RE 528 CRISIS COUNSELING  
BMA Theological Seminary Syllabus, Fall 2015

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Required Textbooks:


(Note: Norman Wright’s *Crisis Counseling* textbook might be found in many earlier editions, the latest edition is what will be used in class.)

Recommended Resources: (On Reserve in the Library)


ISBN: 9780802845467

Course Description:

The student is instructed in a specialized approach to counseling in crisis situations. Such crises as attempted suicide, death in the family, unwed motherhood, alcoholism, drug abuse, and other related subjects are considered.

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course you should be able:

1. to demonstrate basic *knowledge* of crisis counseling procedures.
2. to develop a better *understanding* of various specific crisis situations and special concerns in the different situations.
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3. to apply Biblical principles to answer the hard questions of life which people ask pastors and Christian workers every day.
4. to identify and meet needs of persons facing crisis situations.
5. to recognize and evaluate your own reactions and functioning in a crisis situation.

Course Assignments: % of grade

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<td>Attendance and Participation</td>
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<td>Hard Questions of Life - &quot;Why do the righteous suffer?&quot;</td>
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<td>Prepare a (3-5 page) paper on your theological understanding of suffering.</td>
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<td>Be sure to include biblical references.</td>
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<td>Hard Questions - &quot;What about divorce?&quot;</td>
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<td>Make a list of referral resources available to you. Include any type of resource you may need. List resources which could help you personally in your counseling ministry and those which could help the person in need. Consider physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs. Specific counselors, psychologists, doctors, clinics, hospitals, private agencies, and government organizations would be appropriate resources. Record the name, address, phone number, and type of crisis that could bring about the need of referral.</td>
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<td>Choose one specific crisis situation and prepare an in-depth counseling plan. Include what to do, what not to do, and any special concerns when ministering to a person who is experiencing that particular crisis situation. (10-12 pages)</td>
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All assignments will be discussed in detail. The content of this syllabus is subject to revision as announced in regular class sessions.

A schedule of activities will be distributed with due dates indicated.

BIBLIOGRAPHY


