

PH.D. IN PASTORAL THEOLOGY
Field Essay Study Guide
School of Theology

1. Students applying for graduate studies in Pastoral Theology will be taking a field essay in two parts. The first part of the field essay will cover the generic issues in pastoral care, integration of psychology and theology, and biblical counseling. The recommended reading for the first part of the field essay should be the following three texts:
 - a. David Powlison, *Seeing with New Eyes*
 - b. Stanton Jones and Richard Butman, *Modern Psychotherapies: A Comprehensive Christian Appraisal*
 - c. Eric L. Johnson, eds., *Psychology and Christianity: Five Views*

2. The second part of the field essay will cover issues unique to the primary area of study that the prospective graduate student is considering as the "major field of emphasis" within Pastoral Theology. The recommended reading for the second part of the field essay should be the following three texts:
 - a. Andrew Purves, *Reconstructing Pastoral Theology: A Christological Foundation*
 - b. Don Browning, *Fundamental Practical Theology*
 - c. Charles Bridges, *The Christian Ministry*

(Also, be prepared to discuss the nature of pastoral theology, in light of church history and the paradigm shift that occurred in the field during the last 100 years.)