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About the Catalog

With regard to academic programs, this Graduate Catalog is valid for students who first enroll in Richmond fall 2014 through summer 2015 and for students who choose to change to programs within this catalog from an earlier catalog. Policies herein apply to all Richmond students.

The Richmond Graduate Catalog is produced by the Records Office in conjunction with the Dean of the School of Ministry, Dean of the Schools of Counseling and Psychology, Dean of Students, Dean of Clinical Affairs, Institutional Advancement, and the Academic Affairs Committee. It contains general academic and administrative information and specific descriptions of degree programs offered.

Because this publication is prepared in advance of the years it covers, some changes will inevitably occur. Every effort is made to provide accurate information regarding course offerings and the Academic Calendar. A schedule of classes is available before registration each semester. All courses are offered subject to instructor availability and sufficient enrollment. Richmond reserves the right to change any of its policies without prior notice, including but not limited to tuition, fees, credit hour per course, course offerings, curricula, grading policies, graduation and program requirements, and admission standards and policies.

This Graduate Catalog supersedes all previous catalogs. The policies expressed in this catalog and each subsequent one will be controlling, regardless of any policies stated in a previous catalog received by the student upon admission. This catalog and subsequent ones are supplemented by the rules and regulations stated in institutional publications and on the Web site. When conflicts exist between any of these sources, the most recent rule, regulation or policy will be applied.

The student is responsible for meeting all graduation requirements for degrees and certifications in accordance with the Graduate Catalog. Students must meet requirement of the catalog in effect when they first attend Richmond except in the following circumstances: 1) students who elect to participate in a program or certification in a catalog published after they matriculate must meet all degree requirements listed in the updated catalog; and 2) students who leave Richmond for more than two semesters must meet the requirements of the most updated catalog upon returning to the University.

RICHMONT AUTHORIZATIONS AND PRACTICES

Authorization Statement

Richmont Graduate University is authorized by the Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission (NPEC) and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC). This authorization must be renewed each year and is based on an evaluation of minimum standards concerning quality of education, ethical business practices, health and safety, and fiscal responsibility.

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2082 East Exchange Place, Suite 220
Tucker, GA 30084-5305
770.414.3300

Tennessee Higher Education Commission
404 James Robertson Parkway, Suite 1900
Nashville, TN 32743-0830
615.741.3605

SACSCOC Accreditation

Richmont Graduate University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award Masters degrees. For inquiries regarding Richmont's accreditation, please contact:

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Commission on Colleges
1866 Southern Lane
Decatur, GA 30033-4097
404.679.4500

The Commission is to be contacted only should evidence appear to support significant non-compliance with a Commission requirement or standard.

National Counselor Examination Administration

Richmont is a Graduate Student Administration National Counselor Examination Testing Site. As an approved GSA-NCE Site, Richmont administers this examination each April. Most Richmont graduates choose to complete this examination while a student at Richmont.

Endorsement Policy

Richmont and its faculty will provide written endorsement for students to apply for credentialing and employment in only those areas for which the student has received adequate and appropriate education and training.

Financial Accountability

Richmont is a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability. ECFA is committed to helping Christ-centered organizations earn the public's trust through developing and maintaining standards of accountability that convey God-honoring ethical practices.

Agent's Code of Ethics

Any agent of Richmont who represents the University for the purpose of recruitment or promotion will abide by the highest standards of conduct for institutional representatives.

Business Practices

Advertising and promotional vehicles for the University include internet, billboards and publications. Richmont produces and distributes a semi-annual newsletter "Connecting" and other mailings to donors and friends. These mails also include counseling professors and career services staffs at various colleges and universities. Representatives from the Office of Admissions visit colleges and universities, churches and attend conferences to acquaint faculty/staff and prospective students with Richmont's mission and academic programs. Additionally, Richmont uses social media to promote Richmont's mission.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Welcome to Richmond Graduate University!

Whether you are a new student, an interested prospective student, or an avid reader of graduate school catalogs (I'm sure there must be a diagnosis for that), thank you for reading. We're glad you're with us!

At Richmond, we are committed to providing Christ-centered education and research that advances God's work of **healing, restoration, and transformation** in the lives of **individuals, churches, and communities**. Our counseling graduates work within local behavioral health centers, homeless shelters, rehabilitation facilities, churches and many other organizations that serve uninsured and underinsured populations. Similarly, many of the individuals in our inaugural School of Ministry cohort currently work with churches, parachurch organizations and community-based ministries to serve individuals, families, and groups and draw them closer to relationship with Christ.

We are passionate about equipping each student with a high-quality education in Christian psychology, counseling or ministry so they can obediently follow the Lord's calling on their life. Honestly, when you finish, you'll know your stuff. You will also have spent a lot of time sorting through your own personal spiritual development: not only what you believe, but how you live. You will have learned how to integrate your faith into your clinical practice and ministry in ways that are both personally meaningful and ethically sensitive.

So, look through these pages. Dream a little bit. You will emerge from your training here with so much more than a degree – you will grow in every area. I am excited to see what will become of the callings and aspirations that each of you brings to Richmond.

Joyfully,

Robert G. "Bob" Rodgers
President

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The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
the Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:*

*Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*

He descended into hell.

The third day He arose again from the dead;

*He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence He shall
come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.*

Amen.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Richmont is founded on principles that adhere to the following National Association of Evangelicals Statement of Faith. It has been affirmed by more than 70 denominations and thus represents a broad evangelical consensus. All faculty members affirm this statement, and students who attend Richmont are taught from a Christian perspective.

We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful man, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit, by whom the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

We believe God's redemptive purpose will be consummated by the return of Christ to raise the dead, judge all people, and establish His glorious Kingdom.

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Mission of Richmond Graduate University is to provide Christ-centered education that advances God's work of healing, restoration, and transformation in the lives of individuals, churches, and communities.

The Purpose Statement of Richmond Graduate University is: Richmond Graduate University's mission is to provide Christ centered education and research that advances God's work of healing, restoration, and transformation in the lives of individuals, churches, and communities.

1. Graduate Education

- a. Richmond Graduate University School of Counseling provides graduate programs that integrate counselor education and Christian faith. We are committed to academic and clinical excellence through educating counselors to be spiritually sensitive practitioners.
 - i. This training occurs within the context of a structured curriculum and supervisory relationships, and is designed to equip graduates to facilitate spiritual growth, mental health, and relational healing.
 - ii. This training culminates in either a Master of Arts in Professional Counseling or a Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy
- b. Richmond Graduate University School of Psychology offers an integrative perspective on the relationship between psychology and faith through graduate education and clinical research.
 - i. This training culminates in a Master of Science in Christian Psychological Studies.
- c. Richmond Graduate University School of Ministry provides training in how to advance the Gospel of Christ by increasing the capacities of those called into ministry, to understand God's word, to become whole and holy people, and to lead and serve in culturally sensitive ways.
 - i. This training culminates in a Master of Arts in Ministry.

2. Christian Counseling Centers

- a. As a part of the clinical training provided to our students in the School of Counseling, Richmond maintains counseling centers throughout the Atlanta and Chattanooga areas.

- b. These centers allow our students to work with clients in church-based and community settings under the supervision of Christian mental health professionals.
- c. These centers assist the church and enable people who are struggling with psychological concerns to receive low-cost Christian counseling.

3. Programmatic Research

- a. Institutional programmatic research – complete productivity report -enables Richmond to better evaluate its progress and improve institutional effectiveness.
- b. In addition, Richmond makes the tools of counseling – clinical training manual available to measure clinical applications of Christian theology and spiritual formation activities.
- c. Finally, Richmond encourages systematic investigation – thesis manual- of the interface between mental health and spiritual issues.

4. Service to the Church

- a. Richmond offers a “Curriculum of Christlikeness” for the Christian church that is designed to provide a comprehensive series of learning modules on spiritual transformation.
- b. Other activities designed to enhance pastoral care and spiritual transformation include the provision of Christian resources to the community, including libraries, seminars and lay training programs for the local church.
- c. Richmond faculty make significant contributions to academic and professional journals designed to benefit the Church.

Richmond Graduate University approaches graduate education through the integration of psychology, spiritual, and theological concepts. Integration describes a spiritually sensitive approach to professional counseling that operates within the bounds of ethical standards and a commitment to academic and clinical excellence.

The Board of Trustees approves the Richmond Statement of Purpose with administrative staff, faculty and students providing input into the process. It is reviewed annually and modified only with Board authorization.

HERITAGE

Richmont Graduate University was founded by hardworking visionaries who desired to impact the world for Christ. The legacy began in 1933 when the Chattanooga Bible Institute (CBI) was founded by Dr. James L. Fowle, Reverend H.E. Wright, Mrs. Ellen Poindexter, Mrs. George Elder, Mrs. Mark Senter, Mrs. Hilda Spence, and Mrs. Howard McCall. These founders envisioned a “Moody Bible Institute of the South” that would support local churches and their various ministries. From this incredible vision, CBI faithfully served the Chattanooga, TN community by providing training, counseling, library resources and support for clergy and laity of all denominations.

In 1973, a group of Christian mental health professionals who had begun exploring the integration of Christian faith and professional counseling founded the Atlanta Clinical College. After opening a counseling center, they partnered with a major state university to offer advanced professional training and research within a Christian context. The organization was named the Religious Consultation and Research Society before being incorporated as the Psychological Studies Institute (PSI). The individuals who were initially committed to the founding of PSI included: Dr. William J. Donaldson, Jr. – faculty member at Georgia State University; Dr. Donald G. Miles – CEO of Georgia Mental Health Institute; Dr. John R. Richardson – pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church and chaplain of the University System of Georgia Board of Regents; and Dr. Paul L. Walker – pastor of Mount Paran Church of God.

Initially, PSI operated out of the Georgia Mental Health Institute and then at North Avenue Presbyterian Church, the Metanoia Building, Capitol View Baptist Church and Mt. Paran Church of God’s Family Life Center before the McCarty Foundation generously moved PSI into their own facility on the campus of Mount Paran Church of God in 1995. For more than 25 years, PSI offered a diploma in Christian counseling through its partnership with Georgia State University. In the fall of 1998, PSI

began offering its own Master of Arts in Professional Counseling degree after receiving authorization from the Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission and the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

In August of 2000, the Chattanooga Bible Institute merged with the Psychological Studies Institute formalizing a working relationship that had begun in 1997. Only three years after the merger, PSI received accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). The Psychological Studies Institute changed its name to Richmont Graduate University in November of 2008.

Today, Richmont continues to provide high-quality graduate education that produces compassionate ministers and professional mental health counselors who work throughout the metro Atlanta and Southeast region of the United States. Our counselors work within behavioral health centers, homeless shelters, addiction rehabilitation facilities, churches, and other community-based programs that serve uninsured/underinsured populations. Our graduates work with clients of all ages who are experiencing trauma, grief, child abuse, neglect, depression/anxiety, marital strife and other adverse life experiences.

The university is committed to preparing students and to serving local residents by providing access to reduced-fee counseling services. Specifically, by providing counseling interns to nonprofit organizations throughout Atlanta and Chattanooga, students can receive credit toward their degree requirements and recipient organizations can better serve their constituents without the enormous costs of building in-house mental health clinics.

The history of Richmont is truly a rich one. Today, led by President Robert G. “Bob” Rodgers, the university is committed to staying true to Christian principles and practices.

OUR NAME

At the foot of the Mount of Olives is the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus went with his closest friends to set right what had gone so wrong in an early garden, Eden. It was here Jesus prayed just after His commencement address to his disciples and before His arrest. Jesus’ trust in His Father and His acceptance of God’s will is the model for Christian living—radical obedience. The richness of “Christ-in-you” is possible because of Jesus’ prayer on the Mount of Olives, His death and resurrection.

RICHMONT is a reminder of Jesus’ prayer from the Mount of Olives and the richness that is now available because of the great mystery revealed, Christ in you, the hope of glory. (Col. 1.26-27).

RICHMONT is a reminder of the PSI Chalice, our symbol of the integration of psychology and theology and the gift of Christ-within.

RICHMONT also connotes special geographic significance as a reference to the rolling mountains that connect the two cities of our institution, Atlanta and Chattanooga.

FACILITIES

Richmont has two campuses, the original campus in Atlanta, Georgia, and the campus in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Students may reside in either city to complete most coursework and the practicum and internship requirements. However, students from both campuses must attend intensive-format courses offered at the sister campus in order to complete degree requirements. The two campuses function as one with a balance of administrative staff and full-time faculty having offices in Atlanta and Chattanooga. Faculty members maintain a consistent presence at each location to serve student needs for consultation, advising and mentoring. The unity of Richmont is thus preserved while offering the convenience of two locations.

Atlanta Campus

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2055 Mount Paran Road N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30327
Phone: 404-233-3949
Toll-free: 888-267-4073
Fax: 404-239-9460

Chattanooga Campus

1815 McCallie Avenue
Chattanooga, TN 37404
Phone: 423-266-4574
Toll-free: 888-267-4073
Fax: 423-265-7375

Libraries

Both the Richmont Library in Atlanta and the Poindexter Library in Chattanooga are essential partners with the faculty in the instructional and research endeavors of Richmont Graduate University.

The Libraries' purpose is to foster the development of creative reasoning and critical thinking skills that lead to intellectual, spiritual, and social growth. This is accomplished by working to meet the information needs of the Richmont community with programs and collections that advance scholarship, develop critical competencies, promote lifelong learning, and otherwise serve the needs of the curricular, research, and service mission of Richmont.

Richmont librarians, in collaboration with Richmont faculty, staff, and students, and periodic surveys of comparable institutions, select resources for the Library collections. The Richmont Libraries contain collections of over 49,000 cataloged items: books, journals, electronic resources, and media (audio recordings, VHS and DVD), providing a rich resource for all programs at Richmont. Computer stations and a wireless network provide students with access to online resources such as PsyInfo, PsycArticles, Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection, Religion & Philosophy Collection, ProQuest Religion, and many other databases via GALILEO (Georgia Library Learning Online) and TEL (Tennessee Electronic Libraries). These online resources are also available off campus, via password access. In addition to print journal holdings of titles relevant to Richmont's programs, the Libraries provide access to over 3,000 full-text online journals. Interlibrary loan services are provided through both Libraries for materials held in LYRASIS (formerly SOLINET) member libraries and other libraries world-

wide, providing access to materials not available in the Richmont Libraries.

The Richmont Libraries maintain contractual agreements that provide Richmont students with privileges at other area college and university libraries. Atlanta Richmont students have borrowing privileges at the libraries at Kennesaw State University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary–North Georgia. Additionally, the Atlanta area hosts more than forty institutions of higher learning, including four major universities and three theological seminaries. Richmont is also a member of the Georgia Private Academic Libraries Association, which provides access to many of these institution's libraries. Chattanooga students have walk-in privileges at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Library, and can purchase borrowing privileges for a yearly fee.

