

COUNSELING

OBJECTIVES FOR COUNSELING MAJORS

The Counseling degree is designed to prepare the student for graduate counseling studies and equip them to assume counseling roles in the church and society with a sound biblically based orientation. Students learn basic theories and techniques of counseling in order to function effectively in a counseling ministry and community setting.

Knowledge - Students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate competency in the general education core of the curriculum.
2. Demonstrate competency in the knowledge of Scripture and general theological terms and concepts.
3. Describe the significant personalities, events, and developments of Pentecostal history and explain the distinctive of Pentecostal doctrine.
4. Describe the significant personalities, events, and developments in church history and discuss their significance for the contemporary church.
5. Write a philosophy of ministry in keeping with a biblical view of the Church and its mission.
6. Take an exam for credentials for ministry related to their chosen field of service that results in a passing score.

Attitudes - Students should be able to:

1. Subscribe to a high view of the authority and inspiration of Scripture.
2. Acknowledge the Lordship of Christ over their personal lives and ministries and the fellowship of the Church.
3. Relate a personal commitment to the Church, its varied ministries and its mission within contemporary culture.
4. Accept the challenges and opportunities of ministry within their chosen major after leaving college.
5. Report a refined and deepened sense of calling in keeping with a defined awareness of giftedness.
6. Report a deepened appreciation for the demands of ministry and leadership in the Church.

Pre-professional skills - Students should be able to:

1. Integrate the knowledge and principles of counseling into a biblical worldview.
2. Articulate a proper relationship between psychology and Christian faith.
3. Demonstrate academic competence in preparation for advanced study related to this field.
4. Successfully apply knowledge and techniques of counseling in supervised field experiences.