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CENTER FOR PASTORAL COUNSELING
COURSE INFORMATION

What is the Center for Pastoral Counseling (CPC) e-Learning site?

The Center for Pastoral Counseling (CPC) is a dedicated pastoral counseling training organization created by Emerge Ministries to meet the needs of busy pastors, counselors, lay counselors, and home group leaders who want to learn effective counseling skills online. This site contains all of the resources to enroll, engage and learn the 21st century models and skills for biblically-based and clinically-sound counseling skills. The CPC online courses utilize all of the latest Web 2.0 learning tools: exciting streaming video lessons, engaging online exercises, and valuable resources to allow you to complete ALL of the course work on your time schedule.

Who should take these CPC courses?

This program is not just designed for pastors, but laypersons as well. The courses are designed for anyone who desires to learn sound counseling skills and sharpen existing skills to be relevant to our 21st century world, yet sensitive to the hurting needs of all age groups from children to seniors as well as singles and married couples.

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How are the courses organized and how much time is required for each course?

The Core Curriculum Module has twelve lessons and each lesson will take about 1.5 - 2 hours each to complete for a total of about 18-24 hours. Optional reading materials are given that will allow for a more in depth learning experience. The Core Curriculum Module includes the following lessons:

Lesson 1- Introduction to Pastoral Counseling

Lesson 2- Integrating a Christian Biblical Worldview and Mental Health

Lesson 3- Scriptural Qualifications for Pastoral Counselors

Lesson 4- Boundaries

Lesson 5- Self Care

Lesson 6- Basic Counseling Skills, Part 1

Lesson 7- Basic Counseling Skills, Part 2

Lesson 8- Biblically Based Counseling

Lesson 9- Seeing Ourselves As God Sees Us: Biblical Self-Esteem

Lesson 10- Through a Glass Darkly: Cultivating Healthy Images of God

Lesson 11- Navigating Counselor Pitfalls

Lesson 12- Transformational Counseling

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What can I do with this training?

Once you complete all 12 lessons, you will be awarded a certificate of completion. This program does not provide a license to counsel, so please be aware of your state laws when working with those you serve. You will be given tools to improve your skills in your unique lay counseling ministry.

Can I start a course at any time?

Yes! You can begin and end at any time. You set your specific learning hours and how much time you spend on each topic. Listen to the lectures as many times as you like. Review the videos as often as you like. You are in charge of your learning! The administrator will be available to you to support you through your learning experience.

What are the technical requirements?

Any computer (PC or MAC) connected to the Internet at any connections speed from 56KB dial-up to wireless, satellite, or high speed DSL or Cable Modem will work. A high speed Internet connection (>250kBs), however, is highly recommended to minimize time delays. The course lectures are delivered in two exciting formats: (1) Online streaming flash videos, and (2) mobile-sized videos that can be viewed on iPhones, iPods or other mobile players.

What are the course costs?

The Core Curriculum Module: $395 (less any promotional discounts).

Discounts are available for groups of four or more. We also provide a payment plan for $99/month for 4 months. For more information, or to sign up for these options contact the Education Department at 1-800-621-5207 or education@emerge.org.