Counseling Centers

Richmont has developed a network of counseling centers housed in churches of a variety of denominations throughout the Atlanta and Chattanooga metropolitan areas. Richmont faculty, doctoral- and master's-level clinicians, and students under the supervision of licensed mental health professionals provide assessment and counseling to individuals, families and groups through these centers.

These counseling centers provide mental health services to the church community and the general public. Additionally, they serve as a laboratory for the development and implementation of spiritual intervention strategies designed to promote psychological health and spiritual transformation within the standards of professional practice. They also provide students a context in which to develop and practice the skills taught in the academic curriculum.

STUDENT LIFE AND HOUSING

Richmont students come from a wide range of geographical regions and backgrounds. This diverse student body provides excellent opportunities for learning and social life. The Atlanta and Chattanooga areas are host to a wide variety of social, cultural and recreational activities.

Richmont does not provide student housing but provides information about local housing in addition to information regarding local churches, part-time employment possibilities, and other pertinent information for students upon acceptance into the program.

Atlanta

Atlanta, known as the "Gateway to the South," is a respected center of learning as well as a Southeastern center of business and commerce, finance, transportation, medicine and health care, sports and recreation, and the arts. Information about the arts, banking, public transportation, churches, employment, medical services, motor vehicle registration, points of interest, recreation, shopping, sports, taxes, utilities, and voting can be obtained by contacting:

Metro Atlanta Chamber
235 Andrew Young International Blvd. N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303
404-880-9000

Information about private housing in the Atlanta area is available in *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* (www.ajhomefinder.com) or by contacting the Free Home Finder, an apartment location service.

Chattanooga

Richmont also offers its program in Chattanooga, the “Scenic City of the South.” Long noted for its history and tourist appeal, Chattanooga more recently has garnered international attention for its downtown revitalization and environmental leadership. Information about services and opportunities in Chattanooga can be obtained by contacting:

Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce
811 Broad Street
Chattanooga, TN 37402
423.756.2121

Information about housing in the Chattanooga area may be obtained from the *Chattanooga Times Free Press* (www.timesfreepress.com).

Student Community

Because spiritual growth is vital to effective ministry, each Richmont student is encouraged to become involved in a local church. Richmont’s class structure also encourages regular times for students to meet for Bible study, prayer and community building for the enhancement of their spiritual lives. Richmont also sponsors communion as well as social gatherings throughout the academic year.

Student Government Association

Each campus elects student representatives to provide leadership for Richmont students. These officers are responsible for activities and serve as a student voice in the life of the institution.

Alumni Association

Once students complete their degrees at Richmont, they are encouraged to join the Richmont Alumni Association to remain connected to fellow Richmont graduates and foster a network for professional and spiritual development. Alumni reunions are held annually in the fall in conjunction with continuing education (CE) workshops. Other alumni events are sponsored throughout the year, including both social and CE-related functions. Alumni are informed about Richmont events through the website at www.richmont.edu/upcoming-events, the semiannual Connecting newsletter, and the monthly Alumni Update e-newsletter.

Richmont’s website features a password-protected Alumni Association Membership Directory in which members’ contact information is listed, along with their practice specializations, to assist in networking and referrals. A founding membership to the Alumni Association is \$50 for the most recent graduating class and \$100 for all other classes. A basic membership also is available for \$25. Annual renewals for all memberships are \$25. Alumni can establish new memberships and renew their memberships online: <http://richmont.edu/students/alumni-friends/richmont-alumni-association>.

Career Services for the School of Counseling

Richmont Career Mapping

Richmont students enrolled in the School of Counseling are equipped with marketing and professional development strategies and skills to facilitate graduate placement and professional advancement. From the first day of class through commencement, students work to develop a personalized career map designed to provide a strong practical foundation from which to launch their careers in the settings in which they believe God has called them.

As they complete certain required courses, students will begin to accumulate the resources necessary for a successful career map.

These include:

- Professional practice forms and procedures
- Licensure requirements
- Community needs assessment
- Information on resume-writing and marketing
- Referral and networking systems for both church and community settings

Students are also exposed to guest speakers, including Richmont alumni, who share their varied work experiences as well as information about further graduate study. Richmont also maintains a listserv for students and alumni that is focused on current job opportunities and licensure issues.

Electronic Communications

Because Richmont is a two-campus community, e-mail is a vital tool in disseminating information to students. All Richmont students are issued a Richmont e-mail address upon enrollment. Students activate this e-mail address and are required to check the account on a regular basis.

Change in Name or Address

Changes of name should be submitted in writing to the Records Office along with a copy of the marriage certificate or other appropriate documentation of legal name change.

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Psycho-Spiritual Educational Programs

Richmont seeks to become a servant of the church in the promotion of psychological health and authentic spiritual transformation. Richmont faculty and students are involved in designing and developing materials for the local church that enhance psychological care and spiritual formation. These activities result in a lay curriculum, which is sometimes referred to as the “Curriculum of Christlikeness.”

Programmatic Research

The goal of programmatic research at Richmont is to further the understanding of the integration of psychology and theology as it relates to the areas of counseling and spiritual growth. Richmont encourages faculty, supervisor and student research in the integration of applied psychology and practical theology.

Members of the Richmond faculty are expected to write and publish, and several faculty members serve on the editorial boards of professional journals. Faculty promotion is based in part on written productivity.

Continuing Education

Richmont conducts and sponsors conferences on Christian counseling designed to bring together Christian counselors, psychologists, other mental health professionals, ministers, and others in the helping fields to participate in training and spiritual renewal. These conferences offer a period of instruction, support, building professional relationships, and renewal for people in the helping ministry. The conferences will seek to offer CE credits applicable to the various professions represented. Richmond does not guarantee any course as meeting requirements for CE. Students seeking approval for Richmond courses must obtain it from the organization or governing body for which CE is required (i.e., state board or professional organization).

Richmont also sponsors and offers its facilities to a broad range of adult education programs in Bible, Christian living, and Christian mental health.

ADMISSION PROCEDURES FOR DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENTS

Applicants must submit the following materials to be considered for admission to a degree program at Richmond:

1. Admission application with a \$50 non-refundable application fee.
2. An acknowledgement that the applicant has reviewed the Statement of Faith as part of the application.
3. One official transcript from all post-secondary institutions attended. Transcripts must be sent directly from the institution. In order to review your file, we must have an official transcript for every institution attended, even if any credits were transferred to another school. One official transcript must reflect a conferred, qualifying bachelor's degree.
4. One official copy of the score report from the GRE Revised General Test or Miller Analogies Test (MAT).

This is not required for admission to the Master of Arts in Ministry program.

Scores are to be sent directly to Richmond. Richmond's school code for the GRE is 5599; school code for the MAT is 2671.

This requirement is for the Schools of Counseling and Psychology only. Students enrolling in the the School of Ministry are not require to submit a GRE or MAT score.

The GRE or MAT may be waived for students who have successfully completed at least 12 hours of master's level work in a regionally accredited program, as listed above, with a GPA of 3.0 or above prior to application to Richmond.

5. Three reference forms and/or letters of reference. These should include one academic/professional reference, one character reference, and one pastoral reference.

References cannot be completed by family members.

6. A resume highlighting professional and/or volunteer experience.
7. A personal autobiography incorporating the following topics:
 - What are your personal and professional goals and how would a degree from Richmond help you obtain those goals?
 - What significant event(s) and/or influence(s) that have helped shape your present values and approach to life?
 - Describe your conversion experience and/or other important events in your Christian walk.

Personal autobiographies should be a minimum of 500 words and approximately 2-5 pages. This statement will be examined to determine the applicants writing ability and will be rated according to the following criteria: clarity of thought, grammar, and readability. It will also be used to learn more about you personally.

8. At the discretion of the Admissions Committee, Richmond may require an applicant to appear for a personal interview in order to make an admissions decision.
9. For non-native speakers of English, applicants are required to demonstrate proficiency in the English language by submitting a TOEFL score.

All materials for admission should be sent to:

Richmont Graduate University
Office of Admissions
McCarty Building
2055 Mount Paran Road, N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30327
Phone: 888.924.6774
Fax: 404.239.9460

Upon acceptance to Richmond, students should notify Admissions of their decision to enroll. Notification of plans should be accompanied by a \$300 non-refundable deposit, which will be credited to the first semester of tuition.

Application Deadlines

Start Term	Priority Deadline	Scholarship Deadline	Final Deadline
Fall	February 28	May 1*	July 1
Spring	October 1	N/A	November 15
Summer	N/A	N/A	April 1

*Deadline for scholarship consideration

Richmont admits students for study in one of four statuses: full admission, conditional admission, provisional admission, and non-degree admission.

Full Admission

All applications to Richmond are reviewed by the Admissions Committee on a rolling basis. The Committee reviews all applications from a holistic approach taking all aspects of the application into consideration.

Full admission requires that the following conditions be met and that the individual's application package be submitted in its entirety by the deadline, and approved without reservation by the Admissions Committee.

Each applicant shall have:

1. A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA)

Regional accrediting bodies recognized by CHEA are the following:

- Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE)
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (NEASC-CIHE)
- North Central Association of Colleges and Schools The Higher Learning Commission (NCA-HLC)
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities (WASC-ACSCU)

Students graduating from unaccredited institutions or those accredited by an organization not listed above may be accepted upon demonstration of knowledge and experience comparable to students graduating from an accredited institution. Students may be required to provide such evidence as may be needed to support the quality of their undergraduate program during the admissions process. Richmond will limit the number of such students to no more than 10% of the overall student population.

Students admitted under this circumstance will be placed on conditional status and subject to the normal procedures for such.

Ten percent of the student cohort in the M.A. in Ministry may be able to be admitted without a bachelor's degree. These students will provide documentation of work experience that would be equivalent to Richmond's Admission standards as evaluated by the Admissions Committee.

2. An undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale

Applicants with a GPA below 3.0 can be considered for conditional admission to Richmond.

3. GRE aptitude scores (V+Q) greater than 300 with at least a 3.5 on the writing section; or a Miller Analogies Test (MAT) score greater than 400.

Applicants that have below these scores can be considered for conditional admission to Richmond.

The GRE/MAT requirement is for the Schools of Counseling and Psychology only. Students enrolling in the School of Ministry are not required to submit a GRE or MAT score.

The GRE or MAT may be waived for students who have successfully completed at least 12 hours of master's level work in a regionally accredited program as listed above, with a GPA of 3.0 or above prior to application to Richmond.

Applicants with disabilities that may compromise the validity of GRE or MAT scores may petition the Admissions Committee for waiver of the GRE or MAT as an entrance requirement. The student must provide (a) a statement of the nature of the disability with current documentation of the disability and (b) a statement explaining why this disability would compromise the validity of the GRE or MAT with accompanying evidence.

4. All Counseling and Psychology students are recommended to have completed basic undergraduate psychology courses and an introductory course in psychological statistics.

Students who have not completed at least 12 semester hours in psychology or a closely related field must take CED5102: Introduction to Counseling during their first semester. It is advisable for applicants to have completed the following courses:

- General Psychology
- Abnormal Psychology
- Personality Theory
- Developmental Psychology
- Experimental Psychology or Psychological Statistics
- Basic courses in Biblical studies and theology

5. At the discretion of the Admissions Committee, Richmond may require an applicant to appear for a personal interview in order to make an admissions decision.

6. For non-native speakers of English, applicants are required to demonstrate proficiency in the English language by submitting a TOEFL

Deferred Status

Applicants who have been granted admission to Richmond may elect to defer their matriculation date for up to one year from the date of original acceptance. After one year, students must resubmit an update to the application, as well as an updated personal autobiography.

Conditional Admission

In making its selection, the Admissions Committee will give consideration to the applicant's personal autobiography, recommendations, grade point average, and test scores. Students with lower grades or test scores may be granted conditional admission when compensating strengths in other areas are clearly demonstrated. Conditionally admitted students may be limited in the number of semester hours they may take during the first semester of attendance.

The conditional status will remain until the student has attempted eight semester hours of graduate work that are graded with a traditional letter grade. Courses graded Pass/Fail will not be

counted toward the required eight hours. These eight hours must be completed within the student's first two semesters at Richmond.

Once the student satisfactorily completes the initial eight hours with a cumulative average of at least a B (3.0), the student's status will change to be fully admitted. Students whose cumulative GPA falls below 3.0 within the first eight hours of study will be subject to dismissal from the program. A student dismissed for failure to meet the conditions of this admission status may reapply after one year and must meet full admission criteria for the master's program, in addition to any requirements stipulated at the time of dismissal, to be considered for readmission.

On occasion an applicant may meet all academic requirements, but at the discretion of the Admissions Committee, be admitted under conditional status due to personal history.

In order to meet full admission status, the Dean of the School of Counseling and Psychology, the Dean of the School of Ministry or the Vice President of Enrollment must clear a student who is admitted conditionally.

Provisional Admission

A student may be admitted on a provisional basis if all admissions documents required have not been received. Files must be completed by the date determined by the admissions committee or at the time of registration for the next semester, whichever occurs first. Once files are completed the student's status changes to either conditional admission or full admission. If files are not completed by the time of registration for the semester immediately following the first semester of attendance, the student will not be allowed to enroll in subsequent semesters until the application file is complete.

Introduction to Graduate Writing and Research Skills

As the Admissions Committee considers the applications of prospective students, multiple criteria are evaluated. Although GRE/MAT scores and GPA are important, the Committee considers the application in its entirety. Applicants who score a 3.5 or below on the written portion of the GRE may be required to take CED5062: Introduction to Graduate Writing and Research Skills, in order to gain a solid foundation for graduate work. Additionally, GRE scores, GPA and a personal writing sample are used to determine whether it is in the best interest of the applicant to enroll in the course. For students required to enroll in the course, their performance is used as an evaluation to determine their readiness for additional graduate coursework.

Readmission Policy

Students who withdraw from Richmond may submit a letter requesting reinstatement within one calendar year of the last date attended, provided they left in good academic standing, resolved all financial commitments to the school, and complied with the University's withdrawal procedures. The Admissions Committee will review the letters and make a determination of readmission. Readmission will be assumed unless there are significant concerns regarding the student and/or conditions of the withdrawal or readmission.

Students who withdraw and wish to be reinstated after more than one year of absence must submit a Richmond enrollment application (but not supporting materials) and application fee along

with a letter relating the circumstances of withdrawal and reasons for seeking readmission. The Admissions Committee will review these materials and decide upon readmission based on the former performance in the program and the nature of the reasons for withdrawal and readmission.

Students who have withdrawn and seek readmission after five years since the date last enrolled will be required to submit a complete application including supporting material in order to be considered for readmission.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Richmont does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, handicap or disability, or age, in any of its policies, procedures, or practices in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (pertaining to race, color, and national origin), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (pertaining to gender), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (pertaining to handicap), and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (pertaining to age). This nondiscrimination policy covers admission and access to Richmond programs and activities, as well as employment at Richmond. Additionally, Richmond opposes physical abuse, verbal abuse, or implied threat toward any person. Richmond recognizes the rights of all people to live peacefully in society and freely express their beliefs.

