



PTH847 & PTH887

Pastoral Care for Law Offenders and Victims of Crime



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Practical Theology

Study year of students

Honours and Masters students

Credits: 30

Module offered during

Year course

Lecturer

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Brief description

The purpose of this module is to guide students to study all the aspects concerning pastoral care for law offenders and victims of crime. Students are guided to understand the complexity of crime and the knowledge and skills needed to do pastoral counselling with law offenders. Students are guided to understand the impact of trauma on a victim and guided to acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to do trauma counselling. They are then exposed to a prison environment where they will do counselling with law offenders.

Community partners

Law offenders and victims of crime at the Department of Correctional Services and the Mangaung Correctional Centre.

Service sector partners

- The Department of Correctional Services
- The Mangaung Correctional Centre

Service learning component

The students learn the theories and theological principles underlying Pastoral Care to law offenders and victims of crime and how to describe it in a creative, accountable and evaluative way. They furthermore gain experience to apply their knowledge in praxis during counselling sessions in a prison context and within the community.

Outcomes for students

In this module students will be able to describe the principles underlying Pastoral Care to law offenders and victims of crime in a creative, accountable and evaluative way and learn how to put it into practice during counselling sessions.

Impact on community

The key development area this module attempts to address, is to empower law offenders and victims to find meaning in life despite their past experiences. It seeks to enable them to continue with their lives in a purposeful way and to bring healing for themselves and their families.

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