Mission Statement
The mission of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary is to equip leaders to fulfill the Great Commission and the Great Commandments through the local church and its ministries.

Core Value Focus
The seminary has five core values: Doctrinal Integrity, Spiritual Vitality, Mission Focus, Characteristic Excellence, and Servant Leadership. The core value focus for this academic year is Doctrinal Integrity: Knowing that the Bible is the Word of God, we believe it, teach it, proclaim it, and submit to it. The doctrinal statements used in our evaluations are our Articles of Religious Belief and the Baptist Faith and Message Statement.

Curriculum Competencies
All graduates of NOBTS are expected to have at least a minimum level of competency in each of the following areas: Biblical Exposition, Christian Theological Heritage, Disciple Making, Interpersonal Skills, Servant Leadership, Spiritual and Character Formation, and Worship Leadership. The curriculum competencies addressed in this course are: Disciple Making, Interpersonal Skills, and Servant Leadership.

Course Description
This course is to explore the nature of Christian counseling and examine types of counseling techniques. Special emphasis will be placed on how the lay person can counsel women who have a variety of problems.

Student Learning Outcomes
At the conclusion of the semester, the student will:
1. Students will understand the biblical basis for lay counseling.
2. Students will identify common personal problems among women.
3. Students will be able to develop and demonstrate lay counseling techniques and skills.
4. Students will demonstrate an awareness of resources available for lay counseling.
Textbooks
The following texts and resources are required reading for class discussions and are to be read in their entirety unless otherwise specified.


Course Requirements

1. **Attend class.** Seminary policy states that a student may not miss any class due to the short length of the workshop.

2. **Participate in class discussion.** Please silence cell phones during class. No texting or internet use during class.

3. **Read the assigned textbook and other reading assignments.** Reading assignments will include readings from the textbook, Scripture, and other sources. **The student will provide a written statement of completion of all reading assignments, due four weeks after completing the last week of class.**

4. **Write a book review on the primary textbook due four weeks after class.** Students will write a book review of The Quick Reference Guide to Counseling Women, 2-3 pages (typed, double-spaced), following A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses, and Dissertations by Kate Turabian. The book review should include the following section headings:

   - Bibliographical Information
     (Author, title, place of publication, publisher, date of publication)

   - Purpose of the Book
     (Check forward, introduction, and first few pages for stated purpose)

   - Organization and Content
     (Clarity, writing style, readability, summary of content)

   - Evaluation
     (Accomplishment of purpose, weaknesses, strengths, usefulness of book)

5. **Write a counseling application paper, due four weeks after class.** The paper should apply the information learned in class to two hypothetical counseling situations. The sections can be in bullet form if desired. The application paper should 7-10 pages, typed double spaced and should include the following section headings:
* Brief Synopsis of the Situation - (Short bio - gender, age, marital status, other important background info to situation, spiritual status; Brief synopsis of the problem with enough info to understand situation; Reason for seeking help)

* Assessment - (What does an assessment of the client's spiritual/religious affinities reveal? What has been the client's experience with Christianity in general and the local church or individual Christians in particular? What other questions would you ask? Give hypothetical answers.)

* Case Conceptualization - (Using this model how do you see this problem? What goals would you set? Where might God be already at work in this client's life, especially within the context of the presenting problem? What theological themes relate to the client's counseling concerns? What view of God does the client endorse? What does the client think about God's presence in the midst of his or her life as it relates to the presenting problem? What Christian practices will help this client achieve his or her counseling goals and grow in Christian maturity?)*

* Biblical Counsel - (What scriptures would you give this person? With each scripture give one or two reasons why you chose the verse(s). Give one way you might help this person use these verses in her life.)

* Application to Person Seeking Help - (Give one assignment that you might give to this person to help her apply what you discussed in session to her life in the next week.)

*Questions taken from Virginia Holeman's book: Theology for Better Counseling

6. **Complete a final examination.** The final exam will be posted on Blackboard under “Course Documents” and should be submitted to rkelley@nobts.edu **within four weeks after completing the last day of class.**

The reading statement, book review, application paper, and final exam should be mailed to Dr. Rhonda Kelley, NOBTS, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70126 or emailed to rkelley@nobts.edu.

**Evaluation of Grade**
This course will follow the grading system for the Graduate School.

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**Technical Assistance**
For assistance regarding technology, consult ITC (504.816.8180) or the following websites:
1. Selfserve@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support request with the Selfserve.nobts.edu site (Access to online registration, financial account, online transcript, etc.)
2. BlackboardHelpDesk@nobts.edu - Email for technical questions/support requests with the NOBTS Blackboard Learning Management System NOBTS.Blackboard.com.
3. ITCSupport@nobts.edu – email for general technical questions/support requests.
4. www.NOBTS.edu/itc/ - General NOBTS technical help information is provided on this website.

Reading Assignments
Students are responsible for completing all reading assignments.

Academic Policies
Academic policies related to absences, grading scale, final examination schedules, and other topics can be found in the current online catalog: New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Graduate Catalog.

Policy for Graduating Students
Graduating students are responsible for alerting the professor of your intention to graduate. All of your assignments must be completed by noon (12:00 PM) on the Wednesday prior to commencement exercises.

Netiquette
Netiquette refers to appropriate online behavior in Blackboard or other online discussions. Each student is expected to demonstrate appropriate Christian behavior when working online on Discussion Boards or whenever interaction occurs through web, digital, or other electronic medium. The student is expected to interact with other students in a fashion that will promote learning and respect for the opinions of others in the course. A spirit of Christian charity is expected at all times in the online environment.

Academic Honesty Policy
All graduate and undergraduate NOBTS students, whether on-campus, internet, or extension center students, are expected to adhere to the highest Christian standard of honesty and integrity when completing academic assignments for all courses in every delivery system format. The Bible provides our standard for academic integrity and honesty. This standard applies whether a student is taking tests, quizzes, exams, writing papers, completing Discussion Boards, or any other course requirement.

Help for Writing Papers at "The Write Stuff"
NOBTS maintains a Writing Center designed to improve English writing at the graduate level. This is the official NOBTS Writing Center online help site for writing academic papers and essays. http://www.nobts.edu/writing/default.html. Students can receive writing tips, and valuable information to help in become a better writer.
Plagiarism on Written Assignments
NOBTS has a no tolerance policy for plagiarism. Plagiarism in certain cases may result in expulsion from the seminary. See the NOBTS Student Handbook for definition, penalties and policies associated with plagiarism are clearly defined.

Course Schedule

First Day
Monday, 2:00-5:00 p.m. Welcome/Orientation/Registration
Introduction and Definitions
The Character of the Counselor
Monday, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
Christian Counseling
Types of Counseling

Second Day
Tuesday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Prayer Time
Counseling Skills
Models of Problem Solving

Tuesday, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Common Issues in Counseling
Lay Counseling Panel

Third Day
Wednesday, 8:30 a.m-11:30 p.m.
Prayer Time
Resources for Lay Counseling
Conclusion and Commitment

Selected Bibliography


Flanigan, Beverly. Forgiving the Unforgivable: Overcoming the Bitter Legacy of Intimate


Thomas, John and Lisa Sosin. Therapeutic Expedition: Equipping the Christian Counselor for


Student Services

This is a partial list of NOBTS student services available to all students, no matter your delivery system or location. If you have questions or do not see what you need here, please refer to www.nobts.edu/studentservices, email us at studentservices@nobts.edu, or call the Dean of Students office at 800-662-8701, ext. 3283. We are glad to assist you!

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- LALINC for Louisiana students
- Florida Virtual Library (http://www.flelibrary.org/) for Florida students
- Interact with us online at –

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