Members of the Richmond community with a concern or complaint that may involve discrimination are encouraged to discuss the concern with a designated individual as identified in Section III, "Initial Procedures," of Richmond's Statement on Sexual Harassment. Richmond will follow the "Complaint Resolution Procedures" outlined in Section IV of the Statement on Sexual Harassment for investigating and resolving discrimination complaints.

Non-Degree Admission: Schools of Counseling and Psychology

A non-degree student is one who is not enrolled in a Richmond degree program. The non-degree status is for those wishing to enhance their knowledge of the integration of psychology and theology, enroll in courses for personal enrichment, or obtain continuing education (CE) credit. Richmond does not guarantee any course as meeting requirements for CE. Students seeking CE approval for Richmond courses must obtain it from the organization or governing body for which CE is required (i.e., state board or professional organization). Credit for courses completed by non-degree students is recorded on the student's transcript.

Non-degree students may enroll in courses for credit or audit. Because Richmond trains professional counselors, not all courses are suitable or available for the non-degree or audit student. Some courses have prerequisites (see course descriptions) or assume advanced skills that limit them to the full-time student. Courses that focus on Bible, theology and Christian faith, however, are open to qualified people who are not seeking a graduate degree. Courses that are offered as a part of the Institute for Sexual Wholeness (ISW) are available only as non-degree for those seeking certification through ISW.

Non-degree students are subject to the same fees as degree-seeking students and are required to pre-register for courses on the same schedule as regular Richmond students.

Admission Procedures and Requirements for Non-Degree Students: Schools of Counseling and Psychology

1. A completed four-year college degree.
 - The student must request an official transcript from each college attended be forwarded to the Richmond Admissions Office. The transcript from the college or university from which the applicant graduated must reflect a conferred completed four-year degree. Non-degree students may register for intensive courses as late as one week prior to the first class meeting.
 - A non-degree/Institute for Sexual Wholeness (ISW) student who has not taken classes at Richmond for one year or more will be considered inactive, and must submit the Non-Degree ISW Registration Update form to update the academic record. No additional application fee is needed. The student must also request that a/an official transcript(s) be mailed to the Admissions Office if any undergraduate or graduate coursework were taken for credit between the student's last semester at Richmond and the time of readmission.

NOTE: Students requesting non-degree status as a part of the Institute for Sexual Wholeness (ISW) must have completed a graduate degree in counseling or be concurrently enrolled in a graduate degree program in counseling to enroll through ISW. Students enrolled with Richmond as a part of the ISW are encouraged to confer with ISW regarding prerequisites (www.sexualwholeness.com/isw/index.htm).

ISW students are expected to adhere to the same standards of scholarship as degree-seeking students and are required to pre-register for courses on the same schedule as regular Richmond students.

2. A completed admissions application accompanied by the application fee of \$50.

Non-Degree Admission: School of Ministry

A non-degree student is one who is not enrolled in a Richmond School of Ministry degree program. The non-degree status is for those wishing to enhance their knowledge of the integration of academic theology, spiritual formation, and practical ministry skills, enroll in courses for personal enrichment, or obtain continuing education (CE) credit. Richmond does not guarantee any course as meeting requirements for CE. Students seeking CE approval for Richmond courses must obtain it from the organization or governing body for which CE is required (i.e., state board or professional organizations). Credit for courses completed by non-degree students is recorded on the student's transcript.

Non-degree students may enroll in courses for credit or audit. Not all courses are suitable or available for the non-degree or audit student. Some courses have prerequisites (see course descriptions) or assume advanced skills that limit them to the degree-seeking student. Any student approved as a non-degree or audit student with the School of Ministry that wishes to take courses from the Schools of Counseling and/or Psychology must meet the admissions requirements for a non-degree seeking student for those schools before receiving permission to register for those courses.

Admission Procedures and Requirements for Non-Degree Students: Schools of Ministry

1. A completed non-degree admissions application accompanied by the application fee of \$50.
2. Official Copy of transcripts from any college attended.

Students accepted as Non –Degree students in the School of Ministry must understand that acceptance in this category does not constitute acceptance to a degree granting program; Accept personal responsibility for the applicability of credits earned while registered in this category; and understand that students in this non-degree category cannot be considered for scholarships, federal or state financial aid.

Academic Policies

Policies outlined in academic section of the catalog apply to all students attending Richmond Graduate University except where slight variations occur amongst the three schools. Where variances occur, it is noted to whom the differences apply.

Academic Performance

Richmont students are expected to maintain the highest standards of scholarship with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 (B). Any student whose cumulative grade-point average falls below 3.0 during a given semester will receive a letter of scholastic warning from the Records Office. Students who receive a term GPA of less than 3.0 in two successive semesters will be subject to dismissal. A student dismissed for failure to maintain a 3.0 GPA may reapply after one year and must meet full admission criteria for the master's program at the time of re-application, in addition to any requirements stipulated at the time of dismissal.

Academic Integrity

In keeping with Biblical principles and the desire to exemplify excellence in scholarship, Richmond students are held to the highest standards of academic integrity. Students are to be diligent regarding citations of the words and concepts of other authors. To ensure electronic security, Richmond prohibits the sharing of passwords. Additionally, all students and faculty must take precautions against others obtaining access to their university computer accounts.

All instances of academic dishonesty are reported to the Dean of that appropriate school. No assignment, in whole or in part that has been completed for another class at Richmond or at any other institution is to be submitted in another class. Students who wish to build upon prior research or study are to ask the instructor to what degree previous work maybe used in the class. No student shall give or receive any assistance not authorized by the instructor in the preparation of any assignment, report or examination to be submitted as a requirement for academic credit.

Truthfulness is of the very nature of God, who is Truth itself. Truth is a prominent theme in Scripture, and God's faithfulness and dependability rest in truthfulness. The Biblical admonitions against false witness, lying, and dishonesty are also prominent.

Richmont is committed to intellectual and moral growth. Upholding the standard of academic integrity with its reliance on honesty is a responsibility of both faculty and students. In addition to maintaining integrity in their own academic pursuits, the faculty has the right and obligation to set and clarify academic requirements for the work of students. Academic integrity is a personal responsibility of students to represent as their own work in reports, papers, or examinations only what they are entitled to honestly so present. It includes a collective responsibility to assure that all uphold the spirit and letter of academic integrity.

Conduct regarded as violating academic integrity includes:

Dishonesty in an examination by copying from the examination of another, allowing one's own examination to be copied, reading without instructor's consent a copy of the examination prior to the date it is given, giving or receiving unpermitted aid on a take-home examination, or the submission of the same work product in more than one course without the express permission of the instructor(s). To ensure electronic security, Richmont prohibits the sharing of passwords. Additionally, all students and faculty must take precautions against others obtaining access to their university computer accounts.

Plagiarism, is the passing off of another's ideas or writings as one's own. It involves failure to acknowledge material, which is copied from others, or failure to acknowledge one's indebtedness to another for the gist of important thoughts in a formal statement, written or oral.

Allegations that any member of the Richmont community has failed to abide by the Statement of Academic Integrity may result in Richmont's invoking the published Procedures for Processing Grievances Regarding Students as outlined in the Student Handbook and Faculty Handbook.

A high standard of personal integrity is expected of all students. Copying another person's work, submitting downloaded material without proper references, submitting material without properly citing the source and submitting the same material for credit in more than one course is prohibited. Although anything cited in three sources is considered public domain, we require that all sources be cited. Such forms of dishonesty are strictly forbidden.

Any infraction of these standards, intentional or unintentional, is taken very seriously. Consequences may include completing an additional assignment, receiving a zero grade for the assignments, and in some cases, failing the class. Infractions of the academic integrity standard, intentional or unintentional, are presented at the Student Qualifying Evaluations.

Students enrolled in distance education courses are prohibited from sharing passwords and required to take precautions against others obtaining access to their university computer accounts.

Academic dishonesty is grounds for dismissal. Disposition of cases involving alleged academic dishonesty is the initial responsibility of the instructor involved. During Student Qualifying Evaluations, instances of academic dishonesty will be discussed by the faculty. Appeal of the decision by the Richmont instructor to impose sanction may be made to the Academic Affairs Committee. If this resolution is unsatisfactory to one of the parties involved, further appeal may be made to the President.

Writing and Research Standards

All papers written for the Schools of Counseling and Psychology are to conform to the most recent edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* unless otherwise specified by the instructor. All papers written for the School of Ministry will conform to the most recent edition of Kate L. Turabian's *A Manual for Writers* or as otherwise noted by the professor. All written documents are to reflect the highest standards of grammar, composition and style. Students are expected to have adequate computer skills to produce all course assignments and to conduct research for those assignments independently. Any student desiring assistance for the research or production of assignments (other than basic proof-reading) is required to seek prior approval from the professor.

Copyrighted Material

Richmont Graduate University recognizes the legal rights of copyright holders in any form. It prohibits illegal downloading, copying and sharing of such materials, either in physical form or digitally. Failure to follow this policy has both legal and University disciplinary implications. Further explanations of this restriction are in the Richmont Student Handbook. Students may also contact their campus librarian for further information and for assistance in legally obtaining research materials.

Course Delivery Systems

Schools of Counseling and Psychology

Courses within the Schools of Counseling and Psychology are offered through traditional classroom instruction in weekly and intensive formats. The Schools of Counseling and Psychology currently also offer hybrid courses. While a majority of the classwork in the hybrid courses is experienced through online learning, all online hybrid courses also require an in-person component of the course. Instruction for intensives, hybrid, and weekly courses begin at the first of each semester.

Course Delivery Systems

Schools of Ministry

Courses are offered in both residential and online formats. Students in the residential cohort participate in classes that are offered in several formats, including weekly, bi-weekly, intensive and technologically mediated delivery systems. Some courses in the residential program may include online assignments and discussion formats. Course syllabi and instruction for intensive courses begin the first of each semester.

Students in the online cohort will complete all courses in a digital medium with a 7-day on-campus residency required at the beginning of the program for orientation to the program and online learning.

Class Attendance and Grading

Students are permitted one unexcused hour of absence per hour of course credit. Necessary absences may be excused with permission of the instructor; this must be done in advance except in acute emergencies. Beyond the permitted unexcused absences, each additional unexcused class block absence will result in the decrease of the student's course grade by one level (e.g., A drops to A-). A class block is defined by the number of credit hours a course receives. For a two credit-hour course, a class block is two hours of

the course, etc. This grade reduction will be taken until the student reaches four class block absences beyond the allowed absence, at which point the student will receive a failing grade for the course. This policy applies to intensives, hybrid, and weekly classes. For example, in a two credit-hour intensive, a student may miss two hours of class without a grade reduction penalty. Should the student miss two additional hours, the student's final grade will be reduced by one level (*A* to *A-*, etc.). Students who miss classes because they register late or change sections are subject to the same policy. Faculty may count tardiness toward absences at their discretion.

Auditing Courses

The audit status is for persons wishing to enhance their knowledge of the integration of psychology and theology, understand the role of ministry, enroll in classes for personal enrichment, or obtain continuing education credit (with the approval of their agency). Courses which focus on the Bible, theology, or the integration of psychology and the Christian faith are open to qualified persons who are not seeking a graduate degree. However, because Richmond trains professional counselors, not all courses are suitable for the audit student. Some courses have prerequisites (see course descriptions) or assume advanced skills that limit them to the degree-seeking student.

In the School of Counseling, Human Sexuality and all other classes in the Christian Sex Therapy certification curriculum are not available for audit, nor are Applied Practicum and Treatment Planning Lab, Counseling Practicum, or Counseling Internship I and II. Exams, papers and other assignments are not required, and auditing students receive no academic credit for their participation. Additionally, instructors have the discretion as to whether or not to allow audits for the courses they teach.

Audited courses are recorded on a student's transcript and assigned a grade of either *AU* or *U*. *AU* grades are assigned for attendance of a course, and *U* grades are assigned for non-attendance of audit courses. Students are not allowed to change the credit/audit status of any weekly classes for which they are enrolled. Students may change the credit/audit status of an intensive-format course before the close of business on the day before the course begins. Students may also change the credit/audit status of an intensive course before the close of business on the day before the course begins by turning in a change of course credit form. Students who have audited classes earlier may repeat the classes later for credit. Students are allowed to audit classes as space is available. Priority for class seating is given to degree-seeking students. Exceptions to this policy will be granted by the Dean of the School of Counseling, Psychology, or Ministry only in extreme circumstances.

Academic Advisement

Upon acceptance to Richmond, each student is assigned a faculty advisor. The advisor assists the student in becoming acclimated to the Richmond community, in choosing elective courses, in career planning, and in a variety of other aspects of involvement in the University's program.

Advisors will also provide to their advisees feedback from faculty about the student each semester. Though the advisor guides students through the process of selecting courses, ultimately the student is responsible for following degree requirements and policies as outlined in the Graduate Catalog.

Because of the sequential nature of the program and the fact that many courses are offered only once per year, deviation from the

planned curriculum may result in a delay in meeting requirements for graduation and inadequate preparation for coursework. Students who wish to depart from the standard sequence should consult with the Records Office regarding proposed changes and implications for completing the program. Students who deviate from the suggested sequence of courses are held to the same standards of the courses as students who have followed the prescribed sequence.

Program of Study

Students and Records Office personnel complete a Program of Study within the first semester of their enrollment. Template sequences for each degree program and certificates are provided for students to complete their program in two, three and four years. Using this as a guide, the student develops a program of study, outlining the sequence in which he or she plans to take the courses for the selected program with the assistance of the Records Office. The Program of Study is signed and approved by the student and the Records Office staff. The signed document is kept on file in the Records Office and with the student's advisor. Students who deviate from their Program of Study are required to resubmit a Program of Study for the following reasons: change of degree, change of certification(s), or change in length of time to complete the degree. A Program of Study is required to complete a student's academic file.

Flexible Course Schedule

In an effort to accommodate students furthering their education while maintaining employment and to offer students the opportunity to be exposed to outstanding faculty from across the country, some Richmond classes are offered in nontraditional, intensive formats. For example, a two-hour course may be offered in three weekend days of 10 hours of instruction each; and three-hour courses may be taught on four Saturdays of 11 hours each, at a frequency of approximately one Saturday per month during the semester. Syllabi are available to students at the beginning of the semester during which intensives are offered. Readings are assigned to prepare students for the first day of class when all the coursework is collapsed into one weekend. All assignments may not be due that weekend, but all will be due prior to the last day of regular classes for the semester as determined by the instructor. Thus, although the class time is condensed, students still have essentially the entire semester to interact with the subject matter of the class.

Although this flexible schedule is designed to benefit students needing a non-traditional schedule, Richmond does not make any guarantees about the possibility of any individual student's being able to complete the entire degree program by attending classes only on a flexible schedule.

