

MASTER OF ARTS IN PASTORAL COUNSELLING

<i>Total credits</i>	60
<i>Program goals</i>	<p>The Master of Arts in Pastoral Counselling program is a graduate program designed to equip pastors and Christian lay-workers in the area of Christian counselling in the local church or Christian counselling centres. This is not a clinical licensure degree. However, this program can be credited to other colleges/schools overseas (subject to approval from each school) for students wanting to pursue further a licensure and professional recognised degree.</p> <p>The objectives of the Master of Arts in Pastoral Counselling program are that students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the nature of the human person, marriage and the family from a biblical and theological perspective. • Acquire knowledge and skills for effective counselling. • Learn how to apply biblical truths and principles to human life situations. • Sustain an abiding conviction of the relevance and applicability of Scripture to life. • Develop a growing commitment to furthering spiritual maturity in themselves and others in the image of Christ. • Develop a compassion for others and the desire to minister wholeness to the human person. • Reinforce a personal motivation to accomplish the will of God through sensitivity to the Holy Spirit in counselling and people helping. • Develop counselling skills and ability to train lay counsellors to serve the church and community in peer counselling and support groups. • Develop personal disciplines and skills in counselling people based on biblical principles. • Develop the ability to integrate biblical, theological and psychological insights into an effective counselling ministry in the church and community.
<i>Admission prerequisites</i>	Candidates must have a University degree or Bachelor of Theology or its equivalent. Candidates with a Bachelor of Theology or its equivalent must have a GPA of 2.7.
<i>Accreditation</i>	Asia Theological Association

Curriculum

<i>Biblical Components</i>	<i>12 credits</i>
Old Testament Introduction	3
New Testament Introduction	3
Christian Ethics	3
Spiritual Formation	3
<i>Pastoral Counselling (Core)</i>	<i>12 credits</i>
Foundations of Pastoral Counselling	3

Counselling Skills	3
Counselling Theories and Techniques	3
Lay Counselling Strategies	3
<i>Pastoral Counselling (Components)</i>	<i>36 credits</i>
Abnormal Psychology	3
Group Dynamics in Counselling	3
Counselling Children and Adolescents	3
Marriage and Family Counselling	3
Crisis and Community Counselling	3
Multicultural Counselling	3
Human Choice and Grace	3
Lifespan Development	3
Counselling Elective	6
Counselling Internship	6
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