

Master of Arts in Christian Counseling

Dr. Everett Worthington (1999) defined Christian Counseling in his book, "**Popular Encyclopedia of Christian Counseling.**"

"Christian counseling is an explicit or implicit agreement for the provision of help for a client, in which the counselor has at heart the client's psychological welfare, but also the client's Christian spiritual welfare and tries to promote those goals through counseling methods, and the client can trust the counselor not to harm and to try to help the client psychologically and spiritually."

The Christian Counseling program of Vision International University is an integrative educational program, preparing men and women to be effective, professional care givers for their church and community.

Ready to Enroll in a VIU Program?

Vision International University admits students of any race, color, sex, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national or ethnic origin in the administration of any of its policies or programs. Students must possess the following educational background:

Admission Requirements: Master Programs

Students must:

- Possess a bachelor's degree (or its foreign equivalent) from an accredited college or university.
- Provide transcripts of all high school and/or undergraduate work with a grade point average of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) or equivalent from an accredited college or university.
- Provide transcripts of any graduate courses, showing a grade of B or higher (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) or its equivalent from an accredited institution. (See "Transfer of Credits.")
- Submit an Application for Admission.
- Provide a professional resume.

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Distance Learning Degree Programs

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Course of Study

Purpose

The Master degrees provide for an extensive, advanced education in a specialized area of Christian ministry. Each is a 36 credit-hour program which integrates theological education and professional courses. The program is especially suited for students desiring to continue on toward doctoral preparation.

All of the University's Master programs are viewed as complete programs. However, transfer of credit may be allowed (up to 6 credits) if course offerings are substantially equivalent to the program of Vision, are from an accredited institution, and received a grade of 2.5 or better on a scale of 4.0. There are no modifications of the basic program listed here without specific permission of the University.

Goals

- To provide advanced knowledge and understanding of the Bible and the relationship between scripture and the applied discipline.
- To provide knowledge and skills in effective, professional ministry in the area of specialization.
- To provide academic and professional training equal to programs required for advanced Christian service.

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Prerequisites and Graduation Requirements

The twelve courses listed comprise the Master's degree in Christian Counseling. Changes or substitutions are subject to the approval of the Academic Dean. Substitutions may be made if some of the above courses have already been taken. Students desiring state licensure or certification should check with their state authorities before entering the program to ascertain if it is acceptable in their state. Graduates of the degree program may not be eligible to sit for applicable licensure exam in California or other states.

Prerequisite:

The Master of Arts requires a prerequisite of 30 credit hours of undergraduate general education courses as well as holding a Bachelor's degree.

- CE 502** Interpersonal Communication and Conflict Management
- CO 500** Psychology and Theology
- CO 510** Human Development From a Christian Perspective
- CO 515** Human Sexuality: A Christian Perspective
- CO 530** Counseling Theories and Strategies: A Biblical Integration
- CO 540** Crisis Counseling: A Christian Perspective
- CO 550** Marriage and Family Counseling: A Christian Perspective
- CO 560** Assessment and Diagnosis: A Christian Perspective
- CO 610** Group Dynamics: A Christian Perspective
- CO 620** Addictions Counseling: A Christian Perspective
- CO 630** Cross-Cultural Christian Counseling
- CO 640** Christian Ethics and Law