

THE CHRISTIAN COUNSELOR TRAINING PROGRAM AND CERTIFICATION OFFERED FROM DELTA MINISTRY CENTER

We are pleased to announce training for individuals interested in Counseling as a ministry (or for personal career). This is a 15-class program, and upon completion, the student may make application to Delta Ministry Center for certification as a Certified Christian Counselor. The classes listed below or the equivalents are required for completion and certification:

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

This course examines the need, methods, uniqueness, goals, and practical aspects of Christian counseling, setting the theme for the rest of the program.

THE ART OF COMMUNICATION

A study into the communication crises experienced today in the home, on the job, and in relationships, with a focus on how to communicate effectively.

PRAYER AND COMMUNION

With the goal of bringing hurting people back into a relationship with God, this course emphasizes building communication with god through the vehicle of prayer.

EFFECTIVE BIBLICAL COUNSELING

This course emphasizes the tools and methods used in Biblical counseling and the benefits this type of counseling has over secular counseling.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ADDICTION

Drug abuse is impacting every institution, including the church. This topic examines this issue and offers solutions to this menacing problem.

THE MARRIAGE FACTOR

This topic is directed toward teaching the skills that make a marriage the wonderful, God-blessed institution it was designed to be and give people a desire to seek after it.

CHRISTIAN IMAGE

This topic helps people to understand the value of God-centered self-esteem in a healthy, Christian way, and how to differentiate between it and pride.

FINANCES AND YOUR LIFE

In many lives today there is a great need for sound financial planning. This course gives the counselor skills that can be shared with clients suffering from this type of problem.

EMOTIONS AND YOUR BEHAVIOR

Emotions play a very strong role in the way people act, think, and relate to others. This topic studies emotions as a basic ingredient in individual personality.

ASPECTS OF PERSONALITY

This topic covers the role of personality and how it affects the way one responds. It teaches how to identify negative personalities and direct them in a more positive direction.

COUNSELING TECHNIQUES

This topic has the dual purpose of showing a counselor how to conduct the first session, and introduces counselors to the various schools of counseling.

THE COUNSELOR AND THE LAW

There are legal implications to all endeavors, and counseling is no exception. This topic covers those aspects of the law, which relate directly to the counseling profession.

DEVELOPMENTAL PSYCHOLOGY

This topic covers human development from conception until age 24 when the brain has developed structures relating to bonding, boundaries of behavior, right and wrong, etc.

CRISIS COUNSELING

This class deals with the areas of crisis, as it becomes an issue in the individual and family structure. Topics will include crisis intervention and critical incident stress as well as other specifics related to individual crisis.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

This topic covers record keeping, confidentiality, and the conduct of the counselor in general as a working member of a counseling center.

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

At the time that a student completes the fifteen–course Christian Counselor Training Program, they will receive a Certificate of Completion. This document will state that the student has completed fifteen courses in counseling and psychology, has fulfilled the requirements for completion and is eligible to apply for Counselor Certification.

Upon receipt of the Certification of Completion, the student may then make application to Delta Ministry Center for their certification process. The following items will accompany the application:

1. Application fee of \$ 100.00
2. A copy of the student's Certification of Completion.
3. Signed mediation/arbitration documents.
4. Insurance documentation on file.
5. All educational fees paid in full.

When this process is completed, the student may be asked to complete a Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI) and a Draw A Person Inventory (DAP) and meet with a Delta Ministry Center representative for inventory results.

The Delta Ministry Center Board of Examiners will review the application and evaluation results. Written and Oral examinations will be given by the Examining Board when it meets quarterly. Delta Ministry Center reserves the right to refuse certification to any student who does not meet the standards of a Christian Counselor according to the Delta Ministry Center's evaluative criteria. The applicant must provide at least three recommendations: One pastoral and at least two personal.

Three levels of certification are offered through Delta Ministry Center: Certified Christian Counselor Intern, Certified Christian Counselor, and Certified Pastoral Counselor. The Intern level is specifically designed for those individuals deemed by the DMC Board of Directors to need one year of supervision in their counseling ministry. The Certified level is designed for those individuals who have had at least one year of counseling ministry experience or the equivalent. The Pastoral Certification is reserved for those individuals who presently hold minister's credentials from a denomination or organization, which is recognized by DMC.

ANNUAL CERTIFICATION RENEWAL

Application for renewal must be accompanied by a certification renewal fee of \$100.00. Counselors may be individually evaluated at any time by a supervisor representing Delta Ministry Center. Individuals Certified as an Intern, will be evaluated quarterly by one authorized to do so by Delta Ministry Center.

All counselor certifications will be reviewed annually and if all qualifications have been met, certificates may be renewed for a twelve-month period. Delta Ministry Center, reserves the right to refuse to renew or issue provisional certificates when deemed necessary by the Delta Ministry Center Board of Directors.

Each counselor must hold the proper insurance coverage. Proof of such coverage must be on file with Delta Ministry Center. Each counselor is expected to keep good and proper records and documentation of all client visits. These records must be kept in a safe and confidential place. These records may be examined by a Delta Ministry Center counseling supervisor at any time.

Counselors are required to earn twelve continued education credits annually, which can usually be met by attending training meetings, seminars, workshops, conferences of the counselor's choice. Refusal to earn these credits will result in disciplinary action by the board. It is the counselor's responsibility to find ways to fulfill the twelve credits of continued education.

Should a counselor wish to appeal a decision made by Delta Ministry Center pertaining to a void or refusal to renew their certificate, the counselor must submit a written appeal within thirty (30) days of the decision. Within a reasonable period of time, a hearing will be scheduled by a representative of Delta Ministry Center. All decisions will be determined by Delta Ministry Center's Board of Directors will be final.

LEVELS OF CERTIFICATION

CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN COUNSELOR INTERN

One who successfully completes the Christian Counselor Training Program, or the equivalent, as well as the evaluations and examinations given by the Board of Examiners. This level requires up to one year of supervision within the counseling ministry.

CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN COUNSELOR

One who successfully completes the Christian Counselor Training Program, or the equivalent, as well as the evaluations and examinations given by the Board of Examiners.

CERTIFIED PASTORAL COUNSELOR

One who possesses, in good standing, a ministry credential for a church, denomination or organization recognized by Delta Ministry Center, Inc. will be granted this level of certification.