What Can You Do with a Biblical Counseling Degree?

Some have asked, “What can I do with a degree in Biblical Counseling? Would I need to go on for further studies in more graduate school?” It is true that our courses do not prepare the student for state licensing as a psychologist. However, our courses do prepare students to faithfully and accurately minister the gospel and its solutions to man’s real problems both in the Church and in other vocations. Moreover, each student who completes the Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling (MABC) has the opportunity to graduate with certification with the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC). In other cases, the student will want to pursue further education in Biblical Counseling, in Biblical Studies at a seminary, in philosophy, ethics, education, or some other area of related interest.

Below is a list of potential vocations, many of which are currently held by graduates of our Biblical Counseling programs (both undergraduate and graduate level). This list is not exhaustive, but it does represent a sampling of the vocational and ministry opportunities available to our graduates.

- **Local Church Ministry**
  - Men – Pastoral Staff (youth singles, couples, etc.) or Director of Counseling ministry
  - Women – Director of Women’s Ministry, Counseling or Director of Children’s Ministries
  - Administrative Staff member with counseling emphasis
  - Denominational work

- **Missionary Work – both domestic and foreign**
  - Overseas or domestic
  - Counseling training for missionaries

- **Christian Education (Elementary, Secondary, and Higher Education)**
  - College/graduate level professor
  - School teacher (high school, junior high, or elementary)
  - High school guidance counselor
  - Resident Director
  - Administrative Staff member with counseling emphasis
  - Dean of Men/Women
  - Student Life Coordinator
  - Admissions Counselor

- **Chaplaincy (both Paid Vocational and Volunteer Ministry)**
  - Prison Chaplain
  - Hospital Chaplain
  - Military (requires 72 hours of graduate biblical studies)

- **Director or Staff Counselor in various ministries (both Paid Vocational and Volunteer Ministry)**
  - Christian Counseling Centers
  - Crisis Pregnancy Centers
  - Adoptions/Orphanages/Foster Care Agencies
  - Crisis Hot-Line services
  - Rescue Missions/Homeless ministries
  - Social Services Agencies or Halfway Houses
  - Trauma Care
  - Organizations for the disabled

- **Academic Vocations**
  - Teaching counseling at Bible Schools or Christian Colleges
  - Curriculum development for Christian Ministries
  - Writing for publication

- **Miscellaneous other Christian Ministries**
  - Camp Ministries
  - Human Resources/Personnel
  - Financial counseling
  - Communications
  - Corporate Liaison
  - Having a graduate degree from an accredited college/university significantly increases your job marketability and increase in pay

**Have Questions?**

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