

## Applications

Apply at [www.biblicalcounselling.org.uk/certificatecourse](http://www.biblicalcounselling.org.uk/certificatecourse). We ask for a supporting reference from your church pastor.

The deadline for applications is 1 July 2020.

## 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 a certificate students must attend a minimum of 70% of all the seminars for the modules in that certificate.

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](mailto: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 **Monday 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](http://www.stcolumbas.freechurch.org). They are led by David Armstrong and Louise MacMillan.

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**DAVID ARMSTRONG** is 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 and provides training for church groups on pastoral care.

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**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

**EDINBURGH**

September 2020 Intake



The certificate programme in biblical counselling is provided by Biblical Counselling UK in partnership 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](http://www.ccef.org)). For 50 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, secular counsellors and ordinary church members who want 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.

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

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

## Course content

Built around a range 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 worked examples all help the development of practical skills in personal ministry.

The programme includes three certificates: Foundations, Skills and Topics, each taking one academic year. Students can choose to take one, two or all three certificates.

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, Scripture for Life and Ministry, Marriage Counselling, Human Personality (how a biblical understanding of who we are affects the counselling task) 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 video material of biblical counselling sessions. Students completing the Skills 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](http://www.biblicalcounselling.org.uk/certificatecourse)

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

## Programme

2020–2021	FOUNDATIONS
Autumn Term 2020	Dynamics of Biblical Change
Spring Term 2021	Helping Relationships
Summer Term 2021	Counselling in the Local Church
2021–2022	TOPICS
Autumn Term 2021	Theology and Secular Psychology
Spring Term 2022	Human Personality
2022–2023	SKILLS
Autumn Term 2022	Scripture for Life and Ministry
Spring Term 2023	Marriage Counselling
Summer Intensive*	Personal Qualities for Biblical Counselling, plus Counselling Observation

\* The Summer Intensive is offered every year and can also be taken on completion of the Foundations or Topics Certificates.

## 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 (\*Prices correct at the time of publication)

The cost of each module is £480\* (except for Counselling in the Local Church where the charge is £400\*). The Summer Intensive week is £400\*. Accommodation and meals are available at an additional cost.