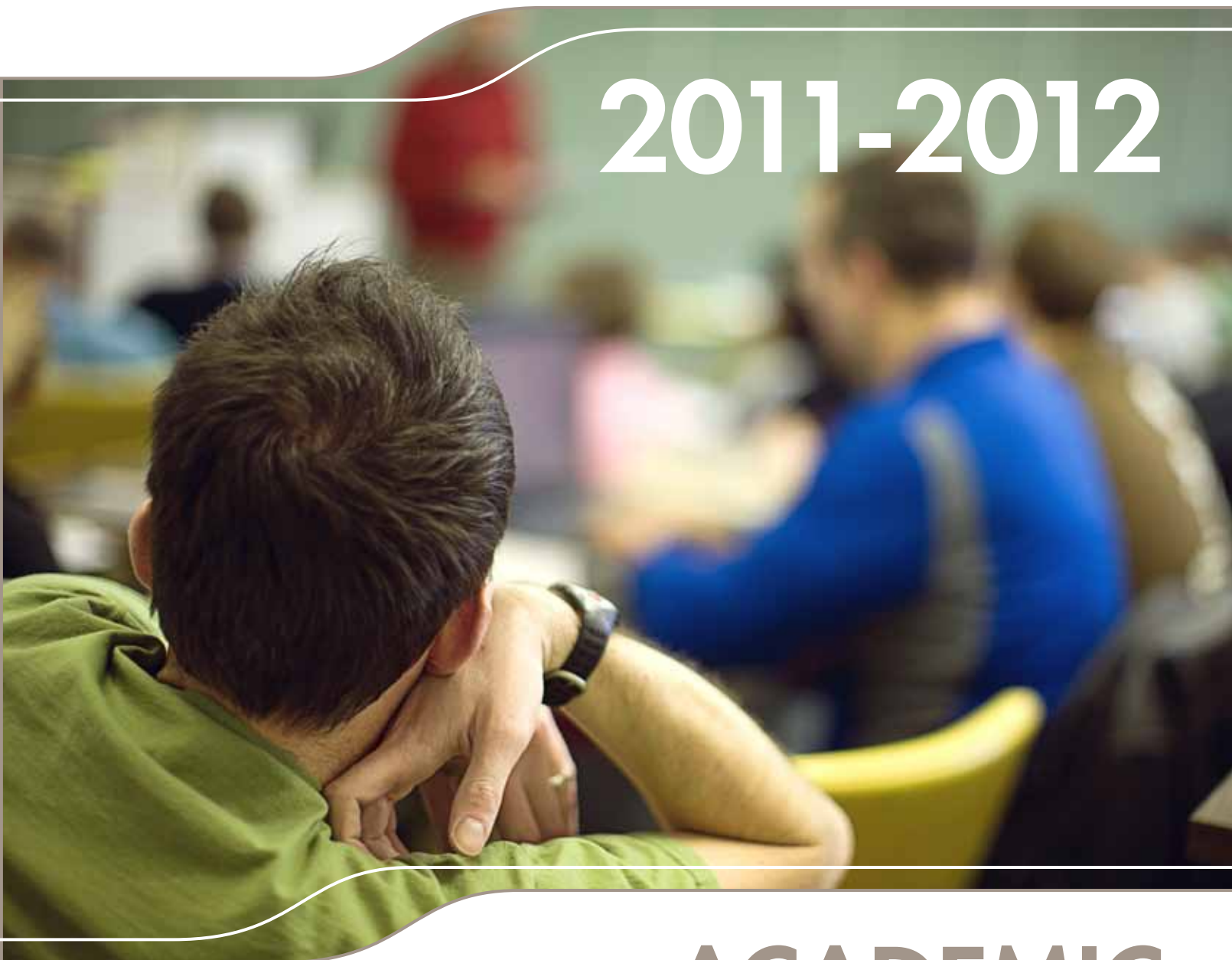




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Portland Campus Programs

Gospel-Centered Transformation

Master of Arts (M.A.) in Counseling Program

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Western Seminary offers several program options through the Portland campus. The Oregon Board approved Master of Arts (M.A.) in Counseling can be taken as a stand-alone degree, or combined with another degree to pursue a dual degree track. Dual degree options include the M.A. in Counseling and the M.Div. track in Pastoral Counseling; the M.A. in Counseling and the M.A. in Ministry and Leadership with emphases in Chaplaincy or Pastoral Care to Women; and the M.A. in Counseling and the M.A. (Biblical and Theological Studies).

