

1. Contact students:
 - a. Lectures – 3 hours per week;
 - b. Preparation – 2 hours per week;
 - c. Assignments – 5 hours per week.
2. Distance students:
 - a. Home study; including forums and revisions – 5 hours per week;
 - b. Assignments – 5 hours per week.

Learning Guides

Students should access the Learning Guides on the unit Moodle page for guidance through their studies for the semester.

Assessment Requirements

The student shall complete the following assessment requirements:

1. Written project.
2. Research essay.
3. Forum posts.

Contact students will be expected to attend all lectures; while the forum posts are the distance student's equivalent of classroom interaction. Just as class attendance is compulsory for on-campus students, forum participation is compulsory for distance students.

Students who fail to attend lectures or complete forum posts satisfactorily may be failed.

Required Resources

In order to complete the unit, the student will be required to have access to the following resources:

Collins, Gary R., *Christian Counselling: A Comprehensive Guide*. 3rd ed. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2007

Brown, Christopher B., *Reflected Love: Companionship in the Way of Jesus* Oregon: Wipf & Stock 2012 (This will be made available in class)

It is also highly recommended that the following resource is also read in conjunction with this unit:

Petersen, Bruce L., *Foundations of Pastoral Care*. Kansas City: Beacon Hill Press, 2007.

Additionally, further learning resources will be made available on Moodle, our Online Learning Centre. These resources may include articles, extracts, contact lecture notes and other learning activities.

Lecture Schedule

Mod	Date	Preparation	Topic/s
1	18 th July (week 1)	Petersen, Pastoral Care as Counselling pp.99-111	S1: Introduction; Course Outline S2: Pastoral counselling in the context of pastoral care – understanding the pastor in the role of counsellor S3: Pastoral counselling... – the church & community
2	1 st August (week 3)	Collins ch 2&3 Egan ch 3	S1: Intro to counselling process – goals of counselling & the nature of change S2: Intro to counselling process – the place of relationship vs. technique; skills development & pastoral counselling S3: Introduction to <i>Reflected Love</i> material
3-6 9 Aug (9am-4pm) 10 Aug (9am-1pm) *further details of intensive timetable will be posted closer to the time		Collins ch 4&5 Egan ch 4	S1: Theory and Practice of basic counselling skills and methods S2: Theory and Practice of Basic counselling skills and methods S3: Skills practice; Reflected Love
		Egan ch 5 Collins ch 13 & 14	S1: Issues of Childhood & Adolescence – support for the family S2: Issues of Childhood & Adolescence – case study of child and parental separation S3: Skills practice; Reflected Love
		Collins ch 19, 20 & 30 Egan ch 6	S1: Marriage – pre-marriage, marital conflict, divorce S2: Marriage – pre-marriage, marital conflict, divorce: the case of the ‘accidental couples therapist’ S3: Skills practice; Reflected Love
		Shaw ch 3& 4 Collins ch 21	S1: Discussion on Readings S2&3: Homosexuality; Transgender; Gender Dysphoria
7	29 th Aug (week 7)	Collins ch 8-10; 15; 16	S1: Discussion of Readings S2: Depression, Anxiety, Anger – Priorities for pastors responding to mental health issues S3: Mental health concerns across the lifespan; Reflected Love
8-11 13 Sept(9am-4pm) 14 Sept 9am-1pm) *further details of intensive timetable will be posted closer to the time		Best pp. 11-14; 263-272; 288-298 Collins ch 30	S1: Discussion of Readings S2: Infertility – Couples’ experiences and pastoral responses S3: Infertility and Assisted Reproductive Technologies – An overview and evaluation of options
		Petersen ch 14 Collins ch 24-26 White, ‘Saying Hello Again...’	S1: Discussion of Readings S2: Defining grief and its many contexts; pastorally responding to grief; the myth of ‘moving on’ S3: Grief: 2 case studies – death of a loved one & loss of relationship Reflected Love

		Collins ch 34-36	S1: Discussion of Readings S2&3: Responding to Issues of addiction – alcohol/drug; financial; pornography
		Petersen ch 15-16 Collins ch 42	S1: Discussion of readings S2: The pastoral counsellor as a person: S3: Self-care of the pastoral counsellor; use of self; Reflected Love
STUDY WEEKS			
12	19th Sep (week 10)	Collins ch 43	S1&2: Pastoral counselling into the future – what's old is new again S3: Making referrals and establishing networks Reflected Love
13	17th Oct (week 12)	Collins ch 6 & 7	S1: Discussion of Readings S2: Legal & Ethical Issues in Pastoral Counselling S3: Responding to Multiculturalism, including issues specific to refugees and asylum seekers



