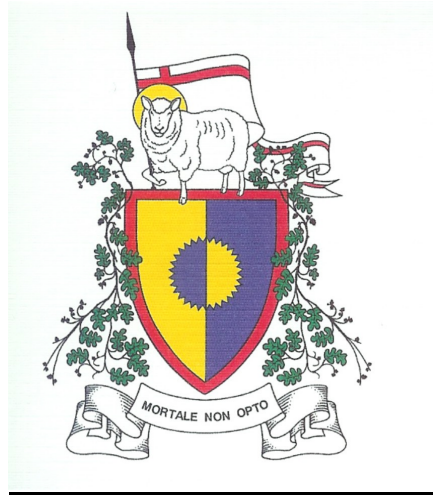


# NCI University & Theological Seminary



## Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Pastoral Counseling

DISTANCE LEARNING DEGREE PROGRAM

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As a global church we have come through some extraordinary times of change in every sphere of society in the last two millennia, but we are still called to the same mission with the same mandate –

"To Reach the Whole World with the Life Changing Power of the Resurrected Christ who Lives in Us through the Person of the Holy Spirit "

This means that as The Living Body of Christ, we need to be trained and equipped to utilize our head, our heart, and our hands in representing Him.

In other words, we must become "God With Skin On" to the world where we live!

NCIU seeks to train and equip men and women everywhere with relevant and culturally appropriate education to embrace these three areas.

Our specialty is the field of distance education through one-on-one mentored degree study programs to "polish the fine cutting edge" of those who see themselves as instruments in the hands of God.

"Learning without doing will hopefully increase your knowledge level - but learning that requires knowledge being applied, will translate into a vocational skill resource that can be more easily replicated again and again through faithful learners."

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## Ph.D (CPC) Distance-Learning Degree Program

### Ph.D in Christian Pastoral Counseling PROGRAM PURPOSE

The PhD specialization in Christian Pastoral Counseling is distinctive in its integration of the biblical Christian worldview with the science and practice of contemporary behavioral sciences. Secular counseling does not see man as a divinely created tripartite being made in the image of God his Creator, as Spirit, Soul and Body, whereas a biblical worldview sees man as the supreme act of creation by His Creator, the One True Living God, Maker of Heaven and Earth. The scriptures declare that God made man in His likeness and image. The entrance of sin and death into the world has caused man to become marred and disfigured, and prone to making error, which only the redemptive work of Christ can resolve.

The specialization of this degree program aims to provide understanding so that professional religious counselors and pastoral workers can facilitate the needed restoration through a threefold integration of

- (a) Spiritual and theological understandings;
- (b) Clinical theory and practice; and
- (c) Empirical research methodology,

The PhD program with specialization in Christian Pastoral Counseling is intended to prepare active believers engaged in Christian ministry service

- To function as Pastoral Counselors at an advanced level of competency;
- Teach and supervise persons for the pastoral ministry whether in congregations, counseling centers, seminaries, or other training programs;
- Increase the understanding of the person interrelating the theory and technique of the contemporary helping professions with the insights of theology and faith;
- Communicate to the general public, churches, and ministerial profession a holistic interdisciplinary understanding of persons; and
- Take a leadership role within denominations, ministerial organizations, and the counseling profession whether through professional activity, media and publications, or teaching.

The Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Pastoral Counseling program at NCI University & Theological Seminary is one of four academic research doctoral programs.

It is a leadership-research doctorate in that its major purpose is the development of competent professionals in compassion and people-based ministries who are extending the Kingdom of God throughout the nations of the earth.

The curriculum is designed to nurture sound scholarship, meaningful research, and the symbiotic relationship of theory and practice that cross all socio-economic divides within contemporary societies.

This distance-learning doctoral degree in Christian Pastoral Counseling therefore exposes students to a wide range of new possibilities for practicing their faith and compassion ministry within the “globalized village” by an incarnational praxis that will enable them to meet the challenge of contextualizing the gospel in an increasingly urbanized, international, and highly “wired” technical global community.

In addition, it will enable practitioners to pursue special focus coursework in nominated areas of people-helping ministry, culminating in a research-based writing project that draws upon the praxis objectives undertaken.

The design structure allows students to continue their present ministry functions while pursuing this external Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Pastoral Counseling degree program without major disruption to their vocational pursuit.

