

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING (COUN)

COUN 550 MTS Research in Christian Counseling 3

COUN 620 Theory and Practice of Christian Marriage Counseling 3

Studies in pastoral care shows that pastors are usually the first professionals congregation members turn to when they experience difficulties. Research also shows that marriage and family issues rank as one of the top two categories that pastors are asked to respond to. This course will equip pastors and counselors with concepts and skills to minister effectively to couples experiencing marital difficulties, integrating both biblical principles and family systems theory. Students will learn to assess the immediate situation and possible generational issues in formulating their response, as well as recognizing when to refer. Students will also be challenged to deepen their ability to be self-reflective and how to use this as they counsel couples.

Prerequisites: PRMN 510

Course may be offered for audit

COUN 625 Ministry Among Immigrant Populations 3

Immigrant populations have increased in number and presence in the United States. They have been part of the history of this country since its origins. Theological reflection and the practice of a Christian ministry need to respond to these changes in US society. This course will reflect on the experience of immigrants in the US and the factors that characterize the experiences of immigrant groups in this country. A special emphasis will be given to theological and biblical reflections that will prepare seminarians for a ministry that considers the presence and contributions of immigrant groups and families in our communities.

Prerequisites: BIBL 501, BIBL 503, and PRMN 510

Course may be offered for audit

COUN 650 Independent Study in Christian Counseling 3-6

Independent reading set up by consultation between professor and advanced student. Specific objectives leading to deeper insights into counseling theory and practice are pursued in regular conference.

Enrollment by permission of professor.

Prerequisites: PRMN 510