Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Counseling

The Master's College | Degree Completion Program

The Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Counseling is designed to equip the Christian adult with the principles and procedures of biblical counseling in order to further prepare them for service in their local church. Grounded in the Word of God and aimed at the building up of the saints, this course of study emphasizes the sufficiency of God's Word to meet the needs of everyday life. Students will be prepared for the ACBC (Association of Certified Biblical Counselors) exam, to move toward certification. The following requirements must be satisfied prior to graduation.

Major Curriculum (40 Units)

Major curriculum courses are the core of the undergraduate studies and are designed to prepare the adult learner for effectiveness in his/her life and career.

BIB450 Bibliology & Hermeneutics (4)
An introduction to the inspiration, inerrancy and sufficiency of the Bible, as well as the science of Biblical interpretation. Special attention is given to the application of Scripture to counseling. Various interpretive approaches on key scriptural passages will be examined, especially as they relate to the biblical counselor and their task.

BIB321 Christian Theology (4)
A survey of Christian theology in the areas of God (Theology Proper), the Bible (Bibliology), angels (Angelology) including Satan and demons, Christ (Christology), and the Holy Spirit (Pneumatology).

BIB300 Introduction to Biblical Counseling (3)
A general introduction to basic concepts and distinctive features of biblical counseling. Students will discuss what biblical counseling is and what it involves, the role of the counselor, different types of counseling that are needed, the place of counseling in the ministry of the church, how biblical counseling theory and practice relate to and differ from some of the more common secular models/theories. The course will also involve a personal improvement project in which the student will evaluate his/her own counseling qualifications, design a plan for improving some area of his/her life, put that plan into action and then evaluate his/her progress as the course draws to a close.

BIB311 Theological Basis of Biblical Counseling (3)
A consideration of the theological realities that form the basis of a proper approach to counseling. Special emphasis is given to the nature of God and of man (fallen and unfallen), a biblical definition of the image of God, the nature of sin, the realities of regeneration and progressive sanctification, the concept of "the flesh" (old man/new man), an understanding of the heart/mind as used in Scripture and the place of the local church in the ministry of counseling.

BIB455 Counseling, Discipleship & the Local Church (2)
Emphasizes the Scriptural truth that the local church is the primary means by which God accomplishes His work in the world. Students will learn why the church is the best environment for counseling and the role counseling plays in supporting the discipleship ministry of the local church.

BIB316 Introduction to Psychology (3)
Introduction to the various schools of psychological thought. Designed to teach students of biblical counseling how to interact with the philosophical underpinnings of psychotherapuetic theory, including secular and Christian psychologies.

BIB330 Methods of Biblical Change (3)
An overview of the counseling process presenting a comprehensive methodological model for promoting biblical change in people; the goal is to encourage biblical thinking and procedures in the process of helping people.

BIB399 Counseling & Proverbs (2)
This course is an expositional study of Proverbs with special emphasis on its relevance to counseling.

BIB332 Marriage & Family Counseling (3)
Marriage and family problems are present in the majority of counseling cases. This course will give an overview of general marriage and family counseling issues relating to the content and process of counseling. It will then proceed to specifically deal (from a biblical perspective) with the major difficulties that trouble marriages and families experiences. Included in the course are discussions of the biblical basis and purposes of marriage, family stages, in-law problems, developing unity, husband/wife roles and responsibilities, correcting communication problems, why conflicts arise and how to resolve them.

BIB362 Biblical Conflict Resolution (2)
This course is designed to help the student think biblically about conflict and how to respond to it in a way that glorifies the Lord (I Corinthians 10:31). In particular, the student will be taught a model and a plan for how to think about struggles in relationships and evaluate their own typical patterns of response. These principles apply to business and the church, but there will be a special focus on handling marital difficulties.

BIB421 Problems & Procedures I (3)
These courses are designed to apply the biblical principles taught in the Methods of Biblical Change course (BIB330) to a range of specific counseling problems. Topics discussed include anger, fear, depression, sexual deviancy, anxiety, eating disorders, decision making, one's past, self-concept, various syndromes, ADHD and crisis counseling. Prerequisites: BIB300, BIB330.

BIB431 Counseling Practicum I (2)
These courses are designed to consider the practical application of the principles of biblical counseling and the various methodological aspects of the counseling process. These courses will include student participation in counseling as counselors, counselees, and observers. These activities will form the basis of seminar discussions where counseling will be analyzed from a biblical perspective. The goal of these courses is to help the student learn, evaluate and sharpen practical counseling skills. Prerequisites: BIB300, BIB330.

BIB422 Problems & Procedures II (2)
These courses are designed to apply the biblical principles taught in the Methods of Biblical Change course (BIB330) to a range of specific counseling problems. During the second semester of the course, each student will be part of a team that will develop and present to the class a detailed biblical counseling outline for a teacher-approved counseling problem. Prerequisites: BIB300, BIB330

BIB432 Counseling Practicum II (2)
These courses are designed to consider the practical application of the principles of biblical counseling and the various methodological aspects of the counseling process. These courses will include student participation in counseling as counselors, counselees and observers. These activities will form the basis of seminar discussions where counseling will be analyzed from a biblical perspective. The goal of these courses is to help the student learn, evaluate and sharpen practical counseling skills. Prerequisites: BIB300, BIB330.

BIB441 Counseling & Youth (2)
This course is designed to help the student understand the intense and frequent problems of young people. A thoroughly biblical understanding of young people and their problems, and a functional approach to counseling youth will be presented.

General Education (61 Units) & Electives (21 Units)

General education courses are intended to introduce undergraduates to the richness and diversity of the various academic disciplines. Elective courses give students the opportunity to take courses in other areas that interest them.

Essentials of Christian Thought (3)
Old Testament Survey I, II (3,3)
New Testament Survey I, II (3,3)
Christian Theology I, II (3,3)
English Composition (3)
Essentials of Literature (3)
Literature Elective (3)
Spoken Communication (3)
Essentials of Music and Art (3)
Essentials of Philosophy (3)
Essentials of World History I, II (3,3)
Essentials of U.S. History (3)
Intro to U.S. Government (3)
Essentials of Economics and Society (3)
Essentials of Biology (3)
Science Lab (1)
Critical Thinking & Quantitative Analysis (3)

Fulfill general education and elective requirements in a number of ways:

- **On-campus School of General Education**
- **TMC Online**
- **Transferable units**
- **Articulated CLEP**

Contact us for help evaluating your options.