Degree Time Limits

Students have five years from the date of matriculation to complete degree requirements for the Master of Arts in Professional Counseling, Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy, and the Master of Arts in Ministry. Students have three years to complete the Master of Science in Christian Psychological Studies.

Academic Calendar

Richmont operates on a semester schedule. Fall and spring semesters are approximately 16 weeks; and summer semester is 10 weeks, with weekly classes extended to meet contact-hour requirements. Although a rare occurrence, Richmond maintains the prerogative to change the Academic Calendar should the need arise.

Technology Requirements: School of Counseling

All students are required to have laptop computers as a part of Richmond's clinical training sequence.

The minimum requirements for the laptop are:

- Microsoft Windows 7 or 8 Home Premium, Professional is highly suggested, Mac OS X (10.6) or higher
- Intel Core 2 Duo processor, 2.5 GHz or better
- Four gigabytes of system memory
- Dedicated or integrated NVidia video card/chip or equivalent, with 256 megabytes minimum
- A display with no less than 1024x768 resolution and 24- or 32-bit color
- 500GB or larger hard drive for storing video session files. (In general, assume that each hour of compressed session video will require four gigabytes of disk space.)
- High speed USB 2.0/3.0 connectors
- (Optional) DVD Burner and software if some external storage is preferred
- Built-in camera or purchase a separate webcam

As technology advances, recommended computer hardware may change. Richmond provides limited technical support for students.

Technology Requirements: School of Psychology

Students enrolled in the School of Psychology are not required to have a laptop computer, but are required to have reliable internet access to complete out-of-class online assignments, access library resources, and discussion forums.

Technology Requirements: School of Ministry

Students enrolled in the residential program of the School of Ministry are not required to have a laptop computer, but are required to have reliable internet access to complete out-of-class online assignments, access library resources, and discussion forums.

Students enrolled in the online program in the School of Ministry will need to meet the technology requirements listed below for Windows, Mac OS, Linux or Mobile devices. The 7-day on-campus orientation will be heavily interactive as students are introduced to online learning systems. Students are also required to have reliable internet access to complete their online coursework.

Windows

- 1.4GHz Intel® Pentium® 4 or faster processor (or equivalent) for Microsoft® Windows 7 or Windows 8
- Windows 8.1 (32-bit/64-bit), Windows 8 (32-bit/64-bit), Windows 7 (32-bit/64-bit)
- 1 GB of RAM or higher for Windows 7 or Windows 8
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 8, 9, 10, 11; Mozilla Firefox; Google Chrome
- Adobe® Flash® Player 11.2+

Mac OS

- 1.83GHz Intel Core™ Duo or faster processor
- 1 GB of RAM or higher
- Mac OS X 10.7.4, 10.8, 10.9
- Mozilla Firefox; Apple Safari; Google Chrome
- Adobe Flash Player 11.2+

Linux

- Ubuntu 12.04; Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6; OpenSuSE 12.2
- Mozilla Firefox
- Adobe Flash Player 11.2+

Mobile

- Apple supported devices: iPhone 5S, iPhone 5, iPhone 4S, iPad with Retina display, iPad 3, iPad 2, iPad mini, and iPod touch (4th & 5th generations)
- Apple supported OS versions summary: iOS 6 and higher
- Android supported devices: Motorola DROID RAZR MAXX, Motorola Atrix, Motorola Xoom, Samsung Galaxy Tab 2 10.1, Samsung Galaxy S3 & S4, Nexus 7 tablet
- Android supported OS versions summary: 2.3.4 and higher

Renovaré Institute for Christian Spiritual Formation

Students attending the Renovaré Institute have the option to take each of the four courses offered through Renovaré as graduate level credit through Richmond Graduate University. Students who are accepted into the School of Ministry at Richmond Graduate University and who have completed the four courses through Renovaré Institute will be exempt from taking the spiritual formation track of the Master of Arts in Ministry degree (M.A.Min.). Renovaré students will not have to take additional hours in the spiritual formation track but will need a total of 36 additional hours to complete the M.A.Min. degree. Renovaré students can transfer in a total of four courses that are each four credits for a total of 16 hours into the M.A. in Ministry degree.

Admission requirements for Renovaré students are the same as for nondegree students outlined in this Catalog, with the exception of requiring a copy of the Renovaré Institute application to be included in the student's academic file.

Registration Policies and Procedures

The following information is an overview of registration procedures. For more detailed information, please contact the Records Office. Preregistration dates for new and returning students are scheduled during the preceding semester and can be found on the Academic Calendar.

In an effort to make the registration process as efficient as possible, the policies and procedures are consistently under review and thus may be changed in the best interest of students and the University. In this event, any changes to policy or procedure will be communicated clearly and in a timely manner to Richmond students via their Richmond email address.

• Pre-registration for New Students

All new degree-seeking students meet with Records Office staff to create a Program of Study and register online via Richmond's Student Online registration system (CAMS). For all subsequent registrations, students will be able to register themselves unless otherwise noted. All ISW students and non-degree students will pre-register via CAMS. Their usernames and passwords will be assigned by the Records Office. Records Office staff will discuss with students any holds that are on their account. Students who are not officially registered on the first day of the semester due to account hold obligations will be assessed a late registration fee of \$50. If students need to drop pre-registered classes, they must contact the Records Office in writing once online registration has closed.

- **Pre-registration for Continuing Students**

Continuing students (students who have been at Richmond for at least one semester) are able to register themselves once registration opens every semester unless it is noted that they must meet with their advisor. Continuing students must clear financial and all other holds every semester in order to register for future semesters.

- **Waitlist Procedures**

If a course for which students are attempting to pre-register is full, students can add themselves to the waitlist. If space becomes available in the course, students will automatically be placed into it. Should students decide that a course is no longer wanted, they should drop it from the class schedule. In this way the course can be offered to someone else. By waitlisting for a course, students obligate themselves financially and academically to the course if a space opens.

- **Becoming Officially Registered**

To become officially registered, students must have cleared their PREPAY hold with the Business Office. Students may carry an ADMISS, INFO, and/or ID hold on their account for no more than one semester. All holds must be cleared by the final day to remove holds, as published on the Academic Calendar. Students are officially registered by the Records Office before courses begin. Students who fail to have their holds cleared by the deadline will be unable to register for future semesters until the holds are cleared.

Add/Drop/Withdrawal Procedures

The add/drop/withdrawal fee is \$10 per transaction. The student has the responsibility of submitting the form to the Records Office for processing and is responsible for fees and penalties incurred for late submission.

- **Weekly or Online Class Add/Drop/Withdrawal Policy**

Weekly, online, and independent studies may be added and dropped during the first week of classes. Dropped courses will be removed from the student's transcript. Courses from which the student withdraws during the second, third and fourth week of school receive a *W* on the transcript. During the fifth through twelfth week of the term, a grade of *WP* or *WF* is assigned, as determined by the instructor. *WF* grades are calculated into the GPA as *F* grades. Beyond the twelfth week of the term, an *F* will be recorded on the transcript for any classes from which the student withdraws. During the abbreviated summer semester, courses from which the student withdraws during the first quarter of the semester will receive a *W* on the transcript. During the second and third quarter of the semester, a grade of *WP* or *WF* is assigned as determined by the instructor. During the last quarter of the semester, an *F* grade will be received in all classes from which the student withdraws. Specific dates are published in the Academic Calendar.

- **Intensive Class Add/Drop/Withdrawal Policy**

Registration for intensive courses follows the same process and timeline as regular courses for degree-seeking students. Nondegree students may register up to close of business of the week prior to the beginning of the course for a \$10 fee per transaction. Intensive courses may be dropped prior to the close of business on the day before the first day of the course. Courses from which the student withdraws on or after the first day of the course receive a *WP* or *WF* as determined by the instructor.

WF grades are calculated into the GPA as *F* grades. Students who add intensive courses must complete all assignments and requirements for the course by the due dates specified in the syllabus.

- **Institutional Withdrawal Policy**

Students who pre-register but do not return or inform the Records Office in writing of their intent not to continue will be charged a \$50 non-continuance fee on the last day to add/drop. Any currently enrolled student who does not register for classes for two semesters (excluding summer term) will be considered to have withdrawn from Richmond. Students who wish to withdraw from Richmond during an academic term must complete an institutional withdrawal form and submit it to the Records Office. Students who wish to withdraw between terms are asked to contact the Records Office in writing. All students who wish to withdraw are asked to complete a withdrawal survey with the Student Services Office. Withdrawals prior to the first day of classes or during the first week will not appear on the transcript. During the second, third and fourth weeks of the semester, a *W* grade will be recorded on the transcript. Beyond this time, a grade of *WP* or *WF* will be recorded as determined by the instructor. Withdrawal from Richmond normally carries the automatic forfeiture of any scholarships that Richmond may have granted. Requests for exceptions may be addressed with the Academic Affairs Committee of the corresponding school.

Transfer of Credits

Students should be aware that transfer of credit is always the responsibility of the receiving institution. Any student interested in transferring credit hours from Richmond to another institution should check with that institution directly to determine to what extent, if any, credit hours can be transferred.

Students with coursework from another regionally accredited graduate institution may apply for transfer of credit to a Richmond degree program. The number of credit hours and the specific course credits that may be transferred from other institutions are limited to protect the student's best interest as well as the integrity of Richmond's programs.

Current Richmond students who wish to take course-work at another institution for transfer into their degree program at Richmond are strongly encouraged to have the course(s) pre-approved by the Dean of the School for which the credit is being considered. Richmond does not guarantee the transfer of any courses which are not pre-approved and/or do not meet the standards which follow.

The evaluation of credits considered for transfer is conducted by the Records Office with final determination by the Dean of the School of Counseling, Psychology, or Ministry. The following policies will be applied to evaluate all requests for transfer of credit:

Transfer of Credit Policies: Schools of Counseling and Psychology

- Transferred credit hours must be from another graduate institution accredited by an agency recognized by CHEA and must carry a grade of B or higher.

- If the graduate program is comparable in mission, content and focus, a maximum of one-third of the total hours required for the respective Richmond graduate degree is allowed as transfer credit.
- If the previous program does not prepare graduates for licensure as a professional counselor (or equivalent), a maximum of two psychology and/or counseling courses may be transferred.
- Except in a most unusual circumstance, students must complete the clinical course sequence (Practicum and Internship) in residence at Richmond, along with any other course work required.
- A maximum of two courses in theology and/or Biblical studies may be transferred if the student demonstrates the course work is comparable to Richmond requirements. Because Richmond's theology courses are taught from a counseling perspective, most seminary or other graduate school courses do not have comparable content and thus are not transferable.
- Credits will be transferred only for students currently enrolled at Richmond. Prospective students may request a preliminary review and an informal response for transfer of credit by the Records Office, but credits are formally transferred upon actual enrollment at Richmond.
- Credits to be transferred may not have been earned more than seven years prior to the date of the request.
- Transfer credits may only be used toward one Richmond degree.
- All transfers of credit must be completed prior to the student's pre-registration for his or her final semester of attendance at Richmond.
- Coursework earned on the quarter system is normally calculated as two-thirds of the credit hours for courses offered on Richmond's semester system.
- Transfer credit is not included in the computation of the grade point average for the degree being sought at Richmond.
- Transfer credits are counted when measuring the maximum time frame for Financial Satisfactory Academic Progress (FSAP) to complete the degree program but do not impact GPA.
- Any exceptions to these guidelines will be solely at the discretion of the Dean of the School of Counseling and Psychology.
- Courses taken via distance-learning or an on-line format will be considered, but are subject to a greater level of scrutiny.
- Richmond reserves the right to assess competency and knowledge for any coursework for which students request transfer of credit.
- If the graduate program is comparable in mission, content and focus, a maximum of one-third of the total hours required for the respective Richmond graduate degree is allowed as transfer credit.
- A maximum of two courses in theology and/or Biblical studies may be transferred to Richmond.
- Credits will be transferred only for students currently enrolled at Richmond. Prospective students may request a preliminary review and an informal response for transfer of credit by the Records Office. Credits are formally transferred upon actual enrollment at Richmond.
- Credits to be transferred may not have been earned more than seven years prior to the date of the request.
- Transfer credits may be used toward only one Richmond degree.
- All transfers of credit must be completed prior to the student's pre-registration for his or her final semester of attendance at Richmond.
- Coursework earned on the quarter system is normally calculated as two-thirds of the credit for courses offered on Richmond's semester system.
- Transfer credit is not included in the computation of the GPA for the degree being sought at Richmond.
- Transfer credits are counted when measuring the maximum time frame for Financial Satisfactory Academic Progress (FSAP) to complete the degree but do not impact GPA.
- Any exceptions to these guidelines will be solely at the discretion of the Dean of the School of Ministry.
- Courses taken via distance-learning or an on-line format will be considered, depending on the pedagogical standard of the distance-learning course.
- Richmond reserves the right to assess competency and knowledge for any coursework for which students request transfer of credit.

Transfer of Credit Policies: School of Ministry

- Transfer credit must carry a grade of B or higher.

Procedures for Transfer of Credit

1. Students should first consult with their advisors before requesting transfers of graduate credits earned and before taking additional graduate courses for which they may want to transfer to Richmond.
2. Students must submit to the Records Office a transfer of credit application packet, including an official transcript showing the course(s) to be transferred, a syllabus of the course(s) in question, and a completed Request for Transfer of Credit form. This form is available from the Records Office and online.
3. The Records Office will conduct an initial evaluation of the request and forward the packet to the Dean of that student's perspective school for final determination.

4. The Dean will evaluate the request and submit the findings to the Records Office.
5. The student will be notified in writing by the Records Office regarding the decision, and the transfer of credit will be documented in the student's file once the student has matriculated.

Academic Exception

Students may petition the Dean of their perspective school for exceptions to academic policy or to make changes to their program of study. Depending on the request, the Dean may act on the petition or refer the request to the Academic Affairs Committee. The appropriate form for academic exception may be requested from the Records Office.

Independent Studies

Students may earn a limited amount of credit through independent directed study when circumstances prevent them from completing the class during the regular schedule or when they have special interest in a subject and wish to complete advanced study.

School of Counseling students should be aware that some state licensure boards do not accept courses earned by independent study for licensure requirements.

Students may take no more than two independent directed studies per academic year (Fall, Spring, Summer), no more than one per semester, and no more than four total within the degree program. Students who apply for independent studies must be self motivated and capable of achieving high academic standards while working independently. Students are not guaranteed the approval of independent study proposals.

Independent directed studies include reading, writing, and research projects done under the direction of a Richmond faculty member, unless special permission is granted to work with an adjunct faculty member. Students desiring independent directed study should first contact their academic advisor, who will provide independent study proposal instructions. (See packet online.) Using the instructions provided, the student submits a written proposal for the planned course directly to the professor who will direct the study. Students must first contact the professor who normally teaches the class to request an independent study unless that person is an adjunct professor. In that situation, the student should first contact the Office of the Dean to ask who may lead the independent study. Along with the proposal, the student must submit the attached add form.