## Ph.D in Christian Pastoral Counseling PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

To prepare graduate students for biblical and psychological counseling competency dealing with the emotional, social, and spiritual needs within the Christian community.

Graduates of the Counseling program are expected

- to articulate a philosophy of counseling ministry base upon the integration of biblical, empirical, historical and social science research,
- to understand the most widely practiced counseling methods and principles,
- to design and implement assessment strategies of ministry outcomes and processes that are consistent with the ultimate biblical ends of ministry, and
- to know the dynamics of psychological and spiritual healing.

Students are expected

- to increase their attentiveness to their personal spiritual formation,
- to demonstrate an understanding of biblical and theological foundations for counseling,
- to know the value and practice of prayer, scripture, confession, restitution, and forgiveness, and
- to know the role of the Holy Spirit in the counseling process and in spiritual warfare.

Students are expected

- to know how to be proactive in preventing problems from developing within the family structure,
- to utilize small group peer counseling for help and healing,
- to understand the causes for family dysfunction and understand the paths for help and healing,
- to know how to establish objectives and goals for each counselee, and
- to administer basic psychological tests and interpret measurement outcomes to their counsees.

Students are expected

- to know the importance of confidentiality,
- to know the value of record keeping,
- to know the legal issues involved with a counseling ministry,
- to know when to refer a counselee for more intense therapy, and
- to assess their own counseling performance.

Achievement in these areas is measured by classroom interaction, academic papers, case studies, supervised training, personal interviews, accumulated material in the ministry portfolio, the student’s mentoring, and the ministry research project.

## Ph. D in Christian Pastoral Counseling PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The distinctive components in these programs will be the emphasis on traditional and non-traditional extended learning delivery systems. Broadly put, upon completion of this program, the student will have an advanced degree with both increased therapeutic expertise and supportive scholarship.

Students will complete intensive studies both biblical foundations and professional understanding in theories and practice of counseling, marriage and family therapy, human development, problems with abuse and addiction, cultural diversity, biblical Christian ethics, and research. Courses offered in these programs will be taught primarily by self-directed guided research. Every student is appointed a faculty mentor who guides the student through the study programs and field activities as required.

The program begins with a broad training in theological foundations, intercultural studies and world religions, so that students can interact more knowingly with our contemporary world, and gain further competency in seven key areas as needed:

- The Scriptures, Biblical Counseling and Theological foundations
- Intercultural Studies, World Religions and culturally relevant methodology
- Understanding the biblical image of man and prevalent philosophies of the meaning of life
- Behavioral Sciences from a Christian perspective
- The Work of the Holy Spirit in Christian Pastoral Counseling
- Developing a community of caring people
- Developing curriculum to help people change in pluralistic and multi-cultural societies

### CERTIFICATION/LI CENSURE

Enrollment in the Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Pastoral Counseling (Ph.D.-CPC) does not guarantee certification or licensure at the local, regional, or state level.

Students seeking certification/licensure should contact the Department of Education in the state in question to confirm appropriate statutory certification or licensure requirements.

This degree program has not been designed as a qualification for state licensed or board certified practicing professionals, but specifically for Christian churches, schools, bible colleges, ministry training institutions and faith-based people-caring social ministries.

## Ph. D in Christian Pastoral Counseling ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

The NCIU Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Pastoral Counseling (Ph.D/CPC) distance-learning program has been designed in response to the expressed needs of mid-career caring professionals, Christian Social Service workers, senior leaders and pastors wanting to equip themselves for the changing global environ of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century through an increased understanding of people-focused ministry service.

In order to enter this program, students must have in addition to the prerequisite graduate level academic award, a minimum of three years of people-helping ministry service either in community social services, cross-cultural and or urban pastoral ministry experience.

- Applicants to the Ph.D. in Christian Pastoral Counseling program must possess a master's degree or its equivalent appropriate from a recognized institution. Students must have a GPA of 3.30 in their previous graduate studies.

- Applicants without intercultural/missions or Bible & Theology may be required to have additional coursework added to their program.
- Applicants must have an academic record that shows promise of success in doctoral studies.
- All candidates must show evidence of their passion to follow Christ and serve His Kingdom in our contemporary world through consistent Christian character, ability and acceptability in Christian ministry.
- The applicant should also demonstrate a commitment to the primacy of the divinely authoritative, inerrant Written Word of God, and be prepared to embrace not just the traditions of theological thinking of their own denomination, but also be willing to explore other areas of faith and practice within the framework of both Evangelical and Pentecostal theology.