In addition to the Seminary's general educational goals, the Counseling programs endeavor to achieve the following:

1. Equip counselors for ministry in and through the church and for outreach to the community.
2. Integrate biblical and theological foundations with the insights of counseling theory and practical counseling strategies.
3. Promote growth in Christian maturity demonstrated through effective interpersonal relationships.
4. Prepare individuals who are seeking state licensure and national certification.

The M.A. in Counseling is intended to prepare Christian counselors with the knowledge, skills, and insight needed to practice counseling in church, non-profit, clinical or school settings. Graduates of the M.A. program are educationally prepared for such vocations as church staff positions in pastoral counseling, related positions in parachurch organizations, family services, mental health clinics, residential and outpatient treatment programs, counseling centers, and public and private school counseling settings.

Western's counseling program asserts an integrative approach which seeks to understand and explain emotional, relational, behavioral, and spiritual problems that people face in life from a thoroughly biblical worldview. The counseling program places an emphasis on theological reflection and spirituality as they relate to the therapeutic process. The program also places an emphasis on marriage and family issues.

Four major areas of study are blended in the M.A. program: biblical, theological, counseling, and spiritual formation. The program combines three components. First is a quality classroom experience. A wide variety of teaching methods are utilized to assist individuals with differing learning styles. The second component is the application of the classroom education in a practical setting—the student's internship site. Western Seminary emphasizes learning by doing. Each student spends five semesters in internship positions actually doing what they are learning. The third component is the personal examination and reflection that takes place in a variety of settings, including small group case conferences and mentoring with faculty. In these settings the student is challenged to reflect upon the practical application of theory and what meaning it has for them not only professionally, but also personally.

Additionally, graduates of the counseling program may choose to specialize in work with children and adolescents, receiving an official certificate of completion upon graduation.

M.A. IN COUNSELING CORE OUTCOMES

In addition to the Seminary's general educational goals, the M.A. in Counseling program attempts to achieve specific outcomes. For each student, these outcomes are:

1. Applies biblical truth to life and ministry through appropriately utilizing biblical interpretation.
2. Employs advanced theological thinking that integrates a gospel-centered worldview to the combination of social and biblical studies.
3. Demonstrates social awareness, social cooperation, sensitivity to diversity, and teamwork. Demonstrates self-awareness, self-expression, and ability to care for self.
4. Demonstrates ongoing, gospel-centered personal and spiritual formation; utilizes life events in a pattern of growth.
5. Demonstrates ability to accept and utilize feedback and engage new or differing ideas; reflects on multicultural and contextual issues.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the general requirements for admission to the Seminary given on pages 18-19, applicants to a counseling program must have earned an accredited baccalaureate degree with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale), including a breadth of liberal arts. Applicants who do not meet these general academic requirements may petition the Admissions Committee for consideration.

Entering counseling students are expected to bring a foundational knowledge of psychology. Proficiency in this foundational knowledge will be confirmed through a placement exam, required of all incoming counseling students. If deficiencies are indicated, remedial work will be required. Counseling students may satisfy these deficiencies in one of the following two ways: Complete the appropriate undergraduate course(s) at an approved institution, or complete a computer-assisted instructional program provided through the library services of Western Seminary. The student may not begin the second semester of counseling studies without satisfying proficiency requirements.

Applications must give evidence of personal character, interpersonal relationships, goals, motivation, and potential for future counseling ministry as fitting the program. These will include a vital spiritual life, growing and

“Western’s counseling program is unique in that it facilitates personal and professional development in an atmosphere that blends academic rigor with practical application. Not only will you develop practical skills and techniques, but you will also learn how to think and respond like an effective counselor.”

Dr. Dave Wenzel, Professor of Counseling

nurturing relationships with people, commitment to a biblical/theological orientation to the therapeutic process, and vocational aspirations involving the care and nurture of people. As a part of the admission process all counseling applicants will undergo a criminal background check.

M.A. IN COUNSELING

The M.A. in Counseling degree is conferred upon the attainment of certain personal and academic requirements. In addition to the general seminary requirements outlined on pages 31-32, degree candidates must (1) give evidence of a genuine Christian character, orthodox belief, and conduct consistent with a God-given call to a position of leadership; (2) complete all courses in the prescribed M.A. curriculum with a minimum grade point average of 2.5 overall, and 3.0 in the major. During their final semesters in the program students are required to pass the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Exam, which is in preparation for National Certification and Oregon state licensure.

