

Christian Counseling

Certification Level 1: Licensing with an Organization

Prerequisites

At least one of the following:

1. Certificate of biblical studies and ministry experience in counseling
2. Associates of Biblical Studies degree
3. Bachelor degree

Course Work

Pick 10 classes from the list below.

Cost

Total cost: \$1,400 + books

Payment plan: \$400 down + \$100/month for 10 months

Degree

Bachelor of Theology in Christian Counseling

Certification Level 2: Licensing without an Organization

2A: If you already have a master's degree:

Course Work

Pick 8 classes from the list below.

Cost

Total cost: \$2,250

Payment plan: \$450 down + \$100/month for 18 months

2B: If you have a bachelor's degree and would like to earn a master's:

Course Work

Pick 10 classes from the list below, and complete coursework for a master's degree (see "Degree Programs" on our Web site for details regarding Summit Bible College's master program).

Cost

Total cost: \$2,450

Payment plan: \$450 down + \$125/month for 16 months

Degree

Master of Theology in Christian Counseling

Completion Requirement

Registration with Summit Bible College: \$75/year

Registration with [American Association of Christian Counselors](#): \$79/year

Courses for Christian Counseling and Licensing

Courses in **bold** are required core courses.

307 Christian Counseling

308 Psychology and the Mind of Christ

310 Dependency on Christ

311 Overcoming Chemical Dependencies

411 Youth Counseling

412 Marriage Counseling

413 Family and Child Counsel

499 Practicum in Counseling

501 Crisis Counseling

502 Biblical Counseling

503 The Christian Counselor

601 Christian Counseling Ethics

602 Personal Deliverance

Course Descriptions

307 Christian Counseling

This course covers discipleship counseling and the basics of counseling for deliverance from satanic oppression, depression, and past pain. It teaches students effective methods, dialogue, and techniques.

308 Christian Psychology

Psychology is the study of the mind. This class reviews psychology's pitfalls and gives credence to the concept that psychology can only be correctly understood under the light of God's Word and Christian principles.

310 Dependency on Christ

This course is a course on how to break bondages by bonding to positive influences from others from scriptures that speak the truth of who we are in Christ and from looking within to the delivering truth of God's Word.

311 Overcoming Chemical Dependencies

This class discusses the Christian heritage of the AA program and using the 12 steps program with scripture from God's Word. It is in a workbook format, and counselors are expected to go through the program understanding the necessary path to recovery from the view of a person who has had problems with addictions.

411 Youth Counseling

This course teaches biblical youth counseling. It covers ministry to individuals, youth groups, counseling centers, and high schools.

412 Marriage Counseling

This class reviews marriage on a biblical basis, instructing counselors on how to increase communication, interview couples, and identify problems. It covers marriage and ways to regenerate a marriage through the Word of God. It is in a workbook format with exercises for married couples.

413 Family and Child Counseling

This could be one of the most important Christian classes because of its relevance to what God expects for the family. It covers parent-child relationships and teaches how to raise a godly family.

499 Practicum in Major

The student must keep a journal over the ten-week quarter on his or her experiences working within a ministry in pastoral studies, counseling, missions, or worship.

501 Crisis Counseling

This class describes behaviors that have developed as a result of the fast pace and stress of our society. It teaches practical ways of dealing with crises in groups and individuals. This is a management course for those dealing with people with anxiety.

502 Biblical Counseling

This class distinguishes between biblical and secular counseling. The Word of God is quoted throughout the text cultivating three fundamental skills for the Christian counselor: allowing patients to tell their stories, choose their goals, and practice changes in their lives.

503 The Christian Counselor

This course covers the Christian Counselor and describes how he or she can network with other agencies for help. It also includes forms for every aspect of a private practice.

601 Christian Ethics

This course offers formal counseling and technical guidelines in dealing with ethical issues, concerns, and accountability. It reviews legal requirements and examples of proper practice.

602 Personal Deliverance

This counseling methodology class trains the Christian counselor to help counselees overcome spiritual darkness.