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My social work career began in 1996 following completion of my undergraduate degree, initially working in child protection in Ipswich, Logan and Blacktown, in western Sydney. I moved to the non-government sector in 2000, working for a tertiary child protection service within the Benevolent Society at Bondi and later, upon my return to Brisbane, for Life Without Barriers. During this time, I completed a Masters of Social Work (Counselling and Family Therapy) and continued to develop my interest and skills in child and family therapy. From 2005 I enjoyed nine years working on the Child and Family therapy team at Silky Oaks Children's Haven, Manly and during this time pursued further study in the field of play therapy as well as commencing in private practice in 2011. I currently maintain this private practice from Foundations Counselling Centre, Carseldine. In late 2014, I accepted a position working alongside Dr Joel Cullin, a highly regarded social worker/family therapist in his practice, Brisbane Family Therapy Clinic (BFTC), Wickham Terrace, Spring Hill.

I currently divide my time between BFTC and my private practice, spending in excess of 800 hours a year in the therapy room. Both locations see me working with a wide range of people and just as broad a range of presenting problems. I have a continuing interest in systemic approaches to treating the problems of childhood, that is, seeing children and their treatment within a family context, and am excited by seeing these ideas work in therapy.

When not in either therapy room I am supporting my husband Andrew in his full-time ministry, watching our three primary-aged sons at an array of sporting events, attempting to answer thoughtful questions about Jesus from two Year 4 RI classes or enjoying serving and being a part of City North Baptist. Being in close proximity to a coffee machine and the occasional beach holiday helps all these things run more smoothly for me.

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UNIT ASSESSMENT

Assessment Instructions

In completing assessments, students should note that:

1. The **College requirements** for the writing and submission of assignments are to be adhered to at all times, as marks will be deducted for incorrect and poor presentation. Of particular importance is that the official College title page is to be used, and that the word length be indicated.
2. The current **Assignment Style and Writing Guides** are available to all students on the Moodle site; it should be studied, both when starting out and at the beginning of each academic year as adjustments or changes may be made from time-to-time.
3. With respect to **length**, students are permitted to write at a length of 10% either side of the stated length; for example, a 1000-word assignment should be within a 900-1100 word length. Students will be penalized 1% per 100 words, or part thereof, under or over the stipulated length.
4. With respect to the **List of References**, a specific number of references will not be set; however, students should note the guidelines indicated for the specific assessment requirement. However, students should note that:
 - a. Bibles (including study Bibles), basic dictionaries and devotional guides are not regarded as academic references.
 - b. Electronic sources should generally not number more than half the required number of references, and should be used with caution.
5. The failure to adhere to the stipulated assessment **format** requirements will be penalized as follows:
 - a. Body of assignment:
 - i. 1st level – 1%
 - ii. 2nd and subsequent levels – 2%
 - b. List of References and referencing:
 - i. 1st level – 1%
 - ii. 2nd and subsequent levels – 2%

Grade Criteria

Graduate Diploma and Master's students at the advanced graduate degree 600-level should note that grades are awarded on the following criteria:

Units at advanced level build upon foundational studies. Critical issues raised by a broad range of contemporary scholars are introduced and evaluated; primary sources are analysed in depth; and the critical and evaluative faculties of the students are developed in dialogue with scholarly literature.

Pass

- ✓ Demonstrates ability in engaging the primary sources, is beginning to understand their setting and historical context.
- ✓ Evidences a grasp of the foundational features of the discipline.
- ✓ Demonstrates emerging skills in the task of critically evaluating a range of scholarly viewpoints.

Credit

- ✓ Demonstrates pronounced ability in engaging primary sources and understands their setting and historical context.
- ✓ Evidences a sound grasp of the foundational features of the discipline.
- ✓ Shows an ability to evaluate critically a range of scholarly viewpoints with empathy.

Distinction

- ✓ Demonstrates pronounced ability in the analysis of primary sources and understands their setting and historical context.
- ✓ Evidences a confident grasp of the foundational features of the discipline.
- ✓ Exhibits an ability to evaluate and assess empathetically a range of scholarly viewpoints that suggests the emergence of independent thinking and research skills required at early postgraduate level.