Once the professor approves the proposal, he or she will send it to the Office of the Dean for final approval. The entire process, including approval by the professor, the Dean, and submission of the approval form to the Records Office, must be complete by the date posted in the Academic Calendar for the semester in which the independent study will occur. A copy of the proposal will become part of the student's permanent file.

A minimum of three individual contact hours with the professor during the independent study is required. Students are responsible to provide the professor with updates of assignments and to initiate contact with the professor. Independent study assignments are due at the end of the semester as determined by the professor.

Students should submit the proposal for an independent directed study during the regular pre-registration period for the semester during which the independent study will occur. Students should NOT register for the weekly class if it is offered. The actual registration for the course is completed by the Records Office upon approval of the proposal by the Dean of the corresponding school. Failure to register for an approved independent directed study by the registration deadline will result in additional fees. If a student is approved to register for an independent study after the regular registration period, he or she must pay a late registration fee or add/drop fee, whichever applies. Independent study proposals will not be approved past the add/drop deadline for any semester. Deadlines will be strictly enforced.

Fees for an independent directed study are not included in the student's regular tuition fees. The fees include the current tuition fee for one course and an instructional fee of \$100 per credit hour. Fees must be paid at the time of registration for the course. See the section on student fees in this Catalog for current independent study fees.

The course identification or prefix for an independent directed study is as follows:

- School of Counseling – CEDI
- School of Psychology – PSYI
- School of Ministry – MINI

The prefix is followed by the same course number used for the regular course. The course number for original independent studies will be assigned by the Records Office..

GRADES AND ACADEMIC RECORDS

Computation of Grade Point Average

The cumulative grade point average is calculated by dividing the total number of grade points earned in courses by the total number of credit hours attempted. Passing grades received in pass/fail courses are not included in this computation. (Richmont does not round up a GPA.) The grade points for academic letter grades are for credit hours attempted.

Richmont has adopted the following grade points for academic letter grades:

		A	4.0	A-	3.7
B+	3.3	B	3.0	B-	2.7
C+	2.3	C	2.0	C-	1.7
				F WF	0

Richmont has adopted the following grade scale:

		A	93+	A-	90-92
B+	88-89	B	83-87	B-	80-82
C+	78-79	C	73-77	C-	70-72
				F	<70

Grades and grade status are further defined:

P	Pass (0 grade points assigned)
F	Fail (0 grade points assigned)
I	Incomplete
IP	In Progress (incomplete assignments and incomplete clinical hours)
X	In Progress (complete assignments and incomplete clinical hours)
W	Withdrawal
WP	Withdrawal Passing
WF	Withdrawal Failing
AU	Audit
U	Unsatisfactory (used only for audited class)
NR	Not Reported

Grades received in courses from other colleges or universities that are approved for transfer to Richmont will not be calculated in the Richmont GPA. When a course is repeated, the initial course remains on the transcript with an earned grade of "P" but the original grade is no longer calculated into the GPA.

Grade Requirements

Richmont has specific policies related to grades and eligibility for graduation:

- A student must earn a cumulative 3.0 GPA for all Richmont courses appearing on the transcript. (Richmont does not round up a GPA.)

- Transferred courses, if accepted, appear on the transcript with the title of the course from the transferring institution and the credit hours of the course from the transferring institution or Richmont, whichever is less. No grade is recorded, and no grade points are applied.

- A maximum of two C grades (C+, C, C-) may be applied toward meeting course requirements.
- A student who earns a third C grade may repeat the course one time for credit.
- A student who earns a fourth C grade is subject to academic dismissal.
- A student who receives a term GPA below 3.0 during a given semester will receive a letter of scholastic warning from the Records Office.
- A student who receives a term GPA of less than 3.0 in two successive semesters will be subject to dismissal.
- Conditionally admitted students whose term GPA falls below a 3.0 for coursework taken within the first eight hours of courses evaluated with a traditional letter grade are subject to academic dismissal.
- Any student who receives an F is subject to dismissal from the University.
- Students enrolled in the School of Counseling must earn a minimum grade of B- in the following courses before continuing in the clinical sequence:
 - CED6113: Helping Relationships
 - CED6123: Ethical, Legal and Professional Standards in Professional Counseling and Marriage & Family Counseling
 - CED6143: Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Disorders
 - CED6912: Applied Practicum and Treatment Planning Lab in Counseling

Grade Changes

A grade submitted by the instructor can be changed only in extreme circumstances with the approval of the Dean of the corresponding school.

Grade Reporting Policies

All grades are due for graduating students and students under review for SQE by the Monday following final exam week at 5:00 p.m. Grades for all other students are due the Wednesday after final exams (two days later). Grades that are not received by the due date will be recorded as *NR* (not reported). As grades are posted by instructors, they are authorized by the Records Office and can be viewed by students via their CAMS student portal. Grades will be unavailable to view by students who have past-due financial accounts.

In-Progress Grades

An instructor may assign a temporary *IP* (in progress) grade when an unavoidable problem in a selected course prevents the issuance of a grade, such as a student who is unable to complete enough direct contact hours in a practicum and has not completed practicum or internship related coursework despite his best efforts. This option is utilized sparingly at the instructor's discretion, not in response to a student's request. Please note that the *IP* option is used only for Practicum, Counseling Internship, Mentored Internship, and Thesis courses. This grade does not grant the student academic credit.

For the School of Counseling only, an instructor may assign a temporary *X* grade when a student has completed all assignments but lacks the appropriate clinical hours necessary for the course. This grade does give the student academic credit for the course. This option is utilized sparingly at the instructor's discretion, not in response to a student's request.

An *IP* or *X* grade is not the same as an *I* (incomplete). Incompletes may be requested by students who are experiencing unforeseen personal problems that prevent them from completing their coursework. Grade changes for *IP*s must be submitted by the professor by the day grades are due during the following academic term, or they will be changed to *F*s.

Incomplete Grades

If a student is unable to complete the semester's work for a course, he or she may request an incomplete (*I*) grade. The Request for Incomplete form may be obtained from the Records Office, on the Richmond website, or through the CAMS student portal. The form is to be completed by the student, who must give a legitimate reason for the request and outline the assignments that need to be completed. This form will then be signed by the professor of the course to verify that the student is passing and the incomplete is not being sought to raise the student's grade in the course.

The completed form will be submitted to the Records Office for final approval by the last day of final exams week. Due dates for incompletes vary based on the school enrolled. Please see below for specific instructions regarding incompletes.

Please note: If an instructor submits an *I* for a student who has not submitted a Request for Incomplete form, an *F* will be assigned to the student until the Records Office receives the form. Students may be limited regarding the number of incompletes they may carry at one time. Those who have an incomplete should limit their course load in the subsequent semester until the incomplete is resolved.

Incompletes: Schools of Counseling and Psychology

The student must complete the work by the date on which the next academic term's (including Summer) grades are due, or the grade will be changed to an *F*.

Incompletes: School of Ministry

Incomplete work is due four weeks from the last day of finals for students in the School of Ministry. If the incomplete work is not received by this point, the grade will be changed to an *F*.

ACADEMIC RECORDS

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

The following is an abbreviated version of the FERPA policy. The policy in its entirety is available from the Records Office and on the Richmond Website.

Annual Notification

Students will be notified of their FERPA rights annually by publication of this information on the Richmond Website. Copies also will be available from the Records Office.

Procedure to Inspect Education Records

Students may inspect and review their educational records upon request to the appropriate record custodian.

Students should submit to the record custodian or an appropriate Richmond staff member a written request that identifies as precisely as possible the record(s) they wish to inspect.

The record custodian or appropriate Richmond staff member will make the needed arrangements for access as promptly as possible and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. Access must be given in 45 days or less from the receipt of the request.

When a record contains information about more than one student, the student may inspect and review only the records that relate to him or her.

Limitations of Rights of Access

Richmont reserves the right to refuse to permit a student to inspect the following records:

1. Letters and statements of recommendation for which the student has waived the right of access
2. Records connected with an application to attend Richmond or a component of Richmond if that application was denied
3. Records that are excluded from the FERPA definition of education records

Refusal to Provide Copies of Records and Transcripts

Richmont reserves the right to deny transcripts or copies of records in the following situations:

1. The student has an unpaid financial obligation to Richmond.
2. The student's federal loan payments are not current.

The fee for copies of transcripts will be published annually in the Graduate Catalog.

Disclosure of Education Records

Richmont will disclose information from a student's education records only with the student's written consent. Records may be disclosed without consent when the disclosure is:

1. To University officials who have a legitimate education interest in the records
- a. A University official is any person employed by Richmond in an administrative, research or support staff position,

including part-time graduate assistants or volunteers who have a legitimate educational interest

- b. A person employed or under contract to Richmond to perform a special task, such as an attorney or auditor
2. To officials of another school, upon request, in which the student seeks or intends to enroll
3. To certain officials of the U.S. Department of Education, the Comptroller General, and state and local educational authorities, in connection with certain state or federally supported education programs
4. In connection with a student's request for or receipt of financial aid, as necessary to determine the eligibility, amount or conditions of the financial aid, or to enforce the terms and conditions of the aid
5. To state and local officials or authorities if required by a state law requiring disclosure that was adopted before November 19, 1974
6. To organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of Richmond
7. To accrediting organizations to carry out their functions
8. To parents of an eligible student who claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes
9. To comply with a judicial order or a lawfully issued subpoena
10. To appropriate parties in a health or safety emergency
11. To individuals requesting directory information so designated by Richmond
12. The results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by Richmond against an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence to the alleged victim of that crime

Directory Information

Richmont designates the following items as directory information: student name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, degree sought and certifications, part-time or full-time status, degrees and awards received, previous schools attended and photographs. The University may disclose any of these items without prior written consent, unless notified in writing to the contrary. Such notification must be received within three school days of the official date of registration to ensure that directory information will not be included in University publications.

Correction of Education Records

Students have the right to ask to have records corrected that they believe are inaccurate, misleading or in violation of their privacy rights. Procedures for correction are available from the Records Office. Students should address questions about this policy to the Records Office.

Transcript Requests

Official transcripts will be released by Richmond only upon receipt of a request from the student, including his or her handwritten signature. A signature from a friend, parent or spouse on behalf of the student will not be accepted. Requesting an official transcript via the Richmond website is the preferred method of request.

Richmont will mail official transcripts or send electronic transcripts via a secure portal to the recipient indicated through the website. Alternatively, the student may receive the transcript in person from the Records Office or through the mail. In either case, the transcript will be in a sealed envelope with the Registrar's signature across the back. If the seal is broken, the transcript is no longer official.

Transcripts will not be given to a student's representative unless specifically indicated on the request with a signature.

Regular processing time for transcripts is one business week. The cost for transcripts is \$6.00 for each transcript sent (paper or electronic). These requests will not be processed until payment is received, if applicable. Should expedited service be required, an additional \$10 fee will be assessed; and transcripts will be prepared within 24 hours and sent via USPS. If overnight delivery is required, an additional fee of at least \$30 will be assessed (amount based on current FedEx rates). Students requesting expedited service of any kind are asked to phone the Records Office to confirm receipt of the request. Payment of transcript fee(s) may be made by credit card.

Official transcripts may not be issued for the following reasons:

1. Financial holds from the Business Office
2. No signature on the request
3. Insufficient, inaccurate or illegible identification information
4. Insufficient payment, expired or declined credit card, or payment using non-U.S. currency

Students may access unofficial transcripts through the CAMS student portal. Unofficial transcripts are also provided to current students upon request without charge for academic advising and personal use. The unofficial transcript is presented directly to the student on plain white paper and may be duplicated. This transcript is not suitable to obtain employment, transfer to another education institution, or verify degree.

Should a student's transcript or academic record be requested from Richmond by a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena, Richmond is required to issue the transcript after making a reasonable effort to contact the student. However, if the subpoena specifically orders Richmond not to notify the student or if it is a federal grand jury subpoena, the transcript or academic record will be issued without notification to the student.

Important note: Richmond cannot accept responsibility for non-delivery if the address provided is either incomplete or incorrect nor can Richmond accept responsibility for timely delivery by the United States Postal Service, FedEx, or any other mail carrier.

Credit Hour Policy

This policy applies to all three schools regardless of the delivery method including lecture, internship, independent study/directed research study, online, and hybrid classes. Each Dean is responsible for ensuring that credit hours are awarded only for work that meets the requirements outlined in this policy. Richmond operates on a semester schedule. Fall and spring semesters are approximately 15-16 weeks; and summer semester is 10 weeks with weekly courses in the summer extended to meet contact-hour requirements. Richmond awards semester credit hours as the measure of academic coursework.

For traditional lecture and seminar classes, a credit hour is awarded in semester hour units based on semesters of 15-16 weeks and contact hours of 50 minutes. For the shortened summer semester, courses are expected to have the same number of contact hours as courses taught in a normal semester.

In an effort to accommodate students furthering their education while maintaining employment and to offer students the opportunity to be exposed to outstanding faculty from across the country, some Richmond classes are offered in intensive formats. For example, a two-hour course may be offered in three weekend days of 10 hours of instruction each; and three-hour courses may be taught on four weekend days of 11 – 11.5 hours each. Syllabi are available to students at the beginning of the semester during which intensives are offered. Readings are assigned to prepare students for the first day of class when all the coursework is collapsed into one weekend.

All assignments may not be due that weekend, but all will be due prior to the last day of regular classes for the semester as determined by the instructor. Thus, although the class time is condensed, students still have essentially the entire semester to interact with the subject matter of the class. Learning objectives and expected outcomes and workload expectations are the same as for traditional weekly courses.

Courses that have less structured classroom schedules, such as internships, independent study or directed research courses, online and hybrid courses, at a minimum, should state clearly learning objectives and expected outcomes and workload expectations that meet the standards set forth above.

No credits are given for audited courses.

The clinical internship course sequence within the School of Counseling provides opportunities for the participation in the counseling process as counselor/co-counselor under the supervision of licensed Christian mental health professionals across 12 months for a total of 6 credit hours. Over this time period, students accumulate a minimum of 700 clock hours of clinical experience of which a minimum of 300 hours is in direct service (face to face counseling). It also includes weekly individual (at least two hours) and group supervision (at least one and one half hours). Overall, the clinical experience typically involves approximately 20 hours per week.

The internship course within the School of Ministry provides opportunities for students to apply learned leadership ideas and models in a ministry setting under the mentorship of an established ministry leader. The 2 credit course includes 5 hours of instruction by the Director of Mentored Growth and Development, class assignments and 250 hours of internship work. The course requires bimonthly meetings with their mentor.

