Pastoral Skills Training – Family Life

Lesson 9: Pastoral Diagnosis

Student Guide

Lesson Objectives

Identify the principles of religious assessment.

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Session 1: Presentation Webinar	
Part 1	Assessment in Pastoral Care
Part 2	Religious Assessment and Diagnosis
Part 3	Theological Assessment
Student Readings	
Assessment in Pastoral Care	09-assessment- pastoral-care.pdf
Religious Assessment and Diagnosis	09-religious-assessment-diagnosis.pdf
Theological Assessment	09-theological-assessment.pdf
Case Study	09-case-study.pdf
Student Handout	
Guide to a Pastoral Assessment	09-guide-to-pastoral-assessment.pdf
Session 2: Discussion Webinar	

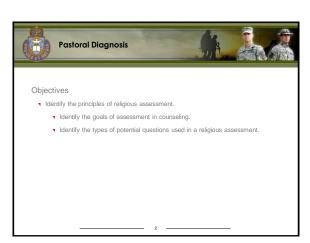
A discussion of assigned case study

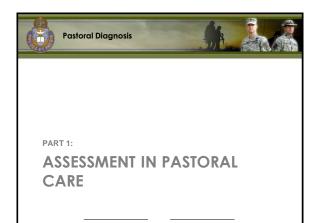


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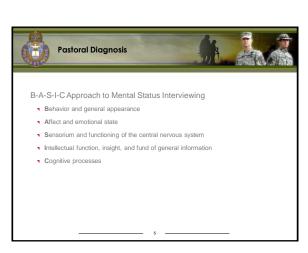
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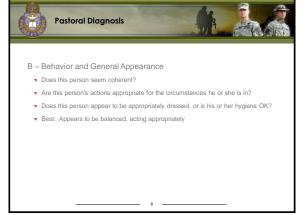






- Use of religious developmental steps to document developmental assay of adults and children







Pastoral Diagnosis

- S Sensorium and Functioning of the Central Nervous System
- Look for fidgeting, restlessness.
- Look for unexplained clumsiness, inability to perform small motor skills (write, etc.).
- In some cases: numbness, hyperventilating
- Best: Fully functional

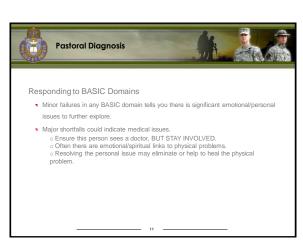
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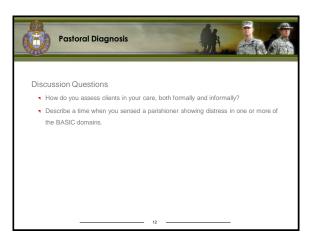
I – Intellectual Function, Insight, and Fund of General Information

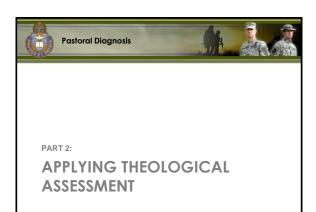
Look for memory loss, or seeing things that aren't there or didn't actually happen

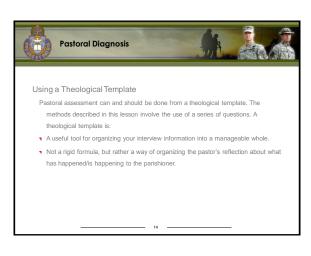
Best: Clear contact with reality

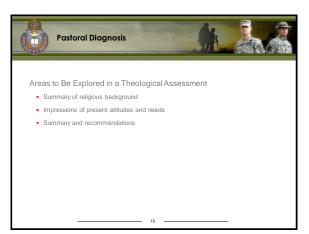


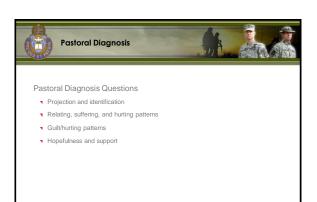


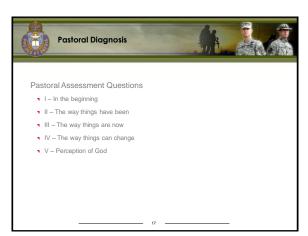


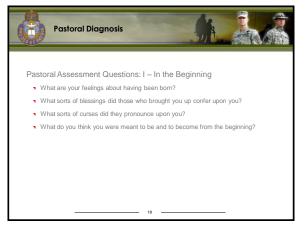














Pastoral Assessment Questions: II - The Way Things Have Been

- Whom, of all the people you know, would you most want to be like?
- Whom do you have to turn to when the going gets rough?
- Whom would you hurry to tell if something really good happened to you?
- What are the things that people have done to you that you have the hardest time forgiving and forgetting?
- What recent things have happened to you that you would say are "the straw on the camel's back"?

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Pastoral Assessment Questions: III - The Way Things Are Now

- ▼ What is the greatest injustice that you feel has happened to you?
- What keeps you from doing the things you most want to do?
- If all the hindrances were removed and you could do just as you most wanted to do or have the thing you most wanted, what would it be?
- What is the biggest mystery to you? What do you have the most trouble figuring out?
- What appeals to your curiosity the most?
- What is your greatest temptation?
- Of what are you most afraid?
- If you were to blame someone for your present trouble in life, whom would you blame?
- If you pray, do you think God would understand what your deepest angers are?

 Does Cod work work to do what you would be be project drive?
- Does God want you to do what you yourself would be happiest doing?



- Do you think there is any way that things can change?
- Do you have any hope that things can change?
- Do things change by luck, magic, or chance?
- If you were a magician and could change your whole situation, what would you change?
- Have sudden and strange experiences come into your life that changed everything?
- How did you feel? What did you see, hear, smell, taste? Did you want to tell about it? Whom did you tell about it? What was his or her reaction?

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■ Settled beliefs. What are some of the things that you believe and that you don't think will ever change in your thinking?



- 1. Why is this person coming to me for help?
- 2. How does this person understand God?
- 3. What is the sense of sin and what role does sin play in this situation?
- 4. What is this person's relative capacity for faith?
- 5. How does this person view salvation?
- 6. How adequate are this person's faith-support resources?
- 7. What sense of hope exists here?
- 8. Does freedom exist between this person and me?

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