

Family Life & Counseling Ministries

Bachelor of Arts

Purpose

The purpose of the Family Life and Counseling Bachelor of Arts is to equip students to effectively organize and administrate a children's, family, or pastoral counseling ministry in a local church. In this program, students learn sound Biblical principles of ministry organization and leadership—along with basic Christian counseling skills—in an effort to train up a generation of workers prepared to effectively minister to today's ever-changing family.

To allow for the vocational objectives of students, this major offers three areas of specialization:

- **Family Life Ministry Specialization**
- **Children's Ministry Specialization**
- **Counseling Specialization**

Core Curriculum 41 hours

Communication/ Humanities Division		13 hours
ENG100	English Basics: Grammar and Writing	3
ENG101	English Composition	3
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ENG101	English Composition	3
ENG102	Introduction to Literature	3
ENG401	Preparing for the Workplace	1
GRK201	Elementary Greek 1	3
GRK202	Elementary Greek 2	3

History and Worldview Division		14 hours
HIS201	Church History	3
HIS301	History of the Restoration Movement	3
HIS___	History Elective	3
PHI301	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHI401	Capstone: Global Issues & Worldview	2

Personal Development Division		4 hours
GEE101	Introduction to Christian Life	2
GEE102	Basic Financial Management	2

Science and Social Science Division		10 hours
PSY101	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY201	Human Development	3
SCI___	Science with Lab	4

Objectives

Upon completion of the Family Life & Counseling Ministries Major, the student should be able to:

1. Express a commitment to the biblical plan for marriage and the family.
2. Have knowledge of factors that enable families to be functional.
3. Understand principles for effective parenting.
4. Demonstrate the ability to respond biblically to current social, religious, and political ideologies and their impact on marriage and the family.
5. Demonstrate the ability to organize and supervise a family life ministry in a local church.
6. Provide Christian counseling for families experiencing maladjustment.

Biblical & Theological Studies 38 hours

BGN101	Bible Tools and Interpretation 1	2
BGN102	Bible Tools and Interpretation 2	2
BNT101	Bible Survey: New Testament	3
BOT101	Bible Survey: Old Testament	3
BNT201	Gospels 1	3
BNT202	Gospels 2	3
BNT210	Acts of the Apostles	3
BTH201	Christian Apologetics	2
BTH301	Biblical Theology	3
BTH401	Capstone: Integrative Theology	2
	BOT Elective 1 & BOT Elective 2	6
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Ministry Studies 12 hours

MIN110	Personal Evangelism	2
WMN101	Introduction to World Missions	2
WOR101	Introduction to Worship	2
FLC201	Introduction to Counseling	3
PCH201	Biblical Communication	3

Free Electives 3 hours

Family Life & Counseling Ministries Requirements

36 hours

Required of all students in the major		18 hours
FLC270	Beginning Internship: Family Life & Counseling	2
SSC275	Cross-Cultural Communications	3
FLC303	Family Dynamics	3
FLC311	Marriage & Family Counseling	3
FLC370	Advanced Internship 1: Family Life & Counseling	2
FLC371	Advanced Internship 2: Family Life & Counseling	2
	Ministry or Biblical Elective	3

Children's Ministry Specialization		18 hours
YMN201	Introduction to Youth Work: Theories and Foundations	3
FLC210	Children's Ministry	3
MIN250	Discipleship Ministry	3
MIN350	Biblical Leadership in Ministry	3
MIN401	Capstone: Church Administration	2
	Family Life/Counseling Special Topics	4

Counseling Specialization		18 hours
PSY301	Clinical Practices	3
PSY320	Abnormal Psychology	3
FLC401	Capstone: Counseling Ministry	2
	Family Life/Counseling Special Topics	10

Family Life Ministry Specialization		18 hours
FLC210	Children's Ministry	3
FLC220	Older Adult Ministry	2
YMN201	Introduction to Youth Work: Theories and Foundations	3
MIN250	Discipleship Ministry	3
MIN350	Biblical Leadership in Ministry	3
MIN401	Capstone: Church Administration	2
	Family Life/Counseling Special Topics	2

Possible Special Topic Courses

PSY220	Child Psychology	2
FLC320	Advanced Family Finance	2
FLC321	Counseling Adolescents	2
FLC323	Multicultural Counseling	2
FLC420	Crisis Counseling	2
FLC421	Grief/Loss/Bereavement Counseling	2
FLC422	Group Counseling	2
FLC423	Eating Disorders Counseling	2
FLC424	Drug and Alcohol Counseling	2

TOTAL CREDITS

130 hours