PM 520 Healing and the Christian Faith

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HEALING AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH  
PM 520 (2 Hours)  
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COURSE PURPOSES. *Students will:*

1) Work on developing a theology of wholeness.

2) Articulate principles of psychosomatics.

3) Begin to come to grips with a Christian perspective on suffering.

4) Look at Biblical and contemporary views of healing.

5) Get acquainted with representative literature in the field.

6) Begin to know about persons and organizations in the various healing communities, if time permits.

7) Learn about ways of healing: prayer, positive thinking, healing of memories, exercise physiology, nutrition, emotional support systems, medicine, surgery, psychiatry and counseling, humor, etc.

8) Learn how to facilitate healing ministry.

COURSE PROCEDURES *include such methodologies as:*

1) Xeroxed sheets for information, stimulation, and dialogue.

2) Overhead transparencies.

3) Case studies.

4) Guests from pastoral and healthcare-delivery communities.

5) Bibliographic survey.
6) Required reading (available in Bookstore):

D. E. Demaray, *Experiencing Healing and Wholeness*
B. S. Siegel, *Love, Medicine and Miracles.*

7) Assignments include:

- 150 word Testimony to Healing (yours or anothers). Due February 15.


- Analyze a Healing Service (TV is okay). Report March 28.

- "Toward a Theology of Wholeness and Suffering," 1000 words including documentation and bibliography, and 1/2 page summary. Due May 9.

- Other Assignments.

8) Optional Honors, books such as:

D. Demaray, *Watch Out for Burnout.*
B. Siegel, *Peace, Love and Healing.*
F.B. Stanger, *God’s Healing Community.*
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Most Christians believe in healing through faith; but trying to decide what techniques are scriptural, decorous, and psychologically helpful confuses the believer. Jesus used different methods in His healing ministry. Faith healers claim that their practices are effective in restoring health—more effective, they say, than modern medicine. When Prayer Fails: Faith Healing, Children, and the Law is the first book to fully examine the complex web of legal and ethical questions that arise when criminal prosecutions are mounted against parents whose children die as a result of the phenomenon known by experts as religion-based medical neglect.