High Distinction

- ✓ Demonstrates superior ability in the analysis and critique of primary sources and ideas and understands their setting and historical context.
- ✓ Evidences a confident grasp of the foundational features of the discipline.
- ✓ Exhibits superior ability in assessing and reporting on a range of scholarly viewpoints empathetically that exhibits the emergence of independent thinking and research skills required at early postgraduate level.

ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

Requirement 1: Written Project

Petersen (2007) places importance on the role of the pastor as counsellor being considered within the broader context of pastoral care. Evaluate this approach to pastoral counselling, giving consideration to:

- a. How pastoral counselling fits into the wider task of pastoral care;
- b. The aims and purposes of pastoral counselling
- c. its implications for your practice as a pastoral counsellor

The **key assessment criteria** for this requirement are as follows:

1. Evidence of understanding of pastoral counselling in context of pastoral care.
2. Ability to engage with the theory and practice of pastoral counselling.
3. Ability to self-reflect on the significance of the topic to one's own ministry context.

Length: 2000 words

References: as required

Due: Tuesday 14 August by electronic submission on Moodle

Mark allocation: 25%

Requirement 2: Research Essay

Using a case study (real-life, composite or fictitious), students will prepare an essay on how they would respond to one of the following issues in the role of pastoral counsellor:

1. Mental Health concerns – depression, anxiety
2. Problem of Addiction (Alcoholism, Pornography, gaming)
3. Pre-marriage/marital conflict/divorce
4. Issues pertaining to same-sex attraction; transgenderism
5. Infertility
6. Needs of refugees and asylum seekers

In the essay students will at least need to do the following:

1. Outline a brief summary of the presenting problem; Other information you might need to know and questions you might ask to obtain this; How you might help this person/couple/family, including some description of the skills needed to achieve this; assess the need to refer; pastoral care policy guidelines you might need to adhere to;
2. Interact with the Bible. What does the Bible have to say about the issue or are there applicable theological concepts that can be applied? How has the bible's teaching shaped your thinking on the topic?
3. Interact with what others of note have said about the topic (in books, journals, reputable material sourced online). You will need to consider different views on your issue rather than just one view/ one way of thinking. What are these people saying about the topic? How has the writing of these people shaped your thinking on the topic?
4. Give your own conclusions. Having weighed the biblical material and the material from various authors you will need to provide your own (more informed) view.

Note the following:

- a. You are to consider the issue in context of your role as a pastoral counsellor.
- b. Depending on topics selected and class size, some students may be required to present their paper in the form of a 20 minute in-class seminar. Marks are awarded based on the written paper only.

The **key assessment criteria** for this requirement are as follows:

1. Demonstrated understanding of the topic and contemporary theory informing practice.
2. Demonstrated ability to critique relevant material.
3. Engagement with the theory and practice relevant to pastoral care
4. Ability to self-reflect and summarise implications for one's personal ministry context.

Length: 3500 words
References: Evidence of research beyond the required text/readings
Due: Tuesday 25 September by electronic submission on Moodle
Mark allocation: 50%

Requirement 3: Module Forums

The material covered in **Reflected Love** (Brown 2012) will be assessed by means of module forums. It is anticipated that this resource will contribute to the teaching throughout the course, but will be specifically assessed through modules 3,5,7,9 & 11.

Students will be required to post **five 200-word** responses to the material addressed in the related modules. The purpose of the forums is for students to intentionally interact with the material being studied. While each response is only 180-220 words long (longer word length will be penalized), it is important to understand that they are to be well-argued and appropriately referenced where necessary.

Students should note that they are granted two complete weeks to complete each forum; as such, extensions will only be granted in genuinely exceptional circumstances. Students should ensure that they complete the forums as soon after the module date as possible. In the event of late submission, students will be awarded 0% for the given forum post.

The **key assessment criteria** for this requirement are as follows:

1. Meaningful consideration of the topic.
2. Clear and focused responses.
3. Demonstrated grasp of the relevant materials.
4. Demonstrated advanced and critical thinking.
5. Appropriately referenced when necessary.

