



## MAS 605 - End of Life - 2 cr hr/3 ceu

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<b>Required Texts</b>	Callanan, Maggie & Kelley, Patricia. <i>Final Gifts: Understanding the special awareness, needs and communications of the dying</i> . New York: Bantam, 1997. Singh, Kathleen Dowling. <i>The grace in dying: A message of hope, comfort, and spiritual transformation</i> . San Francisco: Harper Collins, 1998. There may be one other book assigned.
<b>Other Required Reading</b>	Articles on reserve in the Unity Library.

### Course Description

This course addresses issues related to aging, dying, death and bereavement. The focus is on the function of ministry to individuals and family members within such circumstances. Spiritual, medical, ethical and legal considerations are explored. Concerns of diverse religious, cultural, and socio-economic factors are also discussed.

### Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

1. Recognize the various needs and problems of the aged, the dying and their families, and explain how to effectively minister to such persons.
2. Compare and contrast the support services that may be available to the aged, the dying, and their families.
3. Explain how to perform effectual grief and bereavement counseling.
4. Identify a self-care plan in response to helping others.

The above learning objectives partially fulfill the following program outcomes for the Master of Divinity and Diploma in Unity Ministry:

- 2: Foundational Knowledge: Demonstrate professional competency through the integration of knowledge and methodology in the areas of Scripture, theology, historical studies, communication, pastoral studies, leadership and administration.
- 3: Ministry Skills: Demonstrate essential skills for effective ministry, including the areas of worship ceremonies, education, leadership, administration and pastoral ministry.

**Assignments:**

- 1) About ten assignments throughout the term. Some will involve writing; some will involve activities. Details will be provided the first day of class.
- 2) Paper of 10-12 pages in length on a specific aspect of end of life issues. Details will be provided the first day of class.

A complete syllabus will be available two weeks before the class begins.