

Baptist Union of Great Britain
TRAINING FOR LAY PASTORS AND PREACHERS

Course Descriptors

PASTORAL CARE

Aims

The aims of this module are:

- To provide a foundational understanding of pastoral care within the context of our Christian faith.
- To introduce participants to the various disciplines that inform pastoral care.
- To help participants in the development of pastoral practice.

Description

In this module participants will be introduced to the range of approaches to pastoral care, and will examine the relationship of pastoral practice to key biblical and theological doctrines such as creation, salvation and suffering. Our Christian faith will be put alongside insights from sociology and psychology, in order to help participants develop appropriate models of care and counselling.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this module, participants should be able to demonstrate:

- An understanding of the application of biblical texts and psychological insights on pastoral situations.
- The implication of certain core doctrines of the Church for pastoral care.
- An ability to recognise appropriate models of pastoral practice within the context of Christian ministry.

Assessment

There will be two assignments to be completed. It is expected that one of these will be a written piece of work (1200-1500 words) on a theme central to the area of learning covered in this module. The other may be a careful analysis of particular case studies relating to pastoral practice within the context of Christian ministry.