Length: 5x200 words = 1000 words

References: as required

Due: Each forum will be closed ten days after the related module is taught*

Mark allocation: 25%

*** Forum submission dates:**

Module 3 – Thursday 16 August

Module 5 – Thursday 30 August

Module 7 – Thursday 20 September

Module 9 – Thursday 4 October

Module 11 – Thursday 25 October

*** NOTE: These dates are fixed**

UNIT CONTRIBUTION TO GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

Developing Christians of Influence

“Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart,
who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.”
(Jeremiah 3:15)

	1.	2.	3.	4.
Graduate Attribute 1: Personal Maturity – 'Shepherds with God's heart'				
a. grows a deepening relationship with Jesus			✓	
b. is secure in God's call with a desire and ability to learn and grow		✓		
c. is self-aware and maintains self-care	✓			
d. seeks and builds healthy relationships	✓			
e. is committed to living with integrity and prayerful dependence on God			✓	
Graduate Attribute 2: Theological Maturity – 'Knowledge and understanding of God's heart'				
a. knows and trusts the Bible			✓	
b. understands the context of diverse theological ideas				✓
c. forms a personal theology which is both biblical and thoughtful			✓	
d. reflects theologically and applies the Bible to real life	✓			
e. is committed to helping others know God's grace and truth and live God's way	✓			
Graduate Attribute 3: Ministry Maturity – 'Knowledgeable and wise shepherds'				
a. is able to have a godly influence over others		✓		
b. possesses skills needed for chosen ministry path	✓			
c. understands cultures and contexts and is able to minister in a range of contexts	✓			
d. is able to work with and lead a team				✓
e. is committed to serving, evangelising and mentoring others	✓			
1. A major thrust of this unit		2. A contribution that this unit should make		
3. A possible function of this unit, but not targeted		4. An unlikely product of this unit		

Note: Graduates who have not completed the curricular and non-curricular ministry aspects of Malyon's courses will tend to be most developed in Graduate Attribute 2.

RECOMMENDED READINGS

The list below provides the learner with references that relate to the unit material and topics under consideration.

Books:

- Allberry, S (2013) *Is God Anti-gay? And Other Questions about Homosexuality, the Bible and Same-sex Attraction* Good Book Company: Surrey
- Augsburger, D. W. 1996. *Helping People Forgive*. Nashville: Westminster John Knox.
- Benner, D. 2003. *Strategic Pastoral Counselling*. 2nd ed. Grand Rapids: Baker.
- Best, M. 2012. *Fearfully & Wonderfully Made*. Sydney: Matthias Media
- Brown, C. 2012 *Reflected Love* Oregon: Wipf & Stock
- Brown, C. 2015 *Guiding Gideon* Oregon: Wipf & Stock
- Buxton, G. 2001. *Dancing in the Dark: The Privilege of Participating in the Ministry of Christ*. Carlisle: Paternoster.
- Capps, D. 2001. *Giving Counsel: A Minister's Guidebook*. St Louis: Chalice.
- Calhoun, G. J. 1986. *Pastoral Companionship*. New York: Paulist.
- Carr, W. 1997. *Handbook of Pastoral Studies*. London: SPCK.
- Claypool, J. R. 2003. *The Hopeful Heart*. Harrisburg: Morehouse.
- Cloud, H. and J. Townsend. 1999. *Boundaries in Marriage*. Sydney: Strand.
- Couture, P. D. and R. D. Hunter. 1995. *Pastoral Care and Social Conflict*. Nashville: Abingdon.
- Culbertson, P. 2000. *Caring for God's People*. Minneapolis: Fortress.
- Dann, B. 2002. *Addiction, Pastoral Responses*. Nashville: Abingdon.
- Dawn, M. J. 2000. *The Unnecessary Pastor*. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans.
- de Paulo, J. R. 2002. *What we Know and What You Can do about Depression*. New York: John Wiley & Sons.
- Egan, G. 2003. *The Skilled Helper*. 8th ed. Np: Brooks/Cole.
- Everett, C., ed. 2001. *Divorce and the Next Generation, Perspectives for Young Adults in the New Millennium*. New York: Hawthorn.
- Fawcett, J., ed. 2003. *Stress, Trauma Handbook*. Monrovia: World Vision.
- Friberg, N. C. and M. R. Lasser. 1998. *Before the Fall*. Collegeville: Liturgical.
- Goodliff, P. 2005. *With Unveiled Face*. London: Darton, Longman and Todd.
- Harvey, R. W. and D. G. Benner. 1996. *Understanding and Facilitating Forgiveness*. Grand Rapids: Baker.
- Howe, L. 2003. *Comforting the Fearful*. New York: Paulist.
- Jacobs M. 1993. *Swift to Hear*. London: Darton, Longman and Todd.
- Jacobs, M. 2001. *Still Small Voice*. London: SPCK.
- Jones, Ian F. 2006. *The Counsel of Heaven on Earth*. Nashville: B&H Publishing Group.
- Kirkwood, N. A. 1995. *Pastoral Care in Hospitals*. Sydney: EJ Dwyer.
- Koenig, H. G. and A. J. Weaver. 1998. *Pastoral Care of Older Adults*. Minneapolis: Fortress.
- McMinn, M. R. and T. R. Phillips. 2001. *Care for The Soul: Exploring the Intersection of Psychology & Theology*. Downers Grove, IL: IVP.
- Moots, P. 2004. *Becoming Barnabas*. New York: Alban.
- Moran, F. M. 1997. *Listening, A Pastoral Style*. Sydney: EJ Dwyer.