When the candidate has made the decision to proceed further, it is recommended that a Distance-learning Degree Application and Enrolment Application be completed and submitted to NCI University & Theological Seminary for evaluation.

Note: Official documents presented for admission or evaluation become part of the student's academic file and normally cannot be returned or copied for distribution.

When the evaluation and assessment process is completed, NCI University & Theological Seminary will supply the candidate with a formal Letter of Assessment & Offer detailing the institution's reply and recommended pathway to attain the Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Pastoral Counseling award.

Usually at this point, the candidate will wish to dialog with the faculty as to the nomination of specified text modules and off-campus tutorials that have been incorporated into the study pathway. NCI University & Theological Seminary seeks to exercise wisdom by being spiritually, culturally and politically sensitive in such matters.

The candidate is then asked to review the Letter of Assessment & Offer, and if agreeable, give written acceptance of the offer with their first installment payment for tuition. Tuition payment plans are provided in the Letter of Assessment & Offer.

## Ph. D in Christian Pastoral Counseling TRANSFER CREDITS & RPL UNITS

Students enrolling in the graduate degree level programs may be allowed to transfer up to 12 semester credit hours total (including RPL units and validated life-experience etc).

All graduate level courses in Biblical Studies, Christian Ministry, Christian Pastoral Counseling, Missiology or Theology from accredited or recognized institutions will be evaluated in the assessment process.

Please note:

- (a) Transfer credit in the State of Florida is solely at the prerogative of the receiving institution (NCI University & Theological Seminary).
- (b) Transfer credit is based upon evaluation of official transcripts and other documentary evidences.

The required credit hours for Advanced Standing status may be transferred into the program by RPL (Recognized Prior Learning) credit units from an approved alternate institute or accredited program.

## Ph.D in Intercultural Studies GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students enrolled in this program and wishing to graduate are required to

- Satisfactorily complete a total of 48 semester units as outlined in the curriculum beyond the Master degree award level. This includes transfer credits allowed as Advanced Standing status.
- Complete at least 36 semester credit units taken at this institution.
- Obtain a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale with no grade below "B-" in all courses to be credited toward graduation.
- Complete the entire program with this institution within four years from commencement, unless special circumstances are approved in writing by the institution upon application.
- Successfully pass all written assignments for each study unit as detailed in the Unit Study Guide as supplied, and or complete any additional position papers assigned by the institution as replacement unit assignments.
- Comply with all academic demands for rectification: Students, who are placed on probation after the first 15 credits, are granted one semester in which to bring their academic work up to the required level for continuance in the program. A student cannot graduate while on probation.
- Complete dissertation and submit for review prior to entering final phase of submission development
- Have all financial and academic requirements satisfied 30 days before desired graduation event and release of academic transcript documentation.

## Ph. D in Christian Pastoral Counseling PROGRAM PATHWAY

The Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Pastoral Counseling requires the successful completion of 48 semester credit hours beyond the graduate academic level entrance degree. The four modules in the curriculum provide studies to engage, increase, and assess the student's capacities in affective, cognitive and psychomotor domains.

This 48 semester credit hour distance-learning program provided by NCI University & Theological Seminary requires the student sequentially follow the four module pathway as specified:

- Module 1 – Foundations in Bible & Theology, Biblical Image of Man, Philosophies of Life track (12 crs)
- Module 2 – Core competencies in Theories and practice of Counseling, Understanding Behavioral Sciences and Intercultural studies track (12 crs)
- Module 3 – Concentration- Holy Spirit ministry, Building Caring People, and Restoration Ministries, and electives track (12 crs)
- Module 4 – Ministry Praxis, Guided research and Dissertation track (12 credit hours)

Note:

Students who enroll with sufficient RPL (Recognized Prior Learning) semester credit hour units that have already been assessed and validated by NCI University & Theological Seminary as being equivalent credit hour units, may be granted exemption from the completion of Module 1.

Students can usually complete this degree within a three year (3yr) full-time study program, or they can pace the program as distance-learning students over a longer period of part-time study depending upon their vocational and family demands.