Oregon license applicants who receive their degrees on or after October 1, 2014, must complete 60 or more semester credits of counseling and a clinical experience of 700 hours including at least 280 direct contact hours. For further information, please contact the Counseling Office.

MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING

Western Seminary has designed the M.A. degree track for students anticipating the possibility of seeking licensure in a variety of states. While Western cannot obtain the individual approval of these states, the curriculum was designed after a careful review of national requirements. Students are encouraged to contact state licensing agencies to determine specific requirements. Western has built enough elective credits into the curriculum in order for the program to flex with state requirements.

The M.A. in Counseling degree requires 73 credits of study. The courses are drawn from counseling (60 credits), biblical studies (8 credits), and theological studies (5 credits).

Biblical interpretation studies: 8 credits

DBS 516	Survey of Learning to Interpret Scripture.....	(2)
BLS 511	Survey of Genesis to Song of Solomon.....	(2)
BLS 512	Survey of Prophets to Gospels.....	(2)
BLS 513	Survey of Acts to Revelation.....	(2)

Theological studies: 5 credits

THS 511	Survey of Knowing the Triune God: Theology I.....	(2)
THS 512	Survey of the God of our Salvation: Theology II.....	(2)
THS 513	Survey of Living as the Community of the Spirit: Theology III.....	(1)

Counseling studies: 60 credits

CNS 501	Clinical Foundations: Basic Counseling Skills/Interventions.....	(2)
CNS 502	Psychological Theory & Techniques.....	(2)
CNS 503	Family Systems Therapy.....	(2)
CNS 504	Psychotherapeutic Systems.....	(2)
CNS 505	Psychopathology.....	(3)
CNS 506	Legal and Ethical Issues.....	(3)
CNS 507	Human Life Span Development.....	(3)
CNS 508	Introduction to Integrative Issues.....	(2)
CNS 509	Advanced Integration.....	(2)

Master of Arts in Counseling Core

73 CREDITS

Theological Studies [5] Biblical Studies [8]
Counseling Studies [56] Counseling Electives [4]

**DEGREE TOTAL
= 73 CREDITS**

M.A. IN COUNSELING & M.DIV. IN PASTORAL COUNSELING (DUAL DEGREE)

Spiritual Formation [4]
Additional Biblical Studies [8]
Biblical Language Studies [12]
Additional Theological Studies [11]
Ministerial Studies [18]

**DUAL DEGREE TOTAL =
126 CREDITS**

(see page 53 for detail)

M.A. IN COUNSELING & M.A. IN MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP (DUAL DEGREE)

Spiritual Formation [4]
Additional Biblical Studies [6]
Additional Theological Studies [5]
Ministerial Studies [26]

**DUAL DEGREE TOTAL =
114 CREDITS**

(see page 54 for detail)

M.A. IN COUNSELING & M.A. (BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES) (DUAL DEGREE)

Spiritual Formation [4]
Additional Biblical Studies [8]
Additional Theological Studies [7]
Ministerial Studies [22]

**DUAL DEGREE TOTAL =
114 CREDITS**

(see page 54 for detail)

CNS 510	Spiritual Development and Assessment	(2)
CNS 512	Group Counseling	(2)
CNS 513	Social and Cultural Foundations	(2)
CNS 518	Career and Lifestyle Development	(2)
CNS 523	Human Sexuality.....	(2)
CNS 524	Research in Counseling & Family Studies	(2)
CNS 525	Tests and Measurements	(3)
CNS 526	Psychopharmacology	(1)
CNS 528	Neuropsychology	(1)
CNS 516	Marriage Counseling	(2)
CNS 529	Counseling Addictions	(2)
CNS 530	Counseling Practicum	(2)
CNS 531	Internship Case Conference I	(2)
CNS 532	Internship Case Conference II	(2)
CNS 533	Internship Case Conference III	(2)
CNS 534	Internship Case Conference IV	(2)
CNS 544	Counseling Violence and Abuse Issues	(2)
CNS 557	Emergency Preparedness: Suicide Prevention	(1)
CNS 558	Emergency Preparedness: Trauma Counseling.....	(1)
CNS 5xx	Counseling electives (Consult with department advisor)	(4)
CNS 581	Comprehensive Clinical Integration Paper	(0)

