



Goals & Objectives

- 1) **Course:** MTC010 Spiritually Caring for Your Community
- 2) **Length:** 8 weeks / 16 hours
- 3) **Course Description:** This course is designed to provide the student with an overview of the “shepherding” gift and function in the Body of Christ. At its most basic definition, “shepherding” others involves having the knowledge, giftedness, and desire to deal gently with those whom we are called to serve, learning to “carry each other’s burdens,” to “love as we have been loved” as well as to care for those people for whom the love of God becomes real and “incarnated” in acts of love and service.
- 4) **MTC Objectives:** MTC Students will
 - a) ground their lives in the truth of God's Word.
 - b) translate their knowledge and skills into mission action.
 - c) serve as unifying mission leaders in their communities.
 - d) pursue ongoing learning for service in mission and ministry.
- 5) **Instructional Goals and Objectives:**
 - a) **Being Objectives (Spiritual Formation):** The student will
 - i) become a more thoughtful, helpful, appropriate, and honest servant for the blessing and benefit of the people being served.
 - ii) become a better listener in the context of community and relationships, faithfully bringing God’s creative, redemptive, and healing Word to bear in all of life circumstances.
 - iii) become a better storyteller in the context of community and relationships, faithfully bringing God’s creative, redemptive, and healing Word to bear in all of life circumstances.
 - iv) grow in appreciation for the beauty, strength, depth, and liveliness of God’s Spirit.
 - b) **Knowing Objectives (Cognitive Formation):** The student will
 - i) understand the role of caregiving in God’s mission.
 - ii) demonstrate familiarity with a variety of spiritual that frequently present themselves in a congregational environment.
 - iii) recognize and appropriately discern psychological, spiritual, and emotional struggles in the context of love.
 - iv) be aware of biblical passages that speak to the spiritual needs.
 - v) begin to put into practice skills in relationship development in sharing the love of Christ with those in need.
 - vi) understand the importance of boundaries in meeting with people in appropriate circumstances, asking for help, and making appropriate referrals.
 - vii) demonstrate a growing understanding of spiritual care and how it relates to major life passage events.
 - c) **Doing Objectives (Conative Formation):** The student will
 - i) engage in spiritual care visits and conversations.
 - ii) demonstrate familiarity with a variety of methodologies used in spiritual care.