For independent study or directed research (thesis) courses, credit hours are awarded based on the amount and complexity of the academic work to be done consistent with an equivalent workload for the credit hour standard applied to courses. Time commitment must account for equivalent seat time in a traditional class (e.g., 45 hours for a 3 semester hour course; 30 hours for a 2 semester course) plus additional time spent in study and preparation. The additional time must be double the seat time for the class; in other words, a 3 credit hour class taken as an independent study consists of a minimum of 135 hours of work (45 for seat time; 90 additional). Time involved in work is distributed across a) independent reading of both course materials and lecture slides, b) the conduct of empirical and/or theoretical research on chosen topic, c) meetings with instructor and/or Thesis Advisor (minimum of three), d) written assignments, and e) other activities (e.g., submission of IRB proposals) as appropriate for the specific subject topic.

For hybrid (direct instructor contact combined with online elements) delivery formats, course instructional time includes direct faculty/student course contact within the physical classroom environment as well as via the virtual teaching space. Virtual teaching contact activities include, but are not limited to: communication via threaded discussion board and email; experiential exercises facilitated by online material; and completion of course modules. Time commitment must account for equivalent seat time in a traditional class (e.g., 45 hours for a 3 semester hour course; 30 hours for a 2 semester course) plus additional time spent in study and preparation. Additional academic coursework requirements expected to be completed outside of course instructional time include written papers, quizzes, tests, and case studies. Workload expectations are the same as for traditional weekly classes.

EXIT REQUIREMENTS: SCHOOL OF COUNSELING

During their last semester, students in the M.A. in Professional Counseling and the M.A. in Marriage and Family Therapy programs are required to complete the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination (CPCE) and be approved by the Richmond faculty through the Student Qualifying Evaluation (SQE) process. These steps represent an important aspect of the competency evaluation system for all graduates of Richmond's counseling programs.

Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination

The CPCE is administered during the course CED7891: Professional Seminar in Marriage & Family Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling. It is based on eight core curriculum areas approved by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). The Office of the Dean notifies students about this exam, which costs \$45 (subject to change).

The CPCE provides valuable information regarding the student's strengths and weaknesses relative to the National Counselor Examination (NCE), which is required for licensure as a professional counselor in most states. Richmond uses the CPCE results to improve the quality of the educational experience at the University. Students are encouraged to utilize their results to prepare further for the NCE and their counseling ministry. Currently, Richmond requires all School of Counseling students to pass this examination. It is also used to direct students in strengthening areas of identified weakness and celebrating areas of strength.

National Counselor Examination

The National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) has granted Richmond certification as an approved Graduate Student Administration National Counselor Examination Testing Site. As an approved GSA-NCE testing site, Richmond administers this test each April. Although the NCE is not required for graduation from Richmond, most Richmond students choose to complete it at their home campus during their last Spring semester enrolled.

Student Qualifying Evaluation

Every student is evaluated each semester for readiness to continue to the next level of clinical training. The clinical skills of graduating students also are evaluated in this process. In the last semester of students' training, the faculty must unanimously affirm students' clinical abilities before they are granted approval for graduation from Richmond.

EVALUATION, RETENTION AND DISMISSAL POLICIES: SCHOOLS OF COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGY

Richmont students are expected to maintain the highest standards of scholarship. The minimum standard of performance is a grade of 3.0 (B). Any student who receives a term grade point average below 3.0 during a given semester will receive a letter of scholastic warning from the Records Office. Should the student receive a GPA of less than 3.0 in two successive semesters, he/she will be subject to dismissal. A student dismissed for failure to maintain a 3.0 GPA may reapply after one year and must meet full admission criteria for the master's program at the time of re-application in addition to any requirements stipulated at the time of dismissal.

In addition to academic performance, social and interpersonal skills are essential to adequate performance as a counselor. In the absence of adequate progress, students who experience difficulty in these areas will be subject to dismissal from the Richmond program after warning from the student's advisor. Supervisors of clinical work provide evaluations to the Director of Clinical Training and these are incorporated into the student's overall performance evaluation.

The evaluation of a student's performance is continuous and involves consideration of the student's academic performance as well as the student's performance in laboratory, practicum and internship classes. A student may be withdrawn from a course and/or the Richmond program if the welfare of the student's clientele, prospective clientele, or functioning of a school or agency is, in the judgment of the faculty and administration, in jeopardy as a result of the student's behavior.

Standards of Performance

By policy, students are expected to uphold standards of academic and moral excellence consistent with their commitment to Christian faith and scholarship. Richmond students must demonstrate readiness to meet the level of professional behavior and service expected of graduate students in professional counseling, including but not limited to:

- Exhibiting conduct consistent with his or her profession of faith as a follower of Christ
- Maintaining a minimum term GPA of 3.0 (B)
- Abiding by the formal Statement of Community
- Participating in Richmond functions
- Exhibiting adequate social and interpersonal skills
- Exhibiting emotional balance and maturity, free from any impairment that might place self or another at risk
- Conducting herself or himself with confidentiality, honesty and academic integrity

- Relating respectfully and professionally to faculty, staff, fellow students and others
- Responding to supervision, class instruction, and other sources of constructive feedback
- Recognizing his or her limits of competency
- Translating academic preparation to clinical performance
- Providing competent service to counselees without academic or personal limitations, when compared to others at the same level of training
- Committing to the standards set in the code of conduct established by the appropriate licensure boards and professional societies

Retention and Dismissal

By policy, consistent with the Ethics and Standards of Practice of the American Counseling Association, the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, and the Christian Association for Psychological Studies, Richmond expects students to secure remedial assistance when needed. Richmond dismisses from the program students who fail to comply with Richmond policies and procedures or who, upon evaluation, are determined to be unable to provide competent services due to academic or personal limitations. Students are expected to meet the standards of performance delineated above and must demonstrate professional behavior and service expected of a graduate student in professional counseling.

This policy is referenced during the admissions process and orientation and on relevant course descriptions. Because specific skills and personal qualities are essential to adequate performance as a counselor, students will be evaluated by the faculty periodically during their training. Not every student is suited to the profession of counseling, and acceptance into the program does not guarantee continuation in the program. The admission process is designed to accept students who, through testing, prior academic performance, interviews, and other application processes, appear to have the academic, professional and personal characteristics that may lead to success in counseling. However, such judgments inevitably are based on limited data. Moreover, life circumstances, personal crises, and other difficulties may arise that interfere with a student's continued success in the program.

Four categories of deficiencies present concerns and will lead to a plan of remediation and possible dismissal from a specific degree program or from Richmond. These categories include:

- Impairment
- Failure to demonstrate competence
- Ethical misconduct
- Problematic behaviors

Impairment is defined as an interference in professional functioning, whether chemical, physical, emotional or otherwise, that is demonstrated in one or more of the following ways:

- Inability or unwillingness to acquire and integrate professional standards into one's repertoire of professional behavior
- Inability to acquire professional skills and reach an accepted level of competency
- Inability to control personal stress, psychological dysfunction, or emotional reactions that may affect professional or social functioning
- Relational and boundary-setting traits or enduring behaviors that interfere with the establishment and maintenance of healthy relationships within or beyond Richmond

Failure to demonstrate competence is defined as a lack of demonstrated skills or ability, including, without limitation, deficiencies in professional conduct, deficient interpersonal skills, academic deficiency, failure to fulfill academic requirements, neglect, repeated absenteeism, and/or similar behaviors. Failure to demonstrate competence includes but is not limited to students providing professional services beyond their current level of competence.

Ethical misconduct occurs when the Ethical Principles and Code of Conduct of the American Counseling Association, the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, and/or Christian Association for Psychological Studies are not followed. These codes are intended to provide both general principles and the decision rules to cover most situations encountered by counselors and marriage and family therapists in their professional activities. They have as their primary goal the welfare and protection of the individuals and groups with whom counselors or marriage and family therapists work. It is the individual responsibility of each student to aspire to the highest possible standards of conduct.

Problematic behavior refers to a student's persistent, unremediated behaviors, attitudes or characteristics that are deemed unacceptable for professionals in training. Performance anxiety, discomfort with client's diverse lifestyles and/or ethnic backgrounds, and lack of appreciation of agency norms are examples of problematic behaviors that are usually remedied and not likely to progress into impairment status. Other problematic behaviors include irresponsibility with regard to class attendance, or missing required supervision or client appointments without notification or without sufficient reason. Problematic behaviors are typically more situational and time limited rather than persisting across time and situations and, therefore, are expected to be corrected through counseling and remediation efforts initiated by either Richmond or the student without requiring further disciplinary action.

Although each situation is different and requires individual assessment, the following factors may indicate that the problem is more serious and may represent a more serious impairment rather than a problematic behavior that is situational:

1. The student does not acknowledge, understand or address the problematic behavior when it is identified.
2. The problematic behavior is not a reflection of a skill deficit that can be rectified by training.
3. The quality of service delivered by the person is insufficient and cannot be restored or remedied.
4. The problematic behavior is not restricted to one area of professional functioning.
5. The behavior has the potential for ethical or legal ramifications if not addressed.
6. A disproportionate amount of attention by training personnel is required.
7. Behavior does not change as a function of feedback.
8. Behavior negatively affects the public image of Richmond or the training site.
9. Interpersonal relationship problems suggest a personality disorder or an untreated mental illness.

Identification and verification of impairment, failure to demonstrate competence, ethical violations, or problematic behaviors can arise from many sources, including but not limited to the classroom, a faculty member, a clinical supervisor, the student's advisor, a fellow

student, or a member of the community. Both formal and informal interactions provide useful information in determining a student's need for remedial work or suitability for the counseling profession. Richmond retains the right to intervene and move toward remediation or dismissal at any point in the student's program in the event of impairment, failure to demonstrate competence, ethical violations, or problematic behaviors. In general, a student who is observed to have deficiencies will be invited to discuss the identified deficiencies with his faculty advisor, and a plan of remediation will be developed. In the absence of adequate progress, the student who experiences difficulty in these areas will be subject to dismissal after written warning from the student's advisor. Supervisors of clinical work provide evaluations to the Director of Clinical Training, and these also are incorporated into the student's overall performance evaluation. A student may be dismissed from a course and/or the Richmond program if the welfare of the student's clientele, prospective clientele, or the functioning of the school or agency is, in the judgment of the University's faculty and administration, in jeopardy as a result of the student's behavior.

Student Qualifying Evaluation

The Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) conducts student qualifying exams for each school every April, August and December. Although the focus of the SQE is on students who are in clinical sequence (Helping Relationships, Applied Practicum and Lab, Counseling Practicum, and Internship I and II), all counseling students are evaluated during this process. Clinical performance, academic performance, and general personal deportment are all factors considered in the SQE. Evaluation of those in clinical sequence serves to help identify deficiencies and develop a remediation or action plan. Receiving a passing grade in any clinical course does not necessarily allow the student to proceed with the clinical sequence.

Each member of the AAC will offer evaluation of the student's performance in the classroom and other settings, both formal and informal, based on observations from the Dean of Clinical Affairs (Atlanta campus), Director of Clinical Training (Chattanooga campus), student's advisor, other faculty, and site supervisors where applicable. The AAC has four options regarding the student's continuance:

1. If the Committee approves the student for continuance into the next clinical component without remediation, the student's advisor and a representative of Clinical Affairs sign the student performance review form. The student's signature is not required. The Dean of Clinical Affairs places the form in the student's clinical file.
2. The Committee may determine that no formal action is needed but that the student's advisor, or another faculty member as appropriate, will meet with the student to offer concerns of the AAC. Although the student and advisor may determine actions that need to be taken to remedy the concerns, no formal documentation or follow-up is required. Students who display a pattern of ongoing minor concerns over multiple semesters may require formal remediation.
3. If the Committee determines that there is a serious problem not sufficient to warrant dismissal at the time of evaluation, the AAC, along with the student's advisor, will develop a written plan for remediation. The advisor will meet with the student

and, if necessary, one other faculty member, to discuss this plan. A remediation plan is a statement of grave concern about the student's ability to continue in the Richmond program; failure to comply fully with it may lead to dismissal.

4. If the Committee determines that there is a problem that warrants dismissal, the AAC and the student's advisor will issue a dismissal to the student. The advisor will schedule a meeting to discuss it with the student and another faculty member.

After the faculty members have presented the SQE recommendations to the student and answered any questions, the student must sign the performance remediation plan, indicating that the recommendations have been given and explained. The student will be given the opportunity to accept the recommendations, to provide a written rebuttal, and/or to appeal. If he or she chooses to provide a rebuttal, the AAC will meet again to consider any new evidence presented by the student and provide written documentation of their decision. If the student wishes to appeal the faculty's decision, appeal procedures outlined in this Catalog may be followed. Regardless of the outcome of the feedback meeting, the student's advisor will schedule a follow-up meeting to evaluate the student's adjustment to the review process and recommend potential sources of guidance and assistance when necessary. Students are encouraged to submit to their advisors their own ideas for remediation, which will be considered in developing the remediation plan.

The student's advisor will document the plan using the student performance remediation plan form. The student may pre-register for the next clinical course at the normally scheduled dates while awaiting the evaluation; however, final approval for enrollment in the course is contingent upon the recommendation of the AAC. The advisor will inform the student if there is a reason he or she may not proceed with the next clinical component. If the student is not allowed to proceed with it, any fee collected specific to that course will be credited to the student's account or reimbursed. The remediation process will follow the written plan, which must include scheduled review dates and target dates for each issue identified. Examples of actions that may be included in the remediation plan are an increase in didactic instruction; decrease in course load; decrease, increase or temporary suspension of clinical, didactic, or supervisory responsibilities; altered supervision and/or faculty advisement; leave of absence; and individual psychotherapy. Progress must be reviewed at least once every semester (Fall and Spring) at least two weeks before registration. Additional reviews may be scheduled as necessary. After each one, a copy of the current remediation plan, with student comments and faculty signatures, must be placed in the student's file. If progress toward remediation plan goals is viewed by the advisor and AAC as insufficient, either a change in the remediation plan or dismissal of the student will follow. The student will have an opportunity for rebuttal or appeal, as described above.

The SQE policy is designed to promote excellence in Richmond's counselor education program by graduating only those students who exhibit the best qualifications for and highest standards in the professional practice of counseling. Although every effort is made to assure the competence of graduates, Richmond acknowledges that there are limitations in identifying potential weaknesses of students.

EVALUATION, RETENTION AND DISMISSAL POLICIES: SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

Richmont students are expected to maintain the highest standards of scholarship. The minimum standard of performance is a grade of 3.0 (B). Any student who receives a term grade point average below 3.0 during a given semester will receive a letter of scholastic warning from the Records Office. Should the student receive a GPA of less than 3.0 in two successive semesters, he/she will be subject to dismissal. A student dismissed for failure to maintain a 3.0 GPA may reapply after one year and must meet full admission criteria for the master's program at the time of re-application in addition to any requirements stipulated at the time of dismissal.

In addition to academic performance, social and interpersonal skills are essential to adequate performance in ministry and are actively evaluated while a student is in the Ministry program by faculty and staff. In the absence of adequate progress, students who experience difficulty in these areas will be subject to dismissal from the Richmond program after warning from the student's advisor. Supervisors of clinical work provide evaluations to the Dean of the School of Ministry that are incorporated into the student's overall performance evaluation.