- Peterson, Eugene H. 1992. *Five Smooth Stones for Pastoral Care*. Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.
- Shaw, E. 2015 *The Plausibility problem: the church and same sex attraction* Nottingham: Intervarsity
- Shelp, E. E. and R. H. Sunderland. 2002. *Sustaining Presence, A Model of Caring by People of Faith*. Nashville: Abingdon.
- Stairs, J. 2000. *Listening for the Soul*. Minneapolis: Fortress.
- TenBrook, G. W. 2000. *Broken Bodies, Healing Hearts: Reflections of a Hospital Chaplain*. New York: Haworth.
- Tylee, A. (2014) *Walking with Gay Friends* Nottingham: Intervarsity
- Watzlawick, P., Weakland, J.H., and Fisch, R. 1974 *Change: Principles of Problem Formation and Problem Resolution* New York: Norton
- Williams, D. R. and J. A. Sturzl, eds. 2001. *Grief Ministry: Helping Others Mourn*. San Jose, CA: Resource.
- Yarhouse, M. *Homosexuality and the Christian: a guide for parents, pastors and friends*. Bethany House
- Yarhouse, M. (2015) *Understanding Gender Dysphoria* Downers Grove, Illinois: Intervarsity Press

Journals:

- Ames, S., ed. *Ministry Society and Theology*. Victoria: Bulleen.
- Curkpatrick, S., ed. *Ministry, Society and Theology*. Mulgrave, Victoria: Australian Association of Supervised Pastoral Education.
- Honeycutt, R. H., ed. *Review and Expositor*. Louisville: Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.
- Marshall, H. I., ed. *Evangelical Quarterly*. Carlisle: Paternoster.
- Nuncarrow, T., ed. *Ministry Digest*. Unley, SA: South Australia Mediacom.
- Strunk and Orlo, eds. *Journal of Pastoral Care*. Kutztown: Journal of Pastoral Care.
- Wallace, R. M., ed. *Journal of Ministry in Addiction & Recovery*. Binghamton: Haworth.

Websites:

- American Association of Christian Counselors: <http://www.aacc.net/>
- Centre for Clinical Interventions: <http://www.cci.health.wa.gov.au/>
 The Centre for Clinical Interventions is a website sponsored by the Western Australian Government and contains information on treatment programmes, and workbooks on such issues as depression, anxiety, panic attacks, assertiveness, and eating disorders. Each module includes information, worksheets, and suggested exercises or activities.
- Christian Association for Psychological Studies: <http://www.caps.net/>
- Hope for the Heart: <http://www.hopefortheheart.org>
 Hope for the Heart publishes the Biblical Counseling Keys, a massive set of biblically-centred counselling resources for pastors and laypersons. The format for each issue gives definitions, characteristics, causes, and steps to solution. The CD, using WORDsearch 9, contains 100 Biblical Counselling Keys, 20 Bibles, 22 Commentaries, Easton's Bible Dictionary, plus over 150 other books.
- National Association of Nouthetic Counselors: <https://www.nanc.org/>

Society for Christian Psychology: <http://www.christianpsych.org/>

ACT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Key Policies

Students should take note of the following ACT policies:

1. Unit Moderation Policy.
2. Academic Misconduct Policy.
3. Academic Appeals Policy.

Accessing Documents

These and other policy documents are publically available in the following handbooks, through links on ACT's home page (www.actheology.edu.au):

1. Undergraduate Handbook.
2. Postgraduate Handbook.
3. Student Policy Handbook.
4. International Student Handbook.
5. Distance Education Handbook.

These should be read in conjunction with the 'Recent Updates' link found on the ACT website.