

Catalog



BIBLICAL COUNSELING TRAINING INSTITUTE

A Ministry of Redeemer Presbyterian Church (ARP)

R E D E E M E R

BIBLICAL COUNSELING TRAINING INSTITUTE

A Ministry of Redeemer Presbyterian Church (ARP)

Two-Year Certificate Program

One-Year Certificate Program
(for pastors only)

3890 Moore-Duncan Highway, Moore, SC 29369
rbcti@redeemerarp.org www.redeemerarp.org
864-574-1661

rev. June 2008

General Information

The Institute is pleased to offer counseling courses at the minimal cost of \$150 per quarter for each student, or \$250 for each married couple. Tuition fees are subject to change. The courses will be offered *gratis* to members of Redeemer Church. This cost goes strictly toward covering expenses.

Courses will be offered as scheduled below. Students will be admitted pending an individual interview.

Students are expected to attend all the classes. We understand that emergencies may arise that prevent attendance on occasion, but apart from illness or an extreme situation, we ask for consistent attendance. To receive our certificate, students may not be absent more than twice in any quarter, and not more than three times total in a year.

The faculty consists of Bill Slattery, M.Div., Jay Adams, S.T.M., Ph.D., Donn R. Arms, M.A.B.S., James T. Halla, M.D., and other qualified counselors, physicians and teachers in the field of biblical counseling. Some lecture courses may be taught by means of DVD.

The Institute is governed by a board appointed by the session of Redeemer Presbyterian Church. Rev. Bill Slattery serves as the dean of the Institute.

The Institute is a certified training center of the National Association of Nouthetic Counselors, authorized to prepare counselors for NANC certification.

First Year

Fall Quarter

Orientation (1 hour)	Slattery
Biblical Principles and Practices (20 hours)	Adams
Counseling Observation (5 hours)	Staff
The Counselor Himself (4 hours)	Arms

Winter Quarter

Theology and Counseling 1 (10 hours)	Slattery
Counseling Problems (10 hours)	Arms
Counseling Observation (5 hours)	Staff
Forgiveness (5 hours)	Adams

Spring Quarter

Theology and Counseling 2 (5 hours)	Slattery
Marriage and Family Counseling (15 hours)	Arms
Counseling Role Play (10 hours)	Adams

Second Year

Fall Quarter

Critical Stages of Biblical Counseling (10 hours)	Adams
Premarital Counseling (5 hours)	Slattery
Life-Dominating Problems (5 hours)	Arms
Financial Counseling (3 hours)	Dodds
Special Issues in Counseling 1 (topic varies – 2 hours)	Staff
Special Issues in Counseling 2 (topic varies – 5 hours)	Staff

Some courses may be taught by DVD.

Winter Quarter

Use of Scriptures in Counseling (5 hours)	Slattery
Medical Issues in Counseling (10 hours)	Halla
Counseling Theories & Issues Abroad in the Church (10 hours)	Arms
Church Discipline (5 hours)	Staff

Spring Quarter

Divorce and Remarriage Counseling (5 hours)	Adams
Preparing for NANC Certification (5 hours)	Halla
Use of the Scriptures in Counseling (10 hours)	Slattery
How to Lecture on Counseling (5 hours)	Adams
Issues of the Heart (5 hours)	Staff

One Year Program

Pastors Track

Fall Quarter

Biblical Principles and Practices (20 hours)	Adams
Counseling Observation (10 hours)	Staff

Winter Quarter

Counseling Problems (10 hours)	Arms
Medical Issues in Counseling (10 hours)	Halla
Forgiveness (5 hours)	Adams
Church Discipline (5 hours)	Adams

Spring Quarter

Counseling Role Play (10 hours)	Adams
Marriage and Family Counseling	Arms
Divorce and Remarriage Counseling	Adams

Some courses may be taught by DVD.

Course Descriptions

(Quarters are ten weeks long¹)

Principles and Practices of Biblical Counseling

This course lays out most of the basic ways and means that are employed in biblical counseling. Readings in *Competent to Counsel* and *The Christian Counselor's Manual*. Open to all applicants.