Total: 73 credits

CHILD AND YOUTH COUNSELING SPECIALIZATION

Each year the Counseling Department admits a limited number of counseling students to a specialized Child and Youth Counseling track within the M.A. program. In addition to the 56 required credits of counseling courses listed above, Child and Youth Counseling students use their electives toward the following required courses, bringing their total to 76 credits. These courses include:

CNS 542	Child Assessment and Treatment.....	(1)
CNS 546	Counseling Adolescents.....	(1)
CNS 561R	Parent Skill Training.....	(1)
CNS 562J	Healing Children Through Non-Directive Play.....	(2)
CNS 563K	Advanced Play Therapy.....	(2)
CNS 53x	Child Therapy Case Conference.....	(2)

Total: 76 credits

This specialized track has been made possible in part through a grant from the Collins Foundation. In addition to these courses the students will be utilizing a state of the art training center on campus, including video and audio taping capabilities, one-way viewing rooms, live supervision of counseling sessions, and specialized reference materials. Upon completion of the specialization, students will receive a Child and Youth Counseling Certificate.

M.A. IN COUNSELING/M.DIV. IN PASTORAL COUNSELING (DUAL DEGREE)

The M.A. in Counseling/M.Div. (Pastoral Counseling specialization) dual degree program expands the student's preparation in the biblical and theological areas, and adds a substantial ministerial emphasis (see the M.Div. program description). It is designed to prepare individuals for

both professional counseling and such ministries as the pastorate, pastoral counseling, family ministries, pastoral care, chaplaincy, discipleship, and small group ministries. Additionally, the dual degree track program begins preparation for membership in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. The Master of Arts in Counseling degree program is designed to meet the educational requirements for licensure by the Oregon State Board of Licensed Professional Counselors.

This dual degree track requires 53 credits in addition to the 73 credits listed above for the M.A. in Counseling degree.

Spiritual formation studies: 4 credits additional

SFS 502	Practicing Prayer and Other Spiritual Disciplines.....	(2)
SFS 504	Growing in Ethical Maturity	(2)

Biblical interpretation studies: 8 credits additional

Substitute DBS 506, BLS 501, BLS 502, BLS 503 for DBS 516, BLS 511, BLS 512, BLS 513

Biblical language studies: 12 credits additional)

(see p. 36 on biblical language options)

NTS 501	Functional Foundations of Greek.....	(3)
NTS 502	Functional Application of Greek.....	(3)
or		
NTS 508	Introducing Foundation for Greek Exegesis	(3)
NTS 509	Greek Reading and Syntax	(3)
(Students complete either NTS 501/502 or NTS 508/509)		
OTS 501	Functional Foundations of Hebrew	(3)
OTS 502	Functional Application of Hebrew	(3)
or		
OTS 508	Introducing Foundation for Hebrew Exegesis	(3)
OTS 509	Hebrew Reading and Syntax	(3)
(Students complete either OTS 501/502 or OTS 508/509)		

Theological studies: 11 credits additional

Substitute	THS 501, THS 502, THS 503 for THS 511, THS 512, THS 513	
THS 508	Integrating Ministry and Theology.....	(2)
CHS 505	Wisdom from Church History	(4)
or		
CHS 506	Insight and Inspiration from Church History.....	(2)
CHS 5xx	Church History elective	(2)
(Students complete either CHS 505 or CHS 506 and a CHS elective)		

Ministerial studies: 18 credits

DIS 501	Communicating Christ in Culture	(2)
DMS 501	Thinking Theologically about Ministry Leadership	(2)
DMS 502	Introducing Theology and Practice of Worship	(2)
DMS 506	Developing Godly Leadership for the 21st Century.....	(2)
EMS 505	Growing Disciples Intentionally	(2)
PTS 503	Practicing Evangelism and Apologetics	(2)
PTS 504	Maximizing the Church's Redemptive Influence	(2)
PTS 508	Developing Strong Families	(2)
PTS 510	Preparing and Preaching Expository Sermons	(2)

Total: 73 & 53 = 126 credits

M.A. IN COUNSELING/M.A. IN MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP (DUAL DEGREE)

The M.A. in Counseling/M.A. in Ministry and Leadership dual degree is specifically designed for students who envision their future will include ministry to and with women or as a chaplain to special populations. Please see further information on page 44 (Chaplaincy) or 45 (Pastoral Care to Women).

This dual degree track requires 41 credits in addition to the 73 credits listed above for the M.A. in Counseling degree.

