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Essay Cover Sheet**Essay No. ____ of ____**

The following competencies must be addressed in four (4) essays of not more than four (4) pages each, single or double spaced. Clearly identify and label each Essay and Competency. On each cover sheet, indicate the competencies addressed in the attached essay.

Section I: Theory of Pastoral Care Competencies (Essay 1)

- ☐ TPC1: Articulate a theology of spiritual care that is integrated with a theory of pastoral practice
- ☐ TPC2: Incorporate a working knowledge of psychological and sociological disciplines and religious beliefs and practices in the provision of pastoral care. THIS COMPETENCY SHOULD ALSO HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED IN A VERBATIM.
- ☐ TPC3: Incorporate the spiritual and emotional dimensions of human development into the practice of pastoral care.
- ☐ TPC4: Incorporate a working knowledge of ethics appropriate to the pastoral context.
- ☐ TPC5: Articulate a conceptual understanding of group dynamics and organizational behavior.

Section II: Identity and Conduct Competencies (Essay 2)

- ☐ IDC1: Function pastorally in a manner that respects the physical, emotional, and spiritual boundaries of others.
- ☐ IDC2: Use pastoral authority appropriately.
- ☐ IDC3: Identify one's professional strengths and limitations in the provision of pastoral care.
- ☐ IDC4: Articulate ways in which one's feelings, attitudes, values and assumptions affect one's pastoral care.
- ☐ IDC5: Advocate for the persons in one's care.
- ☐ IDC6: Function within the Common Code of Ethics for Chaplains, pastoral counselors, pastoral educators and students.
- ☐ IDC7: Attend to one's own physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.

Section III: Pastoral Competencies (Essay 3)

- ☐ PAS1: Establish, deepen and end pastoral relationships with sensitivity, openness and respect.
- ☐ PAS2: Provide effective pastoral support that contributes to well-being of patients, their families and staff.
- ☐ PAS3: Provide pastoral care that respects diversity and differences including, but not limited to culture, gender, sexual orientation and spiritual/religious practices.
- ☐ PAS4: Triage and manage crises in the practice of pastoral care.
- ☐ PAS5: Provide pastoral care to persons experiencing loss and grief.
- ☐ PAS6: Formulate and utilize spiritual assessments in order to contribute to plans of care. THIS COMPETENCY SHOULD ALSO HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED IN A VERBATIM.
- ☐ PAS7: Provide religious/spiritual resources appropriate to the care of patients, families and staff.
- ☐ PAS8: Develop, coordinate and facilitate public worship/spiritual practices appropriate to diverse settings and needs.
- ☐ PAS9: Facilitate theological reflection in the practice of pastoral care.

Section IV: Professional Competencies (Essay 4)

- ☐ PRO1: Promote the integration of pastoral/spiritual care into the life and service of the institution in which it resides.
- ☐ PRO2: Establish and maintain professional and interdisciplinary relationships.
- ☐ PRO3: Articulate an understanding of institutional culture and systems and systemic relationships.
- ☐ PRO4: Support, promote and encourage ethical decision-making and care.
- ☐ PRO5: Document one's contribution of care effectively in the appropriate records. THIS COMPETENCY SHOULD ALSO HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED IN A VERBATIM.
- ☐ PRO6: Foster a collaborative relationship with community clergy and faith group leaders.