

Biblical Counselling Programme

Frequently Asked Questions

Refer also to the FAQ section on our website.

1. What does the GTC biblical counselling programme offer?

GTC offers a Certificate in Biblical Counselling and an Advanced Certificate in Biblical Counselling. See the GTC [website](#) for the details of these two programmes.

2. How do the two certificates differ?

The Advanced Certificate offers more elective courses, plus a requirement for 50 hours of supervised counselling.

3. Can the courses be completed online?

Yes, both certificates can be completed online with GTC.

4. Can I study part-time?

Yes, either certificate can be completed by full-time or part-time study.

5. How do I enrol?

Enrolment forms are available on the College website: www.gtrc.ac.nz

6. Do I need to have completed prior study before enrolling?

No, but our counselling courses are taught at a tertiary level of achievement, leading to further pathways of study.

7. What are these pathways?

The Advanced Certificate in Biblical Counselling may lead into a Master of Arts in Biblical Counselling with [Birmingham Theological Seminary](#) in the USA. Students interested in this pathway are advised to contact BTS as soon as possible to find out which GTC classes can be transferred.

8. Can I get credit for previous study?

Our Academic Committee reviews all requests for either cross-credits or recognition of prior learning on a case-by-case basis. You will need to provide verifiable evidence of previous study.

9. Will the GTC Certificates in Biblical Counselling enable me to practise as a counsellor within a church community?

Yes, the training will equip you with the knowledge, skills and experience to practise as a biblical counsellor in your church environment.

10. Will the GTC counselling certificates enable me to practise as a professional counsellor?

Yes, this training will enable you to join the New Zealand Biblical Counsellors Association (NZBCA), which will oversee your professional practice.

11. What about certification?

There is no requirement in New Zealand for counsellors to be certified in order to practise. However, they need to be adequately trained, be supervised in their practice, and hold membership in a professional body such as the NZBCA.

12. Are the GTC counselling courses NZQA recognised?

No they are not.

13. Can I get a student allowance or loan to study at GTC?

No, because we do not have NZQA recognition. Also, there may be scholarships available from trusts and churches to help cover study costs.

14. Who do I contact for further enquiries?

If you have general questions about GTC please call the office on 09 268 1469.

If you have further questions about the counselling courses contact Dr Peter D. Reynolds on pdr70@hotmail.co.nz.