

## **Graduate Program of Studies in Spiritual Care**

A Graduate Program of Studies in Spiritual Care will be offered collaboratively by six graduate theological colleges in Alberta. The graduate colleges included in the agreement are:

- Ambrose Seminary at Ambrose University;
- Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary;
- Newman Theological College;
- St. Stephen's College at the University of Alberta;
- Taylor Seminary;
- Concordia Lutheran Seminary.

The colleges are committed "to creating competent, compassionate spiritual care providers to meet the needs of Albertans."<sup>1</sup> As such, this program of studies is intended to introduce skills for professional practice, disciplines for self-knowledge and self-care, leadership skills, and the ability to engage diverse sectors so that graduates are able to do spiritual care or chaplaincy work in a variety of contexts.<sup>2</sup>

The program of studies will require seven courses (21 credits) which can be taken at any of the institutions. The program of studies is offered as a stand-alone Certificate and/or may be taken as part of another degree program, as indicated by each college. Each college will determine any co-requisites for its certificate. The colleges have created a common list of courses available to complete the program of studies.

This agreement pre-authorizes the transferability of the courses named in Appendix A whether or not the college offers the full program of studies as a Certificate or embedded in a degree.

The colleges expect that they will also be able to offer professional development workshops that will ladder into the spiritual care program of studies.

The list of courses in Appendix A will be reviewed before June 2021 and every three years thereafter. Electronic versions of the most recent versions of the syllabi for all courses will be made available for common use.

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<sup>1</sup> Goal articulated by the Alberta Consortium for Supervised Pastoral Education (AC-SPE), 2015. This theological colleges curriculum initiative has grown out of the preliminary groundwork established by, and in collaboration with, AC-SPE.

<sup>2</sup> We recognize that some employment contexts and professional certifications will require Clinical Pastoral Education, e.g. health care, or other specialized training.

Appendix A: Course Offerings

<b>Required Courses (12 Credits)</b>		
Basic Spiritual Care Skills	SC 501 - Foundations of Spiritual Care (Ambrose), or SSC 589 - Theological Reflection in Professional Practice (SSC)	
Ethics	SC 625 - Professional Ethics (Ambrose), or PPSYC 583 - Professional Ethics in Psychotherapy and Spiritual Care (SSC), or STP 576 - Bioethics: Moral Issues from Life Sciences (Newman)	
Leadership	LE 503 - Leadership & Leadership Form.(Ambrose) or 2P3231 - Spiritual Leadership (CSBSC)	
Diversity	MI 502 - Intercultural Competence (Ambrose), or SSC 547 - Diversity in Faith and Culture (SSC), or MI 620 - Gospel in Multi-Cultural/Faith World (Taylor)	
<b>Electives (6 Credits)</b>		
Elective 1	<p><i>Ambrose</i> SC 610 - The Ministry of the Chaplain SC 613 - Introduction to Prison Chaplaincy SC 615 - Spiritual Care of the Dying LE 633 - Leadership and Resilience CC 602 - Crisis Counselling PT 501 - Personal Form. &amp; Dev.</p> <p><i>CSBSC</i> 2C1243 - Dealing with Conflict 2P3215 - Spiritual Formation</p>	
Elective 2	<p><i>Newman</i> STP 575 - Spiritual Direction STP 586 - Introduction to Pastoral Counselling</p> <p><i>SSC</i> INTD 577 - Spiritual Assessment in the Promotion of Health</p> <p><i>Taylor</i> PC 431 - Personal Dev. &amp; Ministry (Taylor) (0/4/1/0) PC 632 - Crisis Intervention (3/2/0/0) PT 540 – Spiritual Formation</p>	
<b>Field Placement (3 Credits)</b>		<p><i>Clin. Past. Ed. (CPE)</i></p> <p><i>Ambrose</i> SC 715/716 - Clinical Pastoral Education, or</p> <p><i>SSC</i> CPE 5889 - Superv. Pastoral Education</p>
Field Placement	STP 470 - Theological Field Education (Newman), or PT 712/721 - Pastoral Intern. or Ment. (Ambrose), or MI 712/720 - Intercult. Intern. or Ment. (Ambrose), or 2P2341/2P2342 - Capstone Ministry I & II (CSBSC), or FE 442/443/444 – Field Education (Taylor)	

<sup>3</sup> Weightings Legend: Skills for Professional Practice/ Self-Knowledge and Care/ Leadership/ Engaging Diversity