MA Christian Formation: Formation and Soul Care Ministries Specialization

The Formation and Soul Care Ministries specialization will teach you to conduct counseling consultations, interpret professional standards of counseling ethics, and state a personal philosophy of counseling that will help create a framework for holistic pastoral care.

COU-500 Counseling Philosophy 3 credits

The course aids the student in developing an integrated and comprehensive philosophy of counseling informed by a Christian Worldview. Personal beliefs that impact the delivery of counseling services are identified and critiqued. Discussions will include the roles of the counselor and client.

COU-510 Consulting 3 credits

An introduction to theories and skills of working with clients during counseling sessions. Opportunities are provided for the development of helping skills through case studies and supervised practice. Emphasis is on students learning consultation skills to manage counseling session dynamics.

COU-521 Marriage and Family Counseling 3 credits

The course is focused on issues currently impacting marriage and family, including divorce and single parent situations. Consideration will be given to the subject matter from a theological, sociological, and psychological perspective. Students will perform basic research in this important area, and they will participate in learning activities that foster skill development and strategy formation.