

Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in Pastoral Counseling

<u>Degree Prerequisite</u>: Bachelor's degree in from an approved and accredited college or university.

Upon completion of the Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling, the graduate will be able to:

- 1. Evaluate and implement pastoral counseling theories and practices.
- 2. Produce scholarly research papers pertaining to theological and theoretical basis for counseling.
- 3. Critique and apply human growth and development theories in context of pastoral counseling.
- 4. Conduct comparative analysis of Biblical worldview and the secular as it pertains to issues of human sexuality, diversity, legal and ethical considerations, and professional standards through scholarly papers and/or projects.
- 5. Critique and apply group theories and practice in the context of pastoral counseling.
- 6. Demonstrate the ability to assess cases and provide pastoral counseling in community settings.
- 7. Demonstrate the ability to assess for substance abuse and implement appropriate counseling practices.

This is the breakdown of core curriculum for the Major in Pastoral Counseling:

| MHS 5426 | Social and Cultural Diversity | 3 Credits |
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| MHS 5441 | Marriage and Family Counseling Theories | 3 Credits |
| MHS 5482 | Human Growth and Development | 3 Credits |
| MHS 6020 | Counseling in Community Settings | 3 Credits |
| MHS 6450 | Psychotherapy and Substance Abuse | 3 Credits |
| MHS 6470 | Human Sexuality | 3 Credits |
| MHS 6511 | Group Theories and Practices | 3 Credits |
| MHS 6700 | Legal, Ethical, and Professional Issues | 3 Credits |
| | in Counseling | |
| MHS 6800 | Practicum | 3 Credits |
| MHS 6850 | MAPC Capstone Seminar | 3 Credits |
| SDS 6411 | Psychotherapy with Children and Adolescents | 3 Credits |
| THE 5406 | Pastoral Counseling Theories | 3 Credits |
| | Total | 36 Credits |