Standards of Performance

By policy, students are expected to uphold standards of academic and moral excellence consistent with the highest standards of Christian faith and scholarship. Richmond students must demonstrate readiness to meet the level of professional behavior and service expected of graduate students in professional counseling, including but not limited to:

- Exhibiting conduct consistent with his or her profession of faith as a follower of Christ
- Maintaining a minimum term GPA of 3.0 (B)
- Abiding by the formal Statement of Community
- Exhibiting adequate social and interpersonal skills
- Exhibiting emotional balance and maturity, free from any impairment that might place self or another at risk
- Conducting herself or himself with honesty and academic integrity
- Relating respectfully and professionally to faculty, staff, fellow students and others
- Responding constructively to supervision, class instruction, and other sources of constructive feedback
- Recognizing his or her limits of competency
- Translating academic preparation to ministry performance

Retention and Dismissal of Students

Because the School of Ministry seeks to graduate women and men who qualify as Christian leaders, the faculty and administration will evaluate a student's qualifications in terms of spiritual, moral, doctrinal, professional, and academic standards.

Student Qualifying Evaluation

Formal evaluations may be initiated by faculty, the Director of Mentored Growth and Development, the Assistant to the Dean of Ministry, the Director of Records, or the Dean of the School of

Ministry. The results of such evaluations will generally point to one of three options: 1) affirmation of the student to continue in the course of study; 2) probationary status accompanied by appropriate remedial actions; or 3) dismissal from the degree program. Status reports for option 2 will be part of the remedial process. The status of probation for students must be removed by the end of the fifth semester in order for the student to graduate from the program.

ACADEMIC APPEALS POLICY: SCHOOLS OF COUNSELING, PSYCHOLOGY AND MINISTRY

ACADEMIC APPEALS POLICY

Under very rare circumstances, a student and faculty member may not be able to resolve a matter through informal conversation or a student may wish to appeal a decision made by the Academic Affairs Committee of their perspective school. In those cases where a student desires to appeal a decision, the following appeal procedure should be utilized.

The notice of appeal must contain the following:

1. A copy of the decision being appealed;
2. A statement of the grounds for appeal, which at a minimum should contain a list of alleged errors in the decision or procedure and statement of why the decision or sanctions are in error;
3. Documentation (if appropriate) to support the student's position regarding the alleged errors;
4. A requested remedy; and
5. The signature of the student and date the appeal is being submitted.

The student will give a copy of the statement to the faculty member (if the appeal is related to a specific grade) and the Academic Dean of their perspective school and attempt to discuss and resolve the matter with the faculty member. If the complaint is not resolved to the satisfaction of the student and faculty member, the student has the right to appeal directly to the Academic Dean. If the complaint is not resolved by the Dean to the satisfaction of the parties involved, the student has the right to request the referral of the matter to the Academic Affairs Committee. The Committee receives complaints only by referral from the Academic Dean of their perspective school. The Academic Affairs Committee will meet to discuss the student's written complaint and may request an interview with him or her to gain greater clarity. After the Committee makes their determination, the Academic Dean will respond in writing to the student and any other parties involved in the decision. All appeals must be received within 30 calendar days from the date that the grade was submitted to the CAMS Student Portal or 30 calendar days from the notification of the decision by the institution that the student desires to appeal.

If the complaint cannot be settled at the institutional level, a student at the Atlanta campus may contact:

Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission
2082 East Exchange Place, Suite 220
Tucker, GA 30084-5305
770.414.3300

A student at the Chattanooga campus may contact:

Tennessee Higher Education Commission
404 James Robertson Parkway, Suite 1900
Nashville, TN 32743-0830
615.741.5293

Reapplying to Richmond after being dismissed is not considered an appeal of the dismissal decision. In this scenario, a student would be able to apply for readmission to the institution one year after dismissal or the timeframe specified in the dismissal letter. Reapplication after dismissal does not guarantee that a student will be readmitted to the institution.

STUDENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

As a nurturing group of educators, Richmond maintains that all people should be treated with dignity. In those cases when the student thinks that this standard has been breached, the following procedure will apply.

A student in any Richmond program who has a grievance unrelated to academic concerns may present the complaint in writing to:

Dean of Students Richmond Graduate University
McCarty Building
2055 Mount Paran Road N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30327

The Student Grievance Committee will meet to discuss the student's written complaint and may request an interview with him or her to gain greater clarity. After the Committee makes a determination, the President will respond in writing to the student and the other parties, if any.

If a complaint is not settled at the institutional level, a student at the Atlanta campus may contact:

Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission
2082 East Exchange Place, Suite 220
Tucker, GA 30084-5305
770-414-3300

Regarding a complaint not settled at the institutional level, a student at the Chattanooga campus may contact:

Tennessee Higher Education Commission
404 James Robertson Parkway
Suite 1900, Parkway Towers
Nashville, TN 32743-0830
615-741-5293

POLICY ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND ILLEGAL DRUGS

Richmont Graduate University is committed to maintaining a drug-free learning environment. The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited on Richmont grounds or at Richmont activities by all students and employees. It is also a violation of Richmont policy for anyone to consume or possess alcohol in any public or private area of campus without prior Institute approval. The use of wine for communion is excluded from the need for prior approval.

The Procedures for Processing Grievances against Students will be followed in resolving the matter. These procedures are included in the Student Handbook. If a member of the community believes that a student has violated Richmont policy on substance abuse, that student or staff or faculty member is responsible and encouraged to bring this matter to the attention of the Dean of Students Office (or the President's office, if more appropriate).

RICHMONT COMMUNITY STANDARDS

As a community of Christians with special commitment to acting out of love toward one another, Richmont expects community behavior that demonstrates the highest standard of respect for people and property. Scripture is replete with exhortations to look out for the welfare of others and build up each other, to be good protectors and stewards of the possessions God has given us and to be honest and keep one's word. Richmont is committed to fostering respectful interpersonal relationships regardless of gender, race, age, handicap, or national origin.

Basic standards for respectful conduct at Richmont are similar to those of other institutions of higher education in societies with the legal foundation of respect for people and property. Occasions may arise when specific standards relevant to this community are not fully recognized. Accordingly, the following examples of behaviors that is not acceptable according to the Statement on Respect for People and Property may be cause for disciplinary action. When appropriate, these may be reported to civil authorities for legal or other action.

Dishonesty: Richmont regards as unacceptable lying, misrepresentation, or deception in representations an individual makes about self or others, especially in formal statements.

Injurious or offensive action: Physical assault, infliction of psychological injury, and the spread of malicious rumors are unacceptable. Prejudicial treatment based on gender, race, age, and physical challenge is both offensive and injurious. Persistent profane or obscene language that gives offense is subject to disciplinary action.

Disruption: Acts by individuals or groups that substantially interfere with the rights of others or interfere with the normal activities of Richmont are unacceptable. Disruptive activities in classrooms, libraries, offices, or other campus meeting assembly areas are included.

Stealing or destruction of property: Theft of or damage to the property of another person or of Richmont is unacceptable. Defacing or rendering library material unusable shows little respect for people or property. Unauthorized possession or use of Richmont materials or equipment is stealing.

Purposeful violation of institutional policies: Purposeful violations include refusal to comply with contractual arrangements with Richmont offices or services and unwillingness to abide by established Richmont policies.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

All students must apply for graduation in the summer term prior to their expected participation in commencement (usually three terms). The due date for graduation applications is published in the Academic Calendar. Applications for graduation notify the Records Office to review the student's transcript to determine that all degree requirements have been met. Application also alerts the Records Office to include the student in all communications regarding graduation and to order diplomas and regalia for each student.

Students may complete degree requirements and graduate from Richmont at the end of three different completion semesters: fall, spring and summer. The graduation date on the diploma and transcript will reflect the end of the term by which all requirements have been met. Students with requirements outstanding who are approved to participate in the May commencement ceremony will not receive a diploma until the end of summer session. Students who graduate at the end of fall semester may choose to participate in the annual commencement ceremony that follows the date of graduation.

All students need to have a clear understanding of the distinction between graduation and commencement. Approved students who have any outstanding requirements, including internship hours, may participate in the commencement ceremony but will not receive a diploma at the commencement and will not officially become a graduate of Richmont until the end of the term (typically summer) in which those requirements are met.

Commencement Participation

Richmont holds commencement each May. Students who are within three courses of meeting graduation requirements during the spring semester are permitted to participate in the ceremony. A notation will appear in the commencement program indicating that the student is participating under this policy. Degrees will not be conferred nor will diplomas and transcripts be available without completion of all coursework as dictated by the student's degree program.

FINANCIAL SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (FSAP)

This policy is required for Title IV (Financial Aid) compliance and is set in accordance with the mandates of the Department of Education. It follows guidelines the University has already established regarding GPA and degree length. This policy sets the standard for minimum financial satisfactory academic progress (FSAP). Students receiving Title IV must maintain the requirements of FSAP in order to remain eligible to receive aid. Students not receiving financial aid must still comply with all requirements of maintaining satisfactory academic progress for continuance in any academic program Richmond offers.

Evaluation Criteria for FSAP

1. Program Length: MAMFT, MAMin and MAPC programs must be completed within 5 years and MS programs completed within 3 years. Students who do not complete degree requirements within 5 years will NOT be considered in good academic standing and will not be eligible for financial aid. Students have the option to appeal, but there is no guarantee it will be granted. Students must be enrolled for at least 6 hours every fall and spring and successfully complete these courses without making the following grades for those 6 hours: *W*, *WP*, *WF*, *I*, *AU*, *IP*, and *F*.
2. Grades and Term GPA: A Term GPA below a *B* (3.0) will result in being placed on probation. Failure to make Satisfactory Academic Progress may be a result of unsatisfactory performance in classes, not attending class, unsatisfactory performance on qualifying exams, unsatisfactory research progress, or failure to meet other program requirements. Note: SAP is based on Term (not Cumulative) GPA.
3. Successful Completion of 6 hours: Students must successfully complete 6 hours of credit for fall and spring semesters.

Requirements for Satisfactory Academic Progress

Grades of *W* (withdrawn), *I* (incomplete), *IP* (in progress), *WF* (withdrawn with failure), *WP* (withdrawn with passing), *AU* (audit), and/or *F* (failure) are not grades that award credit and therefore do not count toward the 6 hours needed for SAP.

In clinical courses in the School of Counseling (Practicum, Internship I, and Internship II) students must complete all requirements for each clinical class in order to earn a grade of Pass.

- Requirements include all rubrics for the course, including but not limited to completing counseling videos, community presentations, satisfactory attendance, and any other requirements specified in the syllabus for the course. Hours completed for internship to date will be turned in to assess progress and will be required to receive a Pass for Practicum and Internship I.
- If a student does not turn in all rubrics by the deadline (assigned by professor) in Practicum or Internship I, the grade assigned will be *IP*, which will not count toward the 6 hours needed for satisfactory academic progress.

- A grade of Pass for Internship II will not be given until ALL requirements AND hours have been successfully completed.
- Transfer credits are counted when measuring the maximum time frame for FSAP to complete the degree or but do not impact GPA.
- The Records Office will notify the student of any grade change (especially regarding a previous grade of Incomplete) to a traditional letter grade.

FSAP Probation Semester and Appeals

Students who fail to meet any of the requirements for FSAP will be notified and allowed one automatic Probation Semester associated with their next semester of enrollment to restore their satisfactory academic progress standing.

During the Probation Semester, students will be allowed to receive Federal financial aid, given they meet the requirements for that aid (taking 6 hours in fall or spring semester). A student is **not** allowed to receive consecutive Probation Semesters of Federal aid without an appeal (described below).

If a student cannot re-establish satisfactory academic standing during the Probation period, the student will become *ineligible to receive financial aid*.

Appeals

A student does have the option to appeal the loss of financial aid, using the following process:

1. The student must submit the Satisfactory Academic Progress for Financial Aid Appeal Form to the Records Office.
 2. The appeal will then go before the FSAP Appeal Committee.
 3. The Committee will either deny the request or allow one more Probation Semester for the student to come into compliance with the FSAP standards.
- *If the appeal is denied:* the student may re-establish eligibility to be considered for Federal aid for a subsequent semester by taking action that brings him or her into compliance with the degree length, credit hours, and GPA requirements of Richmond's SAP standard. During this time, the student will not be eligible to receive financial aid.
 - The Committee reserves the right to advise students as to their course loads, minimum grade requirements and the possible need for counseling and/or academic advisement.

Note: Being declared ineligible for financial aid does not mean the student has been academically dismissed from Richmond.

Appeals cannot be approved for students taking fewer than 6 hours for fall and spring semesters. Appeals also cannot be approved for a future semester when a student has attempted at least 6 hours but has not been able to complete those hours successfully.

Re-establishing Eligibility for Federal Financial Aid

Once the Probation Semester has concluded, the student may re-establish eligibility to be considered for Federal aid for a subsequent semester by either:

1. Taking action that brings him or her into compliance with the qualitative and quantitative components of Richmond's FSAP standard; OR
2. Meeting the specific academic plan and standards for the Probation Semester as established by the Appeals Committee.

Important note: *Students who choose to enroll while they are not making progress, waiting for the outcome of an appeal, or have an appeal denied are responsible for all charges on their account. Students will be held accountable for those charges if the courses are not dropped before the established deadlines published in the Academic catalog. Students who submit an appeal after the fall semester will not be retroactively approved for the completed term. The appeal, if approved, would be granted only for the following spring semester.*

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Tuition and fees provide resources for faculty, administrative staff, theology and integration courses, clinical colloquia, supervised practice in a counseling setting, assessment consultation, community education experiences, technology tools and other special aspects of the Richmond program. Financial arrangements for payment of tuition and fees must be made by the payment deadline specified in the Academic Calendar. Students can find the Academic Calendar at the back of the Graduate Catalog. In addition, this information will be posted by the finance office before a semester begins.

Students who do not make financial arrangements by the payment deadline will be charged a \$50 late payment penalty fee. Students who have not made definitive and satisfactory arrangements to pay any outstanding balance from an earlier semester will not be able to register for the next semester. Once satisfactory financial arrangements are accepted, the student will be able to register.

All tuition and fees must be paid prior to the issuance of transcripts, grade reports, diplomas and degrees. It is the student's responsibility to see that payment arrives on time. Richmond cannot be responsible for lost, late or misdirected mail or checks. Please allow adequate time for mail delivery and processing when payment is sent.

