



### **M.S. in Pastoral Counseling Electives**

**Required: Two of the following electives: Prerequisites CON 620 & CON 705**

- **Women's Issues in Pastoral Counseling, 3 credits**  
This course surveys some of the major issues that pertain to women and pastoral counseling and is designed to assess critically the counseling field from within a feminist theological perspective. Readings will cover, but are not limited to, the psychology of women, therapy with women, women and spirituality, and feminist / womanist theologies.
- **Ministry to the Dying, 3 credits**  
The issues of death and dying are examined from a theological perspective in order to acquire the necessary skills to pastorally counsel those who face death or the death of a loved one. Students will have the opportunity to examine a variety of faith perspectives on these issues.
- **Contemporary Ethical Issues in Pastoral Care, 3 credits**  
Examines factors involved in responsible moral decision-making from a faith perspective. Students consider current moral issues – family values, sexism, racism, etc. – as they pertain to pastoral counseling.
- **Biblical Spirituality in Pastoral Care, 3 credits**  
This course provides a hermeneutical retrieval of salient aspects of biblical theology to current issues within pastoral counseling. Through a close reading of representative texts from both testaments – the relationship between God and human beings and the variety of ways in which God initiates and people respond to God's love is examined in order to develop skills in leading others to pursue scripture for personal prayer and spiritual growth.
- **Special Topics in Pastoral Counseling, 3 credits**  
Topics vary depending on the particular interests of students and faculty. The intent is to allow students the opportunity to pursue a theological topic of interest -- not already offered by the program -- as it pertains to pastoral counseling.