



ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN BIBLICAL COUNSELLING

(AdvCertBibCouns)

40 Credit-Hours. Two-years full time equivalent.

Approved for: 2025

Purpose: To train ministry leaders and volunteers to be effective and competent in the pastoral caring for troubled believers.

Description: This two-year certificate (full-time) advances the student to an intermediate level understanding of biblical and theological concepts for developing skill and discernment in understanding heart issues. Practical internships provide competence in practice. *A student may commence their supervised counselling internship after successfully completing 20-credit hours of study.* Students wishing to cross-credit to the BTS MABC (see below) should complete both internship papers (BC7301 and BC7302).

Course: Where possible we will deliver the classes listed. If this is not possible, we will arrange for the student to undertake study of an equivalent. Not all classes are available in any given year.

Enrolment Requirements: Students must be able to read, research, and write at a university level. A competency test may be required.

Length of study: Two-years full-time, six-years part-time (with approval from the principal).

NB: If the certificate criteria is changed during your studies, the original certificate criteria will apply, unless you do not study for 2 or more semesters in a row. In the instance of an extended break, the new certificate criteria will apply. This may require extra papers to "make up" the differences in core

CODE	CLASS DESCRIPTION	CREDITS
BT605	Introduction to Biblical Theology	2
ST302	Doctrine of Revelation and God	2
ST303	Doctrine of Humanity and Christ	2
BC7501	Introduction to Biblical Counselling	2
BC7630	Marriage and Family Counselling	2
PT501	Spiritual Development & Discipleship	2
HT451	Christianity in Aotearoa	2
BC7105	Counselling and the Christian Mind	2
BC7301	Counselling Internship 1 (50 hours supervised)	2
	CREDITS SUBTOTAL	18
Electives: <i>The student will enrol in eleven (11) additional classes being offered. If available, we recommend that students take the listed classes below plus an additional 2 of their choice. However, these may not be offered every semester, so students may need to opt for other classes that are being taught. If in doubt, please talk to the counselling dean or college principal. Please refer to the college website for courses currently on offer.</i>		
ELECTIVES:		
BC7302	Counselling Internship 2 (50 hours supervised)	2
BC7204	Cross-Cultural Counselling	2
BC7617	Counselling Ethics	2
BC7502	Counselling in the Local Church	2
BC7104	Counselling and Life Transitions	2
BC7201/PT5621 (BTS)	Counselling and Conciliation	2
BC7607	Counselling Children and Adolescents	2
BC7203	Counselling for Sexual Abuse	2
	Plus, any additional 3 classes	6
	CREDITS SUBTOTAL	22 Credit-hours
	TOTAL CREDITS	40

Future Study Pathways: Students with an existing recognised degree may seek permission to cross-credit papers to a Master of Arts in Biblical Counselling (MABC) from Birmingham Theological Seminary.