



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

Upon completion of the Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling graduates should be able to demonstrate:

1. Proficiency in the analysis of theological underpinnings of mental health and pastoral counseling.
2. Proficiency in the analysis of practical pastoral counseling theories from a Biblical perspective.
3. Evaluation and application of human growth and development theories in the context of pastoral counseling from a Biblical perspective.
4. Proficiency in comparative analysis of Biblical worldview and the secular as it pertains to human sexuality, diversity, legal, ethical considerations, and professional standards.
5. The ability to apply group theories and practices in pastoral counseling.
6. The ability to assess and provide pastoral counseling to substance abuse clients in community settings.
7. Proficiencies through defending and writing scholarly papers from a Biblical perspective.

Breakdown of Core Curriculum

Total credit hours: 36

Course: Legal, Ethical, and Professional Issues in Counseling - **3 Credits**

Course: Pastoral Counseling Theories - **3 Credits**

Course: Marriage and Family Counseling Theories - **3 Credits**

Course: Human Growth and Development - **3 Credits**

Course: Couples Counseling - 3 Credits

Course: Psychotherapy and Substance Abuse - 3 Credits

Course: Human Sexuality - 3 Credits

Course: Social and Cultural Diversity - 3 Credits

Course: Psychotherapy with Children and Adolescents - 3 Credits

Course: Counseling in Community Settings - 3 Credits

Course: Group Theories and Practices - 3 Credits

Course: Practicum - 3 Credits