Master of Arts in Counseling Ministry
Research Thesis Concentration
48 units

Course Requirements

Course #	Course Title	Units
Core Requirements (36 units)		
CBS 500	Congregational & Professional Counseling Applications	3
CBS 505	Theology as a Behavioral Science	3
CBS 510	Law & Ethics for Church Based Counselors	3
CBS 520	Human Development through the Biblical Life Cycle	3
CBS 530	Congregation as a Healing Community	3
CBS 535	Marriage and Family Ministry in the Congregation	3
CBS 540	A Theology of Helping People	3
CBS 545	Survey of Church Based Counseling Programs	3
CBS 546	Relational Counseling Techniques	3
CBS 550	Church Based Counseling Practicum I	1
CBS 555	Church Based Counseling Practicum II **2 units required by repeating*	1*
CBS 566	Pathology, Abnormality and Sin	3
CBS 575	Readings in Christian Behavioral Sciences *** This course may be repeated with a change in topic for a maximum of fifteen units.*	3**
Total Units Required		**36**

Concentration Requirements (12 units)		
CBS 575	Readings in Christian Behavioral Sciences *** This course may be repeated with a change in topic for a maximum of fifteen units.*	6**
CBS 580	Thesis Proposal	2
CBS 585	Thesis Research	2
CBS 590	Thesis Writing and Presentation	2
Total Units Required		**48**

CBS 500 Congregational and Professional Counseling Applications (3)
A comparison and analysis of the foundations, theories, scope of practice and applications of Professional MFT vs. Pastoral and Church Based Counseling. Emphasis will be toward an understanding of the differences, complementary aspects, and possible models for mutual referrals and cooperation between these two approaches.

CBS 505 Theology as a Behavioral Science (3)
An overview of philosophy and theology systems as ancient and contemporary behavioral sciences. Students will understand the application of theology as a counseling application as distinct from an apologetic system.

CBS 510 Law and Ethics for Church Based Counselors (3)
An examination and explanation of current laws and ethical issues affecting Pastoral Counselors and Church Based Counseling applications. Number of units required specified in each program.

CBS 520 Human Development through the Biblical Life-Cycle (3)
A general overview of life development following the Biblical Stages from birth through death with emphasis on the relational skills, roles and rituals associated with each stage.

CBS 530 Congregation as a Healing Community (3)
A general understanding of the dynamics of congregational life to personal development and adjustment necessary in maintaining healthy marital, family and personal relationships in community context. Emphasis will be placed on the congregational structure and dynamics necessary for the application of life-to-life and other congregational counseling models.

CBS535 Marriage and Family Ministry in the Congregation (3)
The course examines the content and approaches to Marriage and Family Ministry within the local congregation. It surveys the approaches presently used by various congregations and compares their respective strengths and weaknesses. It also addresses the present controversy and battle between civil and religious marriage, the emergence of Gender-Neutral marriage, and the implications for religious traditions which do not treat marriage as a sacrament.

CBS540 A Theology of Helping People (3)
A survey of Christian approaches to counseling and relational healing with application to a life-to-life model of counseling in the congregation. Theology as a counseling theory will also be addressed.

CBS545 Survey of Church Based Counseling Programs (3)
A survey of specific programs of Church Based Counseling and their application in a congregational setting.

CBS 546 Relational Counseling Techniques (3)
An examination of the relational skills and settings that establish and maintain an effective counseling relationship in a congregational setting.

CBS550 Church Based Counseling Practicum I (1)
Supervised counseling experience in a congregational setting. This course assists the student in establishing a practicum position in a congregation, selection of a supervisor, and the parameters of counseling ministry under the Counseling Ministry program.

CBS555 Church Based Counseling Practicum II (1)
(2 units required by repeating)
Supervised counseling experience in a congregational setting. This course continues supervised counseling experience in an established congregational site.

CBS 566 Pathology, Abnormality and Sin (3)
This course introduces the student to the general categories and theories of physical illness, mental health and spiritual transgression. The student will become familiar with theories of psychology related to the DSM, related health issues and the Biblical theology of harmartiology. General concerns include the relationship of illness and mental health to righteous behavior and the use of holistic models of the person in addressing repentance, restitution and reconciliation of relationships with self, others, and God.

CBS 575 Readings in Christian Behavioral Sciences (3)
A reading course in which the student will develop an extended annotated reading list in Christian Behavioral Science texts. This course may be repeated with a change in topic for a maximum of fifteen units.

CBS580 Thesis Proposal (2)
A guided development of a thesis proposal including the submission and approval of the proposal by the Thesis Committee. *This course may be repeated twice for credit.*

CBS585 Thesis Research (2)
Independent research toward the completion of the approved thesis. *This course may be repeated twice for credit.*

CBS590 Thesis Writing and Presentation (2)
Final writing and oral presentation of the approved thesis. *This course may be repeated twice for credit.*