

Applications

Application forms are available at www.biblicalcounselling.org.uk/certificatecourse. We ask for a supporting reference from your church pastor.

The deadline for applications is 31 July.

Exemptions for existing CCEF online students

Applicants who have already passed one or more of the modules directly with CCEF may apply for an exemption for up to two modules.

To qualify for the certificate students must attend a minimum of 75% of all the seminars.

Students who have an exemption for a particular module have often chosen to attend the seminars for that module so as to benefit from the experiential learning. There is a charge of £150 for this. For further information please contact courses@biblicalcounselling.org.uk.

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It's changed the way I see myself, changed the way I see other people and changed the way I reach out to those who are hurting.”

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I have worked in counselling for years but am so grateful for all this course has given me; a greater insight, understanding and equipping as to what biblical counselling should look like in a community of believers as well as having a profound impact on my own relationship with God.”

Seminars

Seminars take place fortnightly on a weekday evening in term time **between 7pm and 9pm at St Columba's Free Church, Johnston Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2PW** (a 5 minute walk from Waverley Station)—www.stcolumbas.freechurch.org. They are led by David Armstrong and Louise Macmillan.

DAVID ARMSTRONG is an accredited FIEC pastor and an elder at Charlotte Chapel Baptist Church in Edinburgh. He has completed extensive training with CCEF and also a biblical studies course at Cornhill Scotland. He counsels at New Growth Counselling which is a service supported by the East of Scotland Gospel Partnership. He also provides training in pastoral care with churches in Edinburgh and Glasgow.

LOUISE MACMILLAN is a counsellor with New Growth Counselling. She has completed all three CCEF certificates and also studied theology. She counsels, disciples and provides training for church groups on pastoral care. She also teaches Biblical Counselling at Edinburgh Theological Seminary.

Further information & queries:

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CERTIFICATE IN
BIBLICAL COUNSELLING

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This two-year certificate in biblical counselling is provided by Biblical Counselling UK in association with CCEF and supported by Oak Hill College.

The course provides a theoretical and practical introduction to the biblical counselling approach developed by CCEF (the Christian Counseling and Educational Foundation – www.ccef.org). For over 40 years, CCEF have been setting the pace in biblical counselling. Their insights help apply the gospel to people’s lives in order to bring about lasting change.

Engaging with a full range of human experience and difficulties, this course will be useful to people in both formal and informal counselling contexts. Youth workers, small group leaders, pastors, medical doctors and ordinary church members wanting to be better equipped to help friends will all benefit. The course encourages growth in biblical wisdom and helps us see the biblical dynamic for change at work in our own lives as well as the lives of others.

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I’ve seen, in theory and in practice, how directing people to the true source of hope and peace—Christ—changes lives.”

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I’ve been challenged to look at how God wants to mould me and use me to help others.”

Course content

Built around six of the tried and trusted modules from CCEF, which students study online in their own time, the unique feature of the course is the seminar input which helps ground the teaching with additional experiential learning. Peer-counselling, observation classes and case supervisions help develop practical skills in personal ministry.

The first module, Dynamics of Biblical Change, is foundational for all other CCEF courses. The other modules are: Helping Relationships (focusing on the methods of biblical counselling), Counselling in the Local Church, Human Personality (how a biblical understanding of who we are affects the counselling task) Marriage Counselling, and Theology and Secular Psychology.

The week-long Summer Intensive consists of two modules: Personal Qualities for Biblical Counselling and an Observation Class, viewing and discussing counselling by one of the CCEF faculty. Students completing the certificate are required to take both these modules at one of the Summer Intensive weeks.

Details of all these modules are available at www.biblicalcounselling.org.uk/certificatecourse

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The support and fellowship of the seminars are particular highlights.”

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A challenging and transforming journey, where you learn more of what it means to love God and others wholeheartedly.”

Course outline

Autumn Term Year 1	Dynamics of Biblical Change
Spring Term Year 1	Helping Relationships
Summer Term Year 1	Counselling in the Local Church
Summer Intensive July*	Personal Qualities for Biblical Counselling
	Observation class
Autumn Term Year 2	Human Personality
Spring Term Year 2	Marriage Counselling
Summer Term Year 2	Theology and Secular Psychology

*can also be taken at the end of year 2

Assessment

All the modules have required assignments and some also have a final exam. The time commitment varies according to the module but a rough guide would be 4–6 hours per week. This is in addition to the time required to listen to lectures—usually 2–3 hours—and attend seminars.

There are no minimum academic requirements to take the course. There is a significant amount of reading which is a mixture of book extracts and journal articles.

Cost

The cost of each module is £450 (except for Counselling in the Local Church where the charge is £400). The Summer Intensive week is £375 for the six days. Accommodation and meals at Oak Hill College are available at an additional cost.