There is a real measure of flexibility within the program to accommodate most vocational ministries, but this must be resolved in writing with the college at commencement, or subsequently through the services of the Adjunct Tutor/Professor assigned as mentor to the student.

This curriculum consists of four modules as stipulated.

Modules 1, 2 & 3 - each have three components (A, B, C) that target the head, heart, and hands:

- Unit A: Specified textual study assignment based on designated text nominated by the institution, with written assignment (2 x 3 credits).
- Unit B: Guided research and specified reading assignments which must be completed prior to completing the third unit in the module. Students will normally read 1,500 pages for 1 x 3 credits.
- Unit C: A one- or two-week intensive seminar of classroom interaction, including faculty presentation and peer discussion; or a course project which applies the reading and class work to the ministry setting. Generally the project is 20-30 pages for 3 credits.

Note:

In some locations students may not be able to attend a recognized seminar or special classroom interaction program due to a variety of factors.

Where this is the case, and dialog has taken place between the student and adjunct professor, NCIU & TS may give consent for a variation to the above being agreed to in writing. However, each case must be evaluated upon its own merits.

## MODULE 1

### Biblical Foundations, Man, & Philosophies of Life track (12 crs)

In the first module all students will gain a fresh understanding of the biblical and theological foundations for being able to conduct a functional ministry.

At the same time the student will be given opportunity to expand their understanding of the biblical image of man, his creation, and proclivity to live at less than the ordained level, and the need for personal spiritual formation.

The student will also be directed into a specified reading and research program to formulate essential understanding of the various philosophies of life being presented from a biblical perspective.

NCI University & Theological Seminary seeks to customize the specified textual study units in accordance with the personal objectives of the student, as detailed in their application, and some students may be exempted from this module based upon their formal Letter of Assessment & Offer.

## MODULE 2

### Core Competencies: Theories & Practice of Counseling, Behavioral Sciences, & Intercultural Studies track (12 crs)

The student examines secular counseling and psychotherapies from Freud to this day, with a Christian examination of each.

The student is able to gain broader understanding of behavioral sciences from a Christian perspective as well as researching scripture to gain increased understanding of the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit in the counseling journey.

The emphasis of intercultural studies enables the student to increase their understanding of the biblical and philosophical world views and lifestyle practices to facilitate understanding of the new world order of pluralism and multi-culturalism from a Christian perspective with a view to interaction and compassion-driven evangelism.

### MODULE 3

Concentration focus, Spirit-led Ministry, Restoration Ministries and Electives track (12 crs)

Through the process of elective study units that address the Concentration focus and other relevant subjects, students are able to gain increased understanding in ministry direction and service relative to their ministry goals.

Through the electives undertaken, the student is able to complete the required credit hours through specified ministry focused textual units, plus the opportunity to complete an internship and or practical field project that undergirds the knowledge base gained.

This module also requires the student to read a series of texts that will require the development of a field manual to be used in discipling others as mentor/mentoree for the process of equipping empowering emerging leaders.

### MODULE 4

Ministry Praxis and Dissertation track (12 credits)

The PhD in Christian Pastoral Counseling degree is primarily designed for those students who have already completed significant service in people-helping ministry service either in community social services, cross-cultural and or urban pastoral ministry, and who now wish to pursue new understanding and critical reflection on counseling and compassion focused ministry service.

Given the contemporary trends in globalization of our present world society, this degree seeks to critically engage with research and theory in order to promote a better understanding regarding the process of culture change, the role of change agents, and the consequences associated with change.

Students are expected to produce a significant and original research dissertation that addresses some aspect of Christian Pastoral Counseling theory or practice, as well as giving consideration to addressing specific areas of service ministry needs within the globalized villages of the world.

The Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Pastoral Counseling praxis and dissertation normally requires six months of advanced preparation and another six months following approval to complete the module project.

Students at NCI University & Theological Seminary have carried out a wide range of ministry praxes, including but not restricted to

- Creating structures for the discipling of new converts and church members in ethnic minority migrant communities
- The development of community social care programs that target specified cultural and or ethnic groups amongst others
- Training church members to provide cross-cultural pastoral counseling and social care for those needing specialized care and integration as new migrants
- Development of early-child care and education cross-cultural development programs involving children with disabilities
- Cross-cultural teaching, training and development programs for those needing spiritual healing and wholeness

Students are encouraged to begin to explore ideas and to consult with their adjunct-tutor/mentor about ideas for ministry praxis early in their program. Obviously in choosing their ministry praxis, students would be wise to recognize their own particular gifting and skills abilities, as well as the needs of the target group to whom they will minister.

