



SPD 525 – Interpersonal Skills
3 Credits/ 4 CEUs

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Required Reading	<p>Rosenberg, Marshall, <i>Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life</i>. Encinitas, CA: Puddle Dancer Press, 2003. ISBN 1-892005-03-4.</p> <p>Sellon, Mary and Daniel Smith, <i>Practicing Right Relationship: Skills for Deepening Purpose, Finding Fulfillment, and Increasing Effectiveness in Your Congregation</i>, Herndon, VA: Alban Institute, 2005. ISBN 1-56699-314-8 List \$16.</p> <p>Simmons, Gary and Rima Bonario, <i>The Art and Practice of Living with nothing and No One Against You</i>. Lee’s Summit MO: The Q Effect Publications, 2009. ISBN 978-0-9824797-0-4 List \$29.</p>
Recommended Reading	<p>Goleman, Daniel, <i>Social Intelligence: The New Science of Human Relationships</i>. New York: Random House, 2006. ISBN 0-553-80352-2 List \$28</p> <p>Lennick, Doug and Fred Kiel, <i>Moral Intelligence: Enhancing Business Performance & Leadership Success</i>. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Wharton School Publishing, 2005. ISBN 0-13-149050-8 List \$25.95</p> <p>Maxwell, John, <i>Be a People Person: Effective Leadership Through Effective Relationships</i>. Colorado Springs: David C Cook, 2007. ISBN 978-0-7814-4843-7 List \$16.99</p> <p>Maxwell, John, <i>Winning with People: Discover the People Principles That Work For You Every Time</i>. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2004. ISBN 0-7852-6089-7 List \$14.99</p> <p>Rosenberg, Marshall, <i>Speak Peace in a World of Conflict: What You Say Next Will Change Your World</i>. Encinitas, CA: Puddle Dancer Press, 2005. ISBN 1-892005-17-4 List \$15.95.</p>

Course Description:

This is a course in understanding, serving, and working with others. It examines the importance of developing healthy spiritual and psychological relationships, offering methods and tools for expanding these relationships. The impact on ministries of diverse issues of race, gender, generations, capabilities, family systems, and embedded cultures are explored. Students learn skills for effective community building.

Learning Objectives:

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

1. Demonstrate successful use of compassionate communication in church role play situations.
2. Integrate systems material to resolve simulated interpersonal conflict in church situations.
3. Develop a plan for continuous growth in interpersonal skills.
4. Analyze their own embedded communication patterns and develop alternate patterns of communication.

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

MD-1, C1	Spiritual and Personal Development
MD-2, C2	Foundational Knowledge
MD-3, C3	Ministry Skills

Assignments: TBD

Selected Bibliography: TBD

Your instructor will provide a complete syllabus one week before class begins.