

# Stephen Minister Training Schedule - Fall 2024

## Thursdays, 6-8:30 - Room 206 - Thornton Campus

Key:

PCR (Pre-Class Reading) / *SMTM* (Stephen Minister Training Manual) / *CC-AWOL* (Christian Caregiving—a Way of Life) / *STTIL* (Speaking the Truth in Love: How to Be an Assertive Christian) / *WAH* (When and How to Use Mental Health Resources: A Stephen Ministry Guide)

	Date	Module	Reading Assignment Due for This Session
1	9/5/24	T-1 The Person of the Caregiver	6:00 - 7:00 welcome meal
2	9/12/24	T-2 Feelings: Yours, Mine, and Ours	<i>SMTM</i> , "Feelings: Yours, Mine, and Ours" PCR <i>CC-AWOL</i> , preface–chapter 4
3	9/19/24	T-3 The Art of Listening	<i>SMTM</i> , "The Art of Listening" PCR <i>CC-AWOL</i> , chapters 5–8
4	9/26/24	T-4 Distinctively Christian Caring— Part 1	<i>CC-AWOL</i> , chapters 9–14
5	10/3/24	T-4 Distinctively Christian Caring— Part 2	<i>STTIL</i> , introduction–chapter 3
6	10/10/24	T-5 A Process Approach to Caring	<i>SMTM</i> , "A Process Approach to Caring" PCR <i>STTIL</i> , chapters 4–7
7	10/17/24	T-6 Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly—Part 1	<i>STTIL</i> , chapters 8–12
8	10/24/24	T-6 Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly—Part 2	<i>STTIL</i> , chapters 13–18
9	11/7/24	T-7 Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving T-8 Crisis Theory and Practice	<i>SMTM</i> , "Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving" PCR <i>SMTM</i> , "Crisis Theory and Practice" PCR
10	11/14/24	T-9 Confidentiality	<i>SMTM</i> , "Confidentiality" PCR <i>WAH</i> , preface–chapter 3
11	11/21/24	T-10 Caring between Visits: Caregiving and Communications Technology	<i>SMTM</i> , "Caring Between Visits" PCR <i>WAH</i> , chapters 4–6
12	12/5/24	T-11 Using Mental Health Professionals and Other Community Resources	<i>SMTM</i> , "Using Mental Health Professionals and Other Community Resources" PCR <i>WAH</i> , chapter 7–appendix C
13	12/12/24	T-12 Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief	<i>SMTM</i> , "Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief" PCR
14	12/19/24	T-13 Caring for Those with Depression: The Stephen Minister's Role	<i>SMTM</i> , "Caring for Those with Depression: The Stephen Minister's Role" PCR

15	1/9/25	T-16 Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care—Part 1	<i>SMTM</i> , "Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care— Part 1" PCR
16	1/16/25	T-16 Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care—Part 2	<i>SMTM</i> , "Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care— Part 2" PCR
17	1/23/25	T-14 Understanding Suicide: How to Help People Get the Care They Need	<i>SMTM</i> , "Understanding Suicide: How to Help People Get the Care They Need" PCR
18	1/30/25	T-15 Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close	<i>SMTM</i> , "Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close" PCR
19	2/6/25	T-17 How to Make a First Caring Visit	<i>SMTM</i> , "How to Make a First Caring Visit" PCR
20	2/13/25	Banquet Dinner and Commissioning	<i>SMTM</i> , "Go—God Is with You!" PCR

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