

Seminars

By providing opportunities to interact with others, the fortnightly seminars help students to deepen their personal grasp of course material. In-person seminars typically run on a weekday evening and are offered in a number of centres around the UK. Online seminars are available both in the evening and daytime.

Details of the current locations and timings of seminars are on our website – **biblicalcounselling.org.uk/certificatecourse**

All the seminar tutors have completed the BCUK Certificate Course or studied with CCEF, and are currently engaged in biblical counselling in the context of their local church.

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

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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.”

Seminar Venues

Bath • Belfast • Edinburgh
Liverpool • London • Sheffield

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Online Seminar options
(daytime and evening)

Applications

Apply at **biblicalcounselling.org.uk/certificatecourse**. We ask for a supporting reference from your church pastor.

The deadline for applications is early July.



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Christ-centred change, enabled by the Spirit, through
the ministry of the Word, in the local church.

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**FOUNDATIONS
IN BIBLICAL
COUNSELLING**



The Foundations Certificate in Biblical Counselling aims to equip students to develop a culture of care in the local church.

Underlying the course is a conviction that the gospel connects with every human experience and struggle, and a desire to help church communities connect the riches of Scripture to the realities of life.

Starting with an emphasis on our own need for biblical change and personal growth in wisdom, the course then seeks to build students' confidence in conversational ministry with a goal of developing the deep, relational one-anothering that the New Testament describes.

The course provides a model for ministry that is applicable to formal and informal ministry contexts – from opening Scripture with a friend in the hard moments of life, to shaping preaching that engages the heart.

Youth workers, small group leaders, pastors, secular counsellors and ordinary church members eager to be better equipped to help friends, will all benefit.

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

Course content

- Combines material from CCEF's School of Biblical Counselling with new content developed by BCUK for the UK context.
- Lectures, reading and assignments are delivered via an online learning platform which students access at a time that suits them.
- Fortnightly seminars with an experienced tutor encourage the development of practical skills in personal ministry and provide interaction with other students.
- An optional week-long Summer Intensive develops a student's personal attributes and skills in conversational ministry.
- The Certificate is completed in one academic year.
- The first module, *Dynamics of Biblical Change*, provides a foundation for all the others but can be taken for stand-alone study, either in the first term of the Foundations Certificate, or in the slower-paced 6-month option. It can also be taken as part of a ministry sabbatical with flexible start times during the year. (see biblicalcounselling.org.uk/dynamics-6-months)

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

Cost (*Prices correct at the time of publication)

The cost of each module is £495*.

The Summer Intensive week is £445*. Accommodation and meals are available at an additional cost.

Programme

AUTUMN TERM - DYNAMICS OF BIBLICAL CHANGE

The way that you counsel other people is determined by how you understand God, yourself, other people, life's pressures, and change. This module addresses the depth, breadth, and balance of your understanding. How does Christ's past grace, present grace, and future grace speak to our hearts and change how we live our daily lives? Through case studies, lectures, assigned readings, and Scripture, you'll explore these practical questions. Self-counselling projects will help you to make first-hand, practical application of the concepts presented.

SPRING TERM - HELPING RELATIONSHIPS

This module takes what you learned in *Dynamics of Biblical Change* and helps you to apply it in interpersonal ministry. Case studies, lectures, and group discussions will help you grow in your ability to listen well, know people, interpret another person's story from a biblical perspective, and offer biblically-based truth that will motivate others in their growth in Christ.

SUMMER TERM - COUNSELLING IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Topics covered include: church as community; pastoral care and evangelism; praying for your church; a brief history of pastoral care and the modern biblical counselling movement; every member ministry in the local congregation; the role of pastors and elders; pastoral care structure; creating cultures of care; confidentiality; supervision; boundaries; church discipline and the role of parachurch organisations.

FURTHER STUDY

For details of further study including our Topics and Skills certificates, visit biblicalcounselling.org.uk/certificatecourse

Assessment

All the modules have required assignments and a final exam or project. The time commitment varies according to the module but a rough guide is 8–10 hours per week in addition to the time required to attend the fortnightly seminars.

There are no minimum academic requirements, but students should be aware that there is a significant amount of reading which includes both book extracts and journal articles.