

# COS 323 - CONGREGATIONAL CARE

## COURSE DESCRIPTION *(Goals & Objectives)*

This course introduces students to practices of congregational care and the pastor's responsibility in caregiving. Students will be able to:

1. Implement and oversee appropriate types of care in varieties of settings, including prisons, hospitals, nursing facilities, and homes.
  2. Organize caring ministries with the congregation.
  3. Discern and implement appropriate boundaries, knowing when and to whom to refer people, and when and when not to share information.
  4. Reflect on and practice skills of sensitive caregiving, using role play and analysis case studies.
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## TEXTBOOKS

Books listed under **Texts** and **Reference** are required and must be incorporated within the syllabus. **Supplementary** is recommended but optional. You may choose other books you wish to work into your teaching plan.

### REQUIRED TEXTS:

- Larry Webb: ***Crisis Counseling in the Congregation***
- Ed Wimberly: ***African American Pastoral Care and Counseling: Oppression and Empowerment***

### SUPPLEMENTARY:

- Jeanne Hoefft, Shannon Jung, Joretta Marshall: ***Practicing Care in Rural Congregations and Communities***
- Howard Clinebell ***Basic Types of Pastoral Care and Counseling***

### TEXTBOOK SELECTION FOR COURSE OF STUDY

**Goal:** Two basic texts (**required**) per class. Individual faculty may add another.

Reference books are **required** and are to help a student build their own library.

Assignments assure the use of the reference books; they are not classroom texts.

Supplemental texts are valuable, but **optional** texts if a student wants to pursue an area of ministry.