The Counselor Himself

The teacher will examine the biblical qualifications for counseling, stressing those elements that are essential and how to acquire them. Textbooks: *Teaching to Observe* and *Committed to Craftsmanship*. Open to all applicants.

Counseling Observation

Most observation will be of videotaped counseling sessions. Students will sit in on actual counseling cases as available and arranged by permission. Corequisite: *Principles and Practices of Biblical Counseling*.

Theology and Counseling 1 & 2

Many doctrines of systematic theology are considered in relation to biblical counseling. Readings in *The Theology of Counseling*. Open to all applicants.

Counseling Problems

Specific counseling problems will be covered in this class. Subjects will include grief, anger, fear, loneliness, slothfulness, worry, and decision making. Selected readings, discussion. Open to all applicants.

Forgiveness and Counseling

Biblical principles of forgiveness. Textbook: *From Forgiven to Forgiving*. Open to all applicants.

¹ Five hour courses are a half quarter long

Marriage and Family Counseling

Course deals with husband/wife roles, communication, priorities, common marital problems, and biblical principles of sex. Readings from various texts required. Open to all applicants.

Counseling Role Play

Students will participate in role plays. Textbooks: *The Christian Counselor's Casebook*; *The Case of the "Hopeless" Marriage*. Prerequisite: *Biblical Principles and Practices*.

Critical Stages of Biblical Counseling

Students will explore the *first* session, the *break-through* session and the *termination* session. Discussion and readings. Textbook: *Critical Stages of Biblical Counseling*. Open to students who have completed all first year courses.

Premarital Counseling

Practical measures to counsel couples contemplating marriage. Selected readings, reports, discussion. Open to all applicants.

Life-Dominating Problems

This course covers alcoholism, addictions, eating disorders, homosexuality, and pornography. Open to students who have completed the first year.

Medical Issues in Counseling

An introduction to the relationship between counseling and medicine. Selected readings. Textbooks: *Pain* and *The Christian Counselor's Medical Desk Reference*. Open to students who have completed the first quarter.

Counseling Theories and Issues Abroad in the Church

Evaluates various counseling theories and methods. Selected readings and reports. Open to students who have completed all first year courses.

The Use of the Scriptures in Counseling

Students will receive instruction in the fundamentals of hermeneutics and exegesis as these relate to biblical counseling. Selected readings. Open to all applicants.

Financial Counseling

This course covers biblical principles and practical measures to help counselees with issues of financial management and budgeting. Open to all applicants.

Church Discipline and Counseling

Covers the biblical purpose and process of church discipline. Textbook: *Handbook of Church Discipline*. Open to students who have completed all first year courses.

Divorce and Remarriage

A study of the relevant Scripture passages dealing with the issue of divorce and remarriage, with the goal of leading the student to a biblical view of the issue and the application of that view to counseling situations. Textbook: *Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage*. Open to students who have completed all first year courses.

Issues of the Heart

This course will seek to define the biblical concept of the heart and apply it to counseling. Disagreements within the biblical counseling movement concerning this concept will be addressed. Open to all students.

Preparing for NANC Certification

This course explains the certification process, instructs students how to write the exams, and helps the students to begin taking them. Open to students who have completed the first five quarters.

How to Lecture on Counseling

The students will prepare a lecture course on counseling. Open to students who have completed the first five quarters.

Special Issues in Counseling

Special issue courses are offered periodically. These include the following courses, but others may be offered as well.

Special Issues in Counseling: Legal Issues

This course familiarizes biblical counselors with basic legal topics, such as licensing, liabilities, family court, and when a counselee should seek legal help. Open to all applicants.

Special Issues in Counseling: Family Counseling

This course covers the biblical view of parenting and addresses such counseling problems as blended families, broken homes, teenage pregnancy, and incorrigible teenagers. Open to all applicants.

The Institute is a ministry of
Redeemer Presbyterian Church
ARP Synod

Our Mission:
To help people become followers of
Christ who honor God in all of life