



LEAVELL COLLEGE

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

PCCM 2370-35: Introduction to Counseling

Spring 2018

Term: 183

Dates: 3/19, 4/2, 4/16, 4/30

Monday 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm

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The mission of Leavell College of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

Core Value Focus

The seminary has five core values.

- 1. Doctrinal Integrity:** Knowing that the Bible is the Word of God, we believe it, teach it, proclaim it, and submit to it. This course addresses Doctrinal Integrity specifically by preparing students to grow in understanding and interpreting of the Bible.
- 2. Spiritual Vitality:** We are a worshiping community emphasizing both personal spirituality and gathering together as a Seminary family for the praise and adoration of God and instruction in His Word. Spiritual Vitality is addressed by reminding students that a dynamic relationship with God is vital for effective ministry.
- 3. Mission Focus:** We are not here merely to get an education or to give one. We are here to change the world by fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries. This course addresses Mission Focus by helping students understand the biblical foundations for fulfilling the Great Commission and the Great Commandments.
- 4. Characteristic Excellence:** What we do, we do to the utmost of our abilities and resources as a testimony to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Characteristic Excellence is addressed by preparing students to excel in their ability to interpret Scripture, which is foundational to effective ministry.
- 5. Servant Leadership:** We follow the model of Jesus and exert leadership and influence through the nurture and encouragement of those around us. Servant Leadership is modeled by classroom deportment.

The core value focus for this academic year is **Servant Leadership**.

Course Description

Introduction to Counseling presents an overview of the counseling profession by offering relevant content, vignettes, and think pieces for students to ponder. The course also offers specific content in the specialty areas of Community Agency Counseling, School Counseling, and Student Affairs Practice (counseling in higher education settings). The course will introduce the student to certification or licensing exams along with core areas that assures compliance with a high standard in the profession and offers the student a broad knowledge base.

Student Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of the semester, the student will:

1. Students will become familiar with a variety of theories of counseling and various techniques that have emerged from these approaches.
 2. Students will be introduced to ethical and professional issues related to helping professions.
 3. Students will become equipped with basic knowledge and skills necessary to effectively minister to hurting people through a counseling relationship.
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Course Texts

The following textbooks are required:

Collins, Gary. *Christian Counseling: A Comprehensive Guide*. Dallas, TX: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 2006.

The following textbook is optional:

Clinton, Tim and Hawkins, Ron. (2009). *Biblical Counseling: Quick Reference Guide*. Nashville, TN: Baker Books, 2009.

Course Requirements and Grading

1) Exams (40%)

A mid term (20%) and final (20%) will be given. See class and reading schedule for dates. Exams will cover material from the texts, class notes, and class projects.

(2) Family History/Genogram (10%)

Students will construct a genogram of their family. Information on how to construct a genogram will be given in class. Students will also write a five-page paper about their

family of origin. The paper should be typed, double-spaced, and should include, but not limited to the following:

- (a) Birth Order
- (b) History of family of origin
- (c) Description of family type
- (d) Significant events related to the family

(3) **Counseling Enrichment Sessions (20%)**

Students will develop two detailed counseling sessions, which will include the following:

- (a) Topic and goal of each session and an introductory paragraph.
- (b) Outline of the session:
 - 1) specific facts/information
 - 2) questions you would ask
 - 3) three scripture verses you would use in the session
- (c) Homework assignments
- (d) Two recommended resources per session

(4) **Book Review (20%)**

Each student will be responsible for selecting one additional book to read, review and report. Students must choose a book that relates to issues dealing with counseling. Grades will be based on a four-page review submitted by the student and presented to fellow classmates. The book review must be typed and double-spaced, and should include the following:

- (a) Title and author
- (b) Summary of book
- (c) Key ideas or principles taught in the book
- (d) Strengths and weaknesses of book
- (e) Reasons you would recommend or not recommend book

(5) **Web Interaction (10%)**

Each student will be responsible to participate in class discussions that will occur on the web. These discussions will occur between each of our four regularly schedule classes.

NOBTS Grading Scale

A	93-100	D	70-76
B	85-92	F	69 or below
C	77-84		

Course Outline

Have the following chapters read before each class:

- March 19 **In Class 6-10pm**
Introduction & Overview of Course Christian Counseling:
A Comprehensive Guide – Chapter 1-9
- March 26 Christian Counseling: A Comprehensive Guide – Chapter 10-15
- March 27 Web Discussion Due
- March 30 Web Discussion Replies Due
- March 31 Counseling Session#1 Due
- April 2 **In Class 6-10pm**
Christian Counseling: A Comprehensive Guide – Chapter 16-20
- April 8 Book Review Due
- April 9 Christian Counseling: A Comprehensive Guide –Chapter 21-26
Mid Term Exam Chapters 1-26 Christian Counseling:
A Comprehensive Guide
- April 16 **In Class 6-10pm**
Christian Counseling: A Comprehensive Guide –27-32
- April 22 Counseling Session #2 Due
- April 23 Christian Counseling: A Comprehensive Guide –33-36
- April 24 Web Discussion Due
- April 27 Web Discussion Replies Due
- April 30 **In Class 6-10pm**
Christian Counseling: A Comprehensive Guide –37-38; 41-42
- May 7 Family History/Genogram Due
- May 10 Final Exam Chapter 27-42 Christian Counseling:
A Comprehensive Guide

Additional Course Information

Blackboard sites
Special instructions
Plagiarism
Computer/Phone usage policy

If you have any questions about Blackboard, SelfServe, or ITC services, please access the ITC page on our website: www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

Student Services

This is a partial list of NOBTS student services available to all students, no matter your delivery system or location. If you have questions or do not see what you need here, please refer to www.nobts.edu/student-services, email us at studentservices@nobts.edu, or call the Dean of Students office at 800.662.8701, ext. 3283. We are glad to assist you!

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Gatekeeper NOBTS news	pr@nobts.edu	504.816.8003	nobtsgatekeeper.wordpress.com
Information Technology Center	itcsupport@nobts.edu	504.816.8180	selfserve.nobts.edu
Help with Blackboard	blackboardhelpdesk@nobts.edu	504.816.8180	nobts.blackboard.com
Library	library@nobts.edu	504.816.8018	www.nobts.edu/Library
Online library resources	library@nobts.edu	504.816.8018	http://www.nobts.edu/research-links/default.html
Writing and Turabian style help	library@nobts.edu	504.816.8018	http://www.nobts.edu/writing/default.html
Guest Housing (Providence Guest House)	ph@nobts.edu	504.282.4455 x4455	www.provhouse.com
Student Counseling	lmccc@nobts.edu	504.816.8004	www.nobts.edu/student-services/counseling-services.html
Women's Programs	womensacademic@nobts.edu	504.282.4455 x3334	www.nobts.edu/women

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- LALINC for Louisiana students
- Florida Virtual Library (<http://www.flelibrary.org/>) for Florida students
- Interact with us online at –



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