

YEAR COURSE IN
GRIEF COUNSELLING, CARE FOR THE DYING
PATIENT, AND HANDLING OF LOSSES

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Losses are an inherent part of being human. If we are equipped to deal with it and also understand what is emotionally happening to us after a loved one has died or any other major loss, then the healing process usually goes well. However, when persons do not have the necessary knowledge or experience and the necessary support framework and guidance are not in place, it can be the precursor of years of struggle with aspects such as post-traumatic stress, depression, physical problems and a lack of joy in life. Such persons, therefore, often tend to wrestle with God as well as with many other questions to which they find no answers. All around us, there are many people who have been trapped in such a struggle for years because of unprocessed losses and trauma. This course offers you the opportunity to be equipped in order to be an instrument in God's hand for the healing and freedom of many others who find it difficult to keep their heads above water daily. Therefore, don't miss this learning experience!

COURSE PRESENTER

Prof Wentzel Coetzer

STATUS OF COURSE

Accredited
Certificate

DURATION OF COURSE

One Year

COURSE STRUCTURE

This is basically a distance learning course and students will therefore be provided with a flash drive with all the sound tracks of presentations at workshops regarding each of the 12 sub-themes of this course.

There are three assignments to be submitted and then also a mini-thesis at the end of the year.

There is also a cheaper option (Option-B) that is explained at the end of this document) where students don't have to submit the assignments.

IMPORTANT DATES

MODULE 1

Submission date of first assignment

31st MARCH

MODULE 2

Submission date of second assignment

30th JUNE

MODULE 3

Submission date of third assignment

30th SEPTEMBER

MODULE 4

Submission date of mini-thesis

24th DECEMBER

CONTENT OF COURSE

Module 1: CRISIS AND TRAUMA COUNSELLING

- *General guidelines for handling of losses and trauma.*
- *The loss of a baby through abortion, miscarriage or stillbirth.*
- *The impact of trauma bonds (because of such bonds there can't be closure).*

Assignment 1 = 8 000 words

Module 2: INNER HEALING AND PRAYER THERAPY

- *General guidelines for the counselling process.*
- *Healing of emotional pain – Part 2.*
- *Teaching children to deal with trauma.*

Assignment 2 = 8 000 words

Module 3: THE CLOSE INTERACTION BETWEEN BODY, SPIRIT AND EMOTIONS

- *The close interaction between the spiritual, emotional and physical dimensions.*
- *The ten phase healing model as applied in the Meier Clinics.*
- *Pastoral guidance for depression as a result of unresolved losses and grief.*

Assignment 3 = 8 000 words

Module 4: FURTHER CRITICAL AREAS

- *Children and the process of loss, grief and mourning.*
- *The loss of identity (related to diseases like dementia, Alzheimer's, etc).*
- *Grief counseling, the grieving process, and care for the dying patient*

Mini-thesis = 16 000 words

Evaluation



Evaluation will be performed through the three assignments and the mini-thesis. For the final year mark the first three assignments will count 50% and the mini-thesis 50%.

COST

Option A

1. Total course fee: R10 000 (plus R300 for two courier parcels).
2. Registration fee: R3000.
This also covers the study material, which includes the 12x prescribed manuals and four textbooks - four assignments are to be submitted.
3. Remaining amount after paying the registration fee: R7000
 - 3.1 Payment option 1: 6x months @ R1166 p.m.
 - 3.2 Payment option 2: 10x months @ R700 p.m.Students qualify for 60x CPD points (Dutch Reform Church); as well as 12x credits regarding further studies; also for 20x CPD points with CPSC (*Council for Pastoral and Spiritual Counsellors*); students receive an accredited certificate.

Option B

1. Total course fee: R7 700 (plus R300 for two courier parcels).
2. Registration fee: R3000. This also covers the study material, which includes the 12x prescribed manuals and four textbooks. Students may attend the workshops but need not submit assignments. Should you however not prefer to receive the textbooks, then the total amount for the course is R6500 and the registration fee R3000 (the four assignments of Option-A are based on the four prescribed textbooks).
3. Remaining cost after paying the registration fee: R4700 (including textbooks)
 - 3.1 Payment option 1: 6x months @ R784 p.m.
 - 3.2 Payment option 2: 10x months @ R470 p.m.
4. Remaining cost after payment of registration fee: R3500 (excluding textbooks)
 - 4.1 Payment option 1: 6x months @ R583 p.m.
 - 4.2 Payment option 2: 10x months @ R350 p.m.

Option B

With Option-B students do not qualify for CPD points or for credits regarding further studies – they do however receive a certificate of attendance. Option-B could however at any later stage be upgraded to Option-A (which includes all the credits) by submitting the four assignments as well as paying the difference between Option-A and Option-B.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Students can register at any stage of the year for this course

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