## Ph. D in Christian Pastoral Counseling GRADING & ASSESSMENT

### Methods of Assessment

Assessment methods of Unit Assignments are shown in the individual unit guides. The accepted methods of assessment generally employed by NCIU are:

- Essays
- Examination papers
- Structured practical assessments
- Feasibility studies
- Report on projects
- Dissertation

All NCIU Unit Study Guides come complete with Written Assignment questions for the student.

In some cases, a practical project of applied theology is required due to the nature of the textual study text and special allowances are made to incorporate these into the overall grading and evaluation undertaken.

In the Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Pastoral Counseling program, all dissertations are required to be graded by two professors, and the student may be called upon to give an oral defense if the issue is considered "outside the norms" and is breaking new ground, or warrants the benefit of the student being able to make presentation of specific aspects of the submission.

Obviously as a distance learning institution, the additional costs to the student may be significant and this pathway is not normally recommended. Any such oral defense and presentation will take place in Lake Worth Florida, USA unless alternative location is accepted by mutual agreement.

### Grading Allocation

Full details of the NCIU Standardized Grading Allocation policy are detailed in the Student Handbook.

The Grading Allocation List shows the grade point percentages that can be allocated by the grader for each of the specific categories NCIU considers important in making adequate assessment of the submitted work.

Students, who fail to attain the minimum passing grade, will be asked to resubmit either the entire course, or the portion of the course needing remedy.

## Ph. D in Christian Pastoral Counseling DISTANCE LEARNING

This degree program like all of the religious vocational degree award programs offered by NCI University & Theological Seminary is designed to be completed totally by Distance Learning.

Distance learning with NCIU includes correspondence courses, online courses, directed textual study courses, supervised practical field projects (under supervision of a recognized proctor) guided research and specified reading plus the writing projects.

In some special study units, students may be required to attend a campus-based program for partial studies at a recognized and/or approved institution, with a credits earned being part of the total NCIU program.

## Ph. D in Christian Pastoral Counseling TIME LIMITS

In order to ensure that a degree, when granted, represents education that is current and reasonably focused (not acquired a little at a time over an unreasonably long period), all credit applied to the degree must be earned within a specified period of time.

- For the Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Pastoral Counseling degree at NCI University & Theological Seminary, this period has been set at five years, without formal written extension.
- This period does not include credit earned elsewhere and applied to the degree, as transfer (RPL units) credits.
- The time limit for the written papers (research and guided reading) projects is three-four months.
- Written extension is normally granted when there are extenuating circumstances such as prolonged illness, family death, ministry disruption or financial disaster. The program does require concentrated discipline and application.
- If a student drops out or discontinues without written notification and agreement, they will be subject to an assessment revision for readmission, with subsequent increase in fees based on fee structure at that time, not original enrolment date.

## Ph. D in Christian Pastoral Counseling CONCLUSION

The proven design features incorporated into this curriculum should allow students to continue their present ministry functions while pursuing this external Doctor of Philosophy in Christian Pastoral Counseling degree program without major disruption to their vocation.

As a distance-learning degree program, the Ph. D (CPC) degree study pathway can be completed entirely at the domicile location of the student. All studies and interaction with the mentor can be conducted through electronic means and email connections. Where necessary, the student can view special ministry class sessions via internet facilities or other electronic media.

The PH.D (CPC) award is the highest theological award in Christian Pastoral Counseling offered by NCIU, prepares students for a vocation in people-caring ministries teaching and scholarship by:

- equipping them with the essential tools for high-level scholarship,
- guiding them in a major research project in the area of their major concentration, and supporting the development of teaching skills

Based upon the experiences and testimonies of previous graduates and their continuing influence, NCIU is able to declare that such graduates are of great benefit to the Christian Church worldwide.

Students who complete this degree program should be able to make significant contribution to the Body of Christ and leave behind a lasting legacy that continues to extend the Kingdom of God, until the Lord Himself returns.

We welcome your inquiry into this exciting opportunity to enlarge your leadership capacity and further develop your potential.

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