



Doctor of Christian Counseling



Upon completion of the Doctor of Christian Counseling, the graduate should be able to:

1. Apply ministerial counseling to individuals, couples, families, and group ministries.
2. Demonstrate, through practical experiences the ability to provide Christian mental health services to individuals, the church, and the community overall.
3. Apply an understanding of Scripture along with the knowledge and techniques of the behavioral sciences to assist future clients.
4. Use critical thinking effectively and explain different research methods and statistical analyses utilized by counselors.
5. Demonstrate effective oral communication and writing skills in various presentations and for various objectives.
6. Formulate data collection, interpretation, and reporting of research gathered from standardized tests.
7. Prepare to pursue a professional career focusing on the chosen specialization, to operate within a church counseling center or Christian-based counseling services.

The Doctor of Christian Counseling program is designed for counselors, social workers, educators, and pastors who seek to advance their knowledge and practical proficiency in biblical counseling. This program also aims to sharpen the skillsets of those who have been actively engaged in some form of professional ministry (whether through social services, parish, chaplaincy, or community outreach, etc.) and who meet the admission requirements listed for this degree. The degree is also offered to credentialed ministry professionals. Overall, the attainment of a Doctor of Christian Counseling degree prepares each student to adhere to issues of faith and spirituality while addressing the mental health needs of a person.

Prerequisites: The Doctor of Christian Counseling requires a Master's degree in Christian Counseling, Psychology, Counseling, Pastoral Counseling, or Social Work.

Degree Completion Timeline

Doctor of Christian Counseling-D.C.C.

20 classes

60 credit hours

- If the student takes 1 course each quarter = 20 quarters an average of 5 years to fulfill
- If the student takes 2 courses each quarter = 10 quarters an average of 2 years & 2 quarters to fulfill
- If the student takes 3 courses each quarter = 7 quarters an average of 1 year & 3 quarters to fulfill
- If the student takes 4 courses each quarter = 5 quarters an average of 1 year & 1 quarter to fulfill

CREDITS	COURSES
	CORE CURRICULUM
3.00	MIN 7100 Personal and Collective Spiritual Formation
3.00	MIN 7300 Cross Cultural Leadership
3.00	MIN 7400 Administration and Management
3.00	THE 8330 Engaging in Social Justice
3.00	BCO 8330 Conflict Management and Resolution
3.00	BCO 8427 Pharmacology and Holistic approaches for Human Services
3.00	BCO 8222 Treatment planning: Assessment and Diagnosis
3.00	BCO 8340 Testing/Measurements
3.00	BCO 8680 Practicum
3.00	BCO 8685 Internship
9.00	BCO 9050 Dissertation Proposal and Research
3.00	BCO 9100 Oral Defense
6.00	Electives
12.00	SPECIALIZATION COURSES (PLEASE CHOOSE ONE SPECIALIZATION BELOW)
	CERTIFICATION IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY COUNSELING
3.00	BCO 8005 Motivational Interviewing
3.00	BCO 8420 Pre-Marital counseling
3.00	BCO 8441 Marriage counseling

3.00	BCO 8560 Family Crises, Emergencies and Interventions
	CERTIFICATION IN MILITARY COUNSELING
3.00	BCO 8700 Cultivating Military Resiliency of the Mind, Body, & Spirit
3.00	BCO 8737 The Military Culture
3.00	BCO 8738 Working with Veteran and Active Military Families: Impact of Deployment

CREDITS	COURSES
3.00	BCO 8753 Vocational Rehabilitation and Military Transition
	CERTIFICATION IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ADDICTIONS
3.00	BCO 8740 Addictions Counseling
3.00	BCO 8751 Youth and Substance Abuse
3.00	BCO 8752 Mental Health & Substance Use Disorders
3.00	BCO 8760 Addictions Rehabilitation
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	ELECTIVES (OPTIONAL)
3.00	BCO 6610 Law for The Christian Counselor
3.00	BCO 8426 Sociology and the Foundations of Relational/Systemic Practice, Theories Models