

MTh in Practical Theology (Thesis)

Specialisation: Clinical Pastorate – HIV Ministry and Counselling (50806:879)

Please note: As from 2015 no new students will be admitted to the programme MTh Clinical Pastorate – HIV Ministry and Counselling.

- However, you can specialise in Pastorate within the MTh Practical Theology programme.
- See Pastorate focus in MTh Theology (General) (50776:879).

Requirements for Practical Work

- Before you will be allowed to do practical work in government hospitals or clinics, you must successfully complete the 12-credit short course on HIV (“Spiritual care, healing and counselling in the South African context: The HIV pandemic as a challenge to communities of faith”).
- This course is presented in January and is a compulsory requirement for all students in Clinical Pastorate.
- You will be allowed to continue with the MTh programme **only** if you pass this short course.

Duration of Programme

This programme is presented:

- full-time over a period of at least one year; or
- part-time over a period of at least two years.

Assessment and Examination

You must obtain an average pass mark of 60% and pass all of the subdivisions, including the clinical work.

Programme Structure

The programme centres around a thesis to the value of 90 credits, counting a minimum of 50%. The rest of the programme consists of structured and clinical work done under supervision. You attend lectures for two days per week and perform clinical work under supervision for two days per week. You perform no clinical work during the last term, only case study presentations, if necessary.

Programme Content

The aim of the programme is to combine theological reflection on the HIV pandemic and the issue of meaning in suffering with internship in communication skills and counselling.

Total 180 credits

Compulsory modules

(credits = 180)

Clinical Work / Supervision	872(15)
Crisis and Trauma Counselling	872(5)
Dogmatic Issues	872(10)

General Pastoral Care	873(10)
Group Work	872(5)
Marriage and Family Pastorate	873(10)
Pastoral Counselling	872(15)
Personality and Development Psychology	873(10)
Theological Ethics in a Medical Context	872(10)
Thesis Clinical Pastorate	872(90)