Spiritual formation studies: 4 credits additional

- SFS 502 Practicing Prayer and Other Spiritual Disciplines.....(2)
SFS 504 Growing in Ethical Maturity.....(2)

Biblical interpretation studies: 6 credits additional

Substitute BLS 501, BLS 502, BLS 503 for BLS 511, BLS 512, BLS 513

Theological studies: 5 credits additional

Substitute THS 501, THS 502, THS 503 for THS 511, THS 512, THS 513

Ministry and leadership studies: 26 credits

Core Studies Required—12 credits:

- DIS 501 Communicating Christ in Culture(2)
DMS 501 Thinking Theologically about Ministry Leadership.....(2)
DMS 506 Developing Godly Leadership for the 21st Century(2)

or

- PCW 513 Women in Leadership.....(2)
EMS 505 Growing Disciples Intentionally(2)
PTS 504 Maximizing the Church's Redemptive Influence.....(2)
PTS 505 Providing Leadership in Ministry(2)

Chaplaincy specialization—14 credits:

- MFM 500 Discovering/Developing Your Ministry Potential(2)
ICS 501 The Chaplaincy.....(2)
ICS 530 Chaplaincy Practicum(1+1+1+1)

Select 6 credits from the courses below, or related electives with advisor approval:

- ICS 505 Hospital Chaplaincy(2)
ICS 506 Military Chaplaincy(2)
ICS 533 Clinical Pastoral Education(2)
PTS 503 Practicing Evangelism and Apologetics(2)
PTS 506 Pastoral Duties(2)

Pastoral Care to Women specialization—14 credits:

- MFM 500 Discovering/Developing Your Ministry Potential(2)
PCW 511 Pastoral Understanding of Women(2)
PCW 531-534 Pastoral Care to Women Practicum(1+1+1+1)

Select 6 credits from the courses below, or related electives with advisor approval:

- PCW 512X Women in Pain, Part I(2)
PCW 512Y Women in Pain, Part 2(2)
PCW 513 Women in Leadership.....(2)
PCW 514 Building Relational Ministries for Women(2)
PCW 515 Develop and Deliver Life-Changing Messages(2)
PCW 521 Develop Life Changing Bible Study Curriculum(2)

(Note: Students specializing in Pastoral Care to Women are required to complete at least five PCW specialized courses in addition to PCW 531-534. These may include the PCW courses listed in the ministry core described above.)

Total: 73 + 41 = 114 credits

M.A. IN COUNSELING/M.A. (BIBLICAL AND THEOLOGICAL STUDIES) (DUAL DEGREE)

The M.A. in Counseling/M.A. (Biblical and Theological Studies) dual degree program expands the student's preparation in the biblical and theological areas (see the M.A. [Biblical and Theological Studies] program description). It is designed to prepare individuals for both professional counseling and such ministries as the family ministries, pastoral care, discipleship, and small group ministries. The Master of Arts in Counseling degree program is designed to meet the educational requirements for licensure by the Oregon State Board of Licensed Professional Counselors.

This dual degree track requires 52 credits in addition to the 73 credits listed above for the M.A. in Counseling degree.

Spiritual formation studies: 4 credits additional

- SFS 502 Practicing Prayer and Other Spiritual Disciplines.....(2)
SFS 504 Growing in Ethical Maturity.....(2)

Biblical interpretation studies: 8 credits additional

Substitute DBS 506, BLS 501, BLS 502, BLS 503 for DBS 516, BLS 511, BLS 512, BLS 513

Theological studies: 7 credits additional

Substitute THS 501, THS 502, THS 503 for THS 511, THS 512, THS 513
THS 508 Integrating Ministry and Theology.....(2)

Option 1: Biblical language studies and restricted electives: 22 credits additional

- NTS 508 Introducing Foundation for Greek Exegesis(3)
NTS 509 Greek Reading and Syntax(3)
NTS 510 Greek Exegesis: Acquiring Interpretive Skills(3)
OTS 508 Introducing Foundation for Hebrew Exegesis(3)
OTS 509 Hebrew Reading and Syntax(3)
OTS 510 Hebrew Exegesis: Acquiring Interpretive Skills(3)
Restricted electives: BLS, NTS, OTS, CHS, or THS (4)

Or:

Option 2: Restricted electives: 22 credits additional

- CHS 505 Wisdom from Church History(4)
or
CHS 506 Insight and Inspiration from Church History.....(2)
CHS 5xx Church History elective(2)
Restricted electives: BLS, NTS, OTS, CHS, or THS (18)

Total: 73 & 41 = 114 credits



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