

ST. MARY'S ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE
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Saturdays, June 8, 15, 22, 29

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

PT742 Ministry to the Ill & Dying

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Prerequisite: None

Course Description:

This course will examine medical, theological, and pastoral perspectives on illness and death across world religions, concentrating on Christianity. Pastoral strategies (for both adults and children) will be provided vis-à-vis ministry to the ill (acute and chronic), the recovering, and the dying, whether in home, hospice, or institutional settings.

Course Requirements:

- Students should expect to read at most 800 pages
- Students should expect to write at most 22 double-spaced pages, comprised of the following:
 1. Reflection paper on experience of visiting an ill/dying person – 2-3 pages
 2. Description of student's denominational or church tradition of ministry to the ill & dying – 7-8 pages
 3. In-depth exploration of ministry to a specific group – 12 pages

Required Texts:

1. Craddock, Fred: *Speaking of Dying*. Brazos Press, 2012. 225 pages 978-1-58743-323-8
2. Fosarelli, Pat: *Prayers and Rituals at a Time of Illness & Dying: The Practices of Five World Religions*. Templeton, 2008. 90 pages. 978-1-59947-146-4.
3. Fosarelli, Pat: *Whatever You Do to the Least of These: Ministering to Ill & Dying Children & Their Families*. Liguori, 2003. 120 pages. 0-7648-0984-9.
4. Kubler-Ross, Elisabeth. *On Death & Dying*. Scribner. 1997. 290 pages. 978-0684839387.