

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COUNSELING PROGRAMS

Counseling

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Core courses in Bible and theology as well as counseling and psychology are central to the curriculum of the Counseling major. Specifically, students complete a substantial core of courses in both domains, which equips them to blend the principles of the Word of God with acquired skills in order to be a spiritual encouragement to those in need. Thus, a Bible school graduate with both a biblical studies and counseling background can be a key person in assisting people who experience life difficulties. This four-year program emphasizes the sufficiency of Scripture in meeting counselee needs. In addition to the core course requirements, students may complete a counseling apprenticeship program.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Biblical counseling is a ministry and a profession. As such, the undergraduate program focuses on the pre-professional knowledge base and skills necessary to minister in counseling settings at this level. While ample ministry opportunities are available for the Clarks Summit University graduate at the baccalaureate level, such opportunities will be pre-professional in nature, including supervision by licensed and/or certified professionals in the field.

Persons desiring to use their counseling skills in a local church context will find Clarks Summit University's undergraduate preparation very well suited to their needs. The curriculum provides both knowledge-based and skill-building courses to prepare students for effective lay-level biblical counseling in a local church.

Students interested in pursuing graduate-level training in counseling will find the Counseling major to be excellent preparation for master's degree education. Upon completion of the graduate degree, students are ready to enter counseling at the professional level, including serving as licensed and/or certified counselors.

Upon completion of the Counseling program, the student will:

- Develop a biblical philosophy of counseling.
- Develop a biblical model of counseling.
- Desire to help people deal biblically with issues that they face in life.
- Have learned the interface between biblical principles and natural revelation.

DEGREE: Bachelor of Science in Counseling

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

123 Credits ▪ All courses are three credits unless noted otherwise.

Fall Year 1 (15 credits)

CSU101	CSU First Year Experience (0)
BI100	Principles of Bible Study
BI111	Bible Survey
EN121	Academic and Researched Writing
SP100	Speech Communication *
ELEC	History Core Elective

Fall Year 2 (15 credits)

BI210	Romans
EV220	World Religions *
PS203	Introduction to Counseling
ELEC	Humanities Elective
ELEC	Free Elective

Fall Year 3 (15 credits)

PS303	Abnormal Psychology ~
PS307	Adult Development
PS454	Tests and Measurements
ELEC	Biblical Studies Elective
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Fall Year 4 (15 credits)

PS313	Ethics and Professionalism ^
PS451	Personality Theory
PS453	Social Psychology
ELEC	Biblical Studies Elective
ELEC	Free Elective

Spring Year 1 (16 credits)

EN122	Writing Across the Disciplines
HP101	Living Well (1) *
PS100	General Psychology *
TH120	Building a Biblical Lifestyle
ELEC	Biblical Studies Elective
ELEC	Humanities Elective

Spring Year 2 (15 credits)

PH206	Worldviews: Humanities and Science *
PS204	Child and Adolescent Development
TH211	Theology Survey
ELEC	Arts & Sciences Elective
ELEC	Biblical Studies Elective

Spring Year 3 (16 credits)

PA442	Pastoral Counseling (M), or
PS304	Women Counseling Women (W)
PS310	Dynamics of Discipleship
PS402	Historical and Contemporary Theories in Counseling ^
SC231	Physiological Psychology (4)
TH308	Theological Distinctives

Spring Year 4 (16 credits)

PS414	Marriage and Family Dynamics ~
PS416	Crisis Counseling
PS480	Senior Portfolio (1)
TH480	Senior Seminar *
ELEC	Biblical Studies Elective
ELEC	Free Elective

* Courses offered both semesters

~ Courses offered alternate even years

^ Courses offered alternate odd years