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**familylife & counseling**

The purpose of the Family Life and Counseling Ministries Major is to equip students to become effective family life ministers in the local church as well as effective participants in various types of helping ministries. In this program, students will address needs, options, and methods for ministering to families.



## **Bachelor of Arts in Family Life and Counseling** Objectives

**Upon successful completion of the Bachelor of Arts in Family Life and Counseling, the student should be able to:**

1. Express a **commitment to the Biblical plan** for marriage and the family.
2. Be knowledgeable regarding **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** who are experiencing maladjustment.



additional information

## The Three Tracks

**Children's Ministry:** For students called to organize and administrate a children's ministry in the local church.

**Family Ministry:** For students called to organize and administrate various child/youth/young adult and family ministries in the local church

**Counseling:** For students called to help the hurting through pastoral counseling and/or prepare for clinical training



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<b>Biblical Studies</b>	<b>38 hrs.</b>	History of the Restoration Movement	3	<b>Children's Ministry Track</b>	<b>18hrs.</b>
Bible Survey: OT	3	Introduction to Philosophy	3	Biblical Leadership for Ministry	3
Bible Survey: NT	3	Global Issues & Worldview	2	Youth Work 1: Theories & Foundations	3
Bible Tools and Interpretation 1	2	Lab Science Course	4	Children's Ministry	3
Bible Tools and Interpretation 2	2	Introduction to Psychology	3	Discipleship Ministry	3
Gospels 1	3	Human Development	3	Family Life & Counseling Special Topics	3
Gospels 2	3			Church Administration	3
Acts of the Apostles	3				
Christian Apologetics	2	<b>Ministry Studies</b>	<b>12 hrs.</b>	<b>Family Life Track</b>	<b>18 hrs.</b>
Biblical Theology	3	Personal Evangelism	2	Biblical Leadership for Ministry	3
Bible Elective Old Testament 1	3	Introduction to Counseling	3	Youth Work 1: Theories & Foundations	3
Bible Elective Old Testament 2	3	Biblical Communication	3	Children's Ministry	3
Bible Elective New Testament 1	3	Introduction to World Missions	2	Older Adult Ministry	3
Bible Elective New Testament 2	3	Introduction to Worship	2	Family Life & Counseling Special Topics	3
Integrative Theology	2			Church Administration	3
<b>General Studies</b>	<b>41 hrs.</b>	<b>Family Life &amp; Counseling Core</b>	<b>18 hrs.</b>	<b>Counseling Track</b>	<b>18 hrs.</b>
English Composition	3	Cross-Cultural Communications	3	Clinical Practices	3
Introduction to Literature	3	Family Dynamics	3	Abnormal Psychology	3
Preparing for the Workplace	1	Marriage & Family Counseling	3	Family Life & Counseling Special Topics	9
Elementary Greek 1	3	Beginning Internship	2	Counseling Ministry	3
Elementary Greek 2	3	Advanced Internship 1	2		
Introduction to the Christian Life	2	Advanced Internship 2	2	<b>Open Electives</b>	<b>3 hrs.</b>
Basic Financial Management	2	Ministry or Bible Elective	3		
History Elective	3			<b>Total</b>	<b>130 hrs.</b>
Church History	3				