Master of Arts in Counseling Ministry

Quick Look 2014-2015*

Length of Program: 36 units; 3 semesters full-time, part time options available. Addition of an optional concentration increases length of program
Approximate Cost: $516 per unit for Counseling Ministry classes, $640 per unit for Professional Ministry Concentration classes: $18,600 (w/o concentration classes) plus $355 per semester general fee
Program Starts: Fall (September), Spring (January), Summer (May)
Application Deadline: Applications should be completed 30 days prior to start of desired semester of enrollment
Program Format: Courses typically offered Monday thru Thursday @ 4pm and/or 7pm
GPA Requirement: 2.75. Low GPA may be overcome w/satisfactory GRE score
GRE Requirement: GRE **not** required for applicants who meet GPA requirement
Accreditation: Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)
*Costs and requirements subject to revision without notice

Application Requirements

1. Application for admission with a $45 non-refundable graduate application fee
2. Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution or the evaluated equivalency, with a minimum GPA of 2.75. Applicants with a GPA below 2.75 may be considered for admission
3. Official sealed transcripts from all colleges and universities attended; sent *attention Graduate Admissions*
4. Three recommendations from sources who can address your potential for success. It is preferred that one recommendation be from a professor or instructor. Family members and friends may not complete recommendations.
5. Comprehensive essay of at least 500 words that includes the following:
   - Purpose for entering the program
   - Experiences that have directed your interest toward becoming a counseling minister
   - Religious background, present pattern of spiritual growth, fundamentals of personal faith and the relationship between your faith and professional goals
   - Reasons for choosing to study at CBU
   - Influences that have shaped your present values and approach to life
   - A response to this question, "Have you ever received psychiatric treatment or counseling, yes or no?" If yes, please provide a brief explanation.

   Send essay to graduateadmissions@calbaptist.edu
6. Successful interview(s) with the Director of the Graduate Program in Counseling Ministry
7. An applicant whose first language is not English and/or does not have a degree from an institution where English is the primary language of instruction is required to demonstrate English proficiency by submitting a recent test score from Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

Prerequisites:

- Introductory course in Anthropology, Behavioral Science, Psychology, or Sociology
- Christian Doctrine or Systematic Theology

Degree Requirements — 36 units

CBS 500	Congregational & Professional Counseling Applications	3
CBS 505	Theology as a Behavioral Science	3
CBS 510	Law & Ethics for Church Based Counselors	3
CBS 520	Human Development Through the Biblical Life Cycle	3
CBS 530	Congregation as a Healing Community	3
CBS 535	Marriage & Family Ministry in the Congregation	3
CBS 540	A Theology of Helping People	3
CBS 545	Survey of Church Based Counseling	3
CBS 546	Relational Counseling Techniques	3
CBS 550	Church Based Counseling Practicum I	1
CBS 555	Church Based Counseling Practicum II	2
CBS 566	Pathology, Abnormality and Sin	3
CBS 575	Readings in Christian Behavioral Sciences	3

Optional Concentrations

Research Thesis — 12 units

CBS 575	Readings in Christian Behavioral Sciences	6
CBS 580	Thesis Proposal	2
CBS 585	Thesis Research	2
CBS 590	Thesis Writing & Presentation	2

Professional Ministry — 14 units

PSY 500	Diversity Issues in Counseling Psychology	3
PSY 515	Human Sexuality	2
PSY 535	Advanced Psychopathology	3
PSY 580	Family Therapy I	3
PSY 585	Family Therapy II	3