Tuition and Fees for 2014-2015

Tuition for School of Counseling	\$615.00	per credit hour
Tuition for School of Psychology	\$615.00	per credit hour
Tuition for School of Ministry	\$450.00	per credit hour
Audit Tuition for the School of Counseling and Psychology	\$307.50	per credit hour
Audit Tuition for the School of Ministry	\$225.00	per credit hour
Schedule Change Fee (add/drop)	\$10.00	per transaction
Independent Study Fee	\$100.00	per credit hour
Late Registration Fee	\$50.00	
Late Payment Fee	\$50.00	
Application Fee	\$50.00	
Orientation Fee	\$25.00	
Student Fee	\$50.00	per semester
Library Fee	\$25.00	per semester
Technology Fee	\$125.00	per semester
Graduation Fee	\$150.00	
Late Graduation Fee	\$75.00	
Replacement Diploma Fee	\$30.00	
Re Transcript Evaluation Fee	\$10.00	per transcript
Transcript Fee	\$6.00	per transcript
Expedited Transcript Fee	\$10.00	per transcript
Overnight Transcript Delivery	\$40.00	minimum per delivery
Non-Continuance Fee	\$50.00	
CPCE Examination Fee	set by NBCC	
NCC Application Fee	set by NBCC	

Tuition and fees are subject to change without notice. Individual courses may require additional fees at the prerogative of the instructor.

Graduation Fees

Every graduating student is assessed a graduation fee of \$150 to cover all expenses. It is assessed to all students regardless of participation in the commencement ceremony and is used to cover the cost of regalia, diploma and diploma cover, graduation reception, and graduation processing. Students who apply for graduation after the application deadline and students who change their degree, certificate program, etc. after stated deadlines will be charged a \$75.00 late fee to help defray the costs of reordering diplomas, regalia, and other related materials for commencement. Students who change their graduate date after the application deadline as a result of incomplete internship hours or additional coursework that the university might require will not be charged the \$75.00 dollar late fee.

Financial Aid and Employment

A limited number of work-study positions are available at Richmond, and part-time jobs can be located in the Atlanta and Chattanooga areas. Due to the intensity of the Richmond program, full-time students should not plan to be employed for more than 20 hours per week. Employment opportunities are posted for students as they become available.

Loans

Some students finance their education through bank and state loans. Out-of-state students may find that these loans are more accessible through their home state.

Richmont qualifies for Federal Stafford unsubsidized and GRADPLUS loans for graduate students. Applicants for federally funded loan or grant programs must:

- Be U.S. citizens, permanent residents or residents of the Trust Territories
- Be in compliance with Selective Service laws
- Be enrolled at least half time (six hours) as regular students in a degree program
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress (See FSAP in this Catalog.)
- Not owe a refund or be in default on any Title IV loans

To apply for these loans online, visit www.studentloans.gov. Select the state of Tennessee and enter Richmont's code G33554.

Veterans' Benefits and Vocational Rehabilitation

Richmont is approved for training of veterans and for vocational rehabilitation students as an accredited training institution. Those qualified for educational benefits under these programs should contact their nearest Department of Veterans Affairs or Vocational Rehabilitation Office for more information.

Veterans and other eligible persons are required to attend classes in order to be eligible for educational benefits under these programs. Richmont is required to report promptly to the VA or Vocational Rehabilitation offices any changes in enrollment, non-class attendance or withdrawal from the institution.

A recipient may not receive benefits for any course that does not fulfill requirements for his/her stated degree and major. Audited courses, non-credit courses, and correspondence work cannot be certified.

Scholarships

Applications for the following scholarships are available online at www.richmont.edu or from the Admissions Office. The application deadline for all scholarships is May 1.

June Braund Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to a student with interests in gerontological counseling. Recipients will be awarded \$5,000 annually with a maximum award of \$15,000 over a period of no more than three years. The recipient will be mentored by Dr. Ron Braund, Richmont alumnus who established this scholarship in honor of his mother. The recipient is required to take two approved graduate level courses in gerontology and provide service to families dealing with Alzheimer's. Detailed information is available from the Office of Student Services.

Caldwell Scholarship

Former Richmont Board member Tina Currin has chosen to honor her mother, Harriet Caldwell, with the Caldwell Scholarship. One student will be granted a full scholarship (tuition only) for a maximum of three years, provided the recipient maintains satisfactory performance in the program. The recipient will demonstrate strong Christian character and financial need. In addition, applicants will write a brief essay applying for the scholarship.

Harrison Griffith DeKay Scholarship

As a reflection of the donor, this scholarship program is designed to benefit first-year students who show academic merit, financial need, a love of Scripture, and a strong desire to serve God through the ministry of helping. Harrison Griffith DeKay scholarships reduce tuition by 25% per semester, with a maximum of \$750 per semester. The maximum amount awarded to a recipient during enrollment at Richmont is \$4,000.

Baird McClure Memorial Scholarship

The Baird McClure Memorial Scholarship was endowed by the late Nick Senter in honor of his cousin, Elizabeth Baird, a true Kingdom servant, known for her wit, wisdom and prayer. This scholarship is for students in the professional counseling or marriage and family therapy programs who have demonstrated financial need. Recipients will be awarded between \$1,000 and \$5,000 per academic year, as determined by the Scholarship Committee. The maximum amount awarded to a recipient during enrollment at Richmont is \$10,000 over a period of no longer than three years.

Paul L. Walker Merit Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to students who show the highest level of academic and professional potential. Awards may be granted as full scholarships, covering tuition, fees and books for students in the two-year professional counseling program. Partial awards also may be granted annually.

Willingham Rollinson Scholarship Fund

The Mary and Windy Willingham and Ann Rollinson Scholarship Fund will assist students pursuing a master's degree in professional counseling or marriage and family therapy at Richmont. The scholarship is designed for students in the Chattanooga area who demonstrate financial need and who desire to work in an inner-city ministry upon the completion of their graduate studies.

Add/Drop/Withdrawal and Institutional Withdrawal Policies

All students should be pre-registered by orientation/registration day and have all account holds cleared. (Please see the Registration Procedures section of this Catalog for additional registration information.)

Late Payment Fee

Students who have not paid or made financial arrangements by the date posted in the Academic Calendar will be charged a \$50 late payment fee.

Late Registration

Students whose holds are not cleared or who choose to register on or after the first day of classes will be assessed a \$50 late registration fee. This also applies to students not otherwise enrolled in Richmond who are registering for intensive classes on or after the first day of classes.

Add/Drop/Withdrawal

Through the first Friday of the semester, classes may be dropped or added upon receipt of a completed add/drop/withdrawal form by the Records Office. A \$10 schedule change fee per transaction will be assessed.

After the first Friday of the semester, the student must withdraw from the class in question using the add/drop/withdrawal form. A \$10 schedule change fee per transaction will be assessed. A student who withdraws from a weekly class will receive a refund according to the schedule published by the Business Office and included in the Academic Calendar. Online hybrid courses will be treated like weekly classes where refunds are concerned.

Intensive-format courses can be dropped until close of business on the day before the class begins, using the same procedure outlined above for dropping and adding weekly classes. Students who drop an intensive class prior to the close of business on the day before the course begins will receive a full refund minus a \$10 schedule change fee per transaction. After that time, no refunds will be given.

Institutional Withdrawal

Students withdrawing from Richmond, either for the semester or indefinitely, must complete the Institutional Withdrawal Form available from the Records Office. They will receive refunds based on the same schedule for individual course withdrawals.

Refund Policy and Assessed Fees

Following is a general description of how Richmond's refund policy is structured. Please note that all non-tuition fees are non-refundable. Tuition refunds for drop/add and institutional withdrawal:

Before add/drop deadline	100% refund
After add/drop deadline to 10% point in term	90% refund
Beyond 10% to 25% point in term	75% refund
Beyond 25% to 50% point in term	50% refund
After 50% point in term	no refund
Drop/add fee	\$10.00 per transaction
Late registration fee	\$50.00

These dates will be calculated for each term, consistent with the length of the term.

The date used for calculation of a refund for withdrawal or add/drop is the date on which the Records Office receives the completed form signed by all required personnel. All students must follow the procedures for withdrawal and add/drop to receive a refund. The student has the final responsibility for submitting the form to the Records Office for processing and is responsible for fees and penalties incurred for late submission.

Financial Exceptions

A student seeking an exception of any kind on his or her financial record may complete a Petition for Financial Exception to be reviewed by the Financial Affairs Committee. This form is available from the Business Office on both campuses and on the Richmond website.

In the event of a student's injury, prolonged illness, death of a family member, or similar circumstances that interrupt or preclude the completion of a course or courses, the student may choose to withdraw from one or more classes for the semester, or if necessary withdraw from the University. In either event, the student will receive a tuition refund based on the refund schedule. The student will follow the procedures for course withdrawal or institutional withdrawal, depending on the situation. In the event of the death of a student, the family will receive a full tuition refund for the semester.

SPECIALIZATIONS/CERTIFICATES

Please note that the University is currently transitioning from specializations to certificates. This transition will be completed by the end of the 2014-2015 academic year. Beginning with the class of 2015, students pursuing a specialization/certificate program will graduate with a separate diploma and certificate. Thereafter, all specialization/certificate programs, which are above and beyond the basic degree program, will be referred to solely as certificate programs. This catalog will refer to specializations as "certificates" given the forthcoming transition.

The following certificates are available through the School of Counseling and students may choose to engage in additional coursework in the following areas:

- Addictions Counseling
- Child and Adolescent Counseling
- Christian Sex Therapy
- Spirituality and Counseling
- Trauma Counseling

Students pursuing certificates must take a minimum of three courses depending on the certificate, and prerequisite courses may be required. Certain restrictions are noted below for certifications with the M.S. degree in the School of Psychology. Once a student has added a certification, the student's program of study will be updated with the required coursework to complete the certificate.

Addictions Counseling

The addictions counseling certificate is designed to provide specialized training for students who wish to work with individuals in the broad area of addictions. These students will be trained to work with a wide range of issues but will receive specific training related to human addictions that is grounded in Christian theology. For this certificate, any four of the following courses are required. Up to two of the four courses may be original, independent studies.

CED6832	Addictions Counseling: An Integrative Approach to Assessment and Treatment (required)
CED7532	Sexual Dysfunctions, Addictive, Compulsive & Paraphilic Sexuality (prerequisites apply)
CED7582	Advanced Sexual Addictions Counseling (prerequisites apply)
CED7852	Eating Disorders: Etiology, Assessment, and Counseling Interventions
CEDI7802	Original Independent Study (may be repeated once)
PSY7162	Psychopharmacology for Therapists

Child and Adolescent Counseling

Dr. William McGee, Coordinator

The child and adolescent counseling certificate is designed to provide specialized training for those students planning to work primarily with children and teens. These students still fulfill all licensure requirements and also are trained in working with adults. However, they receive systematic training in important areas needed to provide Christian counseling to children and adolescents. For this certificate, the following courses are required:

CED/PSY6412	Child and Adolescent Psychopathology (prerequisite)
CED6422	Counseling Children
CED7432	Counseling Adolescents
CED7442	Advanced Child and Adolescent Counseling (required prereqs: CED6412, CED6422, CED7432)

Christian Sex Therapy

Dr. Michael Sytsma, Coordinators

The Christian sex therapy certificate is designed to provide specialized training for students who wish to work with individuals in the broad area of sexuality. These students will be trained to work with a wide range of issues but will receive specific training related to human sexuality that is grounded in Christian theology. For this certificate, at least four of the following courses are required:

CED6512	Human Sexuality: A Therapeutic Integration (required for all students)
CED6522	Basic Issues in Sex Therapy
CED7532	Sexual Dysfunctions, Addictive, Compulsive and Paraphilic Sexuality
CED7542	Sexuality: Medical Issues, Trauma and Abuse
CED7552	Advanced Sex Therapy (required prereq: 6512 and 7532)
CED7562	Seminar in Sex Therapy
CED7572	Advanced Sexual Trauma and Abuse
CED7582	Advanced Sexual Addiction Counseling
CED7592	Sexual Orientation and Sexual Identity
CEDI750X	Original Independent Study in Sex Therapy

Spirituality and Counseling

The spirituality and counseling certificate is designed to provide specialized training for students who desire to explicitly integrate principles and practices from historic Christian spirituality into their professional practice. This certificate provides a systematic focus on how the practices of Christian formation and spiritual direction may be integrated into the counseling process. For this certificate, at least four of the following courses are required:

CED6112	Personal and Spiritual Life of the Counselor (required)
CED6222	Applications of Christian Disciplines and Mental Health for Counselors
CED7152	Counseling and Spirituality (required)
CED7232	Dynamics of Spiritual Direction
CED7242	Traditions of Christian Spiritual Formation
CED7262	Spiritual Direction: Practice and Application
CED7262	Church-Based Counseling
PSY7272	Psychology of Religion and Spirituality

Trauma Counseling

Dr. Jama White, Coordinator

The trauma counseling certificate is designed to provide specialized training for those students who wish to work with individuals who have experienced trauma. These students will be trained to work with a wide range of issues but will receive specialized training in the biology and development of trauma and interventions for both children and adults. For this certificate, the following courses are required:

CED6802	Trauma in Developmental Context
CED6812	Trauma and Biology
CED7802	Adult Trauma Intervention
CED7812	Child Trauma Intervention

Certifications with the M.S. Degree

Students enrolled in the M.S. program may pursue any of the certifications offered at Richmond if they hold a license-eligible degree in counseling or related discipline that is substantially equivalent in content to the MAPC or MAMFT degrees that Richmond offers. The student's transcript must be evaluated through the Office of the Dean, School of Psychology. Students may be required to take prerequisites before pursuing a certificate. The certificate will be documented on the student's transcript.

All M.S. students, including those who have not earned a licensure-eligible graduate degree in counseling, are welcome to take classes that are a part of a certificate curriculum. However, unless an M.S. student has a licensure-eligible degree and has been approved by the Dean of the School of Counseling to pursue a certificate, transcripts and diplomas will not reflect one.

Multiple Certifications

Students may pursue multiple certificates, but no two certificates may hold more than one course in common. For example, students who seek a certificate in addictions counseling and Christian sex therapy must take a total of seven courses in their certification although these two certificates hold two courses in common.

THESIS OPTION

Richmont offers students the option of pursuing a thesis while in their programs. Theses can be empirical or theoretical, either conducting an original research study, or developing a thesis statement that is theoretical based on an exhaustive review of the relevant literature. The thesis track is a sequence of 4 courses, each 1 hour of credit, beginning in Spring semester, typically after Methods of Research is taken in the Fall. Approval of the instructor for the Methods of Research class is required for admission to the Thesis Track. Once a student has added a certification, the student's program of study will be updated to reflect the required coursework to complete the certificate.

Students have the option of pursuing a topic of personal interest or to participate in ongoing programmatic research at Richmont or the research of individual professors. The range of possible topics is broad, but limited to those that impinge on the program of study (counseling-related issues and topics of faith in practice). Details of the thesis are available in the Thesis Manual which is on the Richmont website and available from the Records Office or the Director of Research. This explains the steps and deadlines of the process in detail, culminating with a presentation of the thesis in a Community Time and also submission to a professional conference for poster or presentation. Questions about the thesis option that are not addressed in the manual may be sent to the Director of Research. Interested students should consult with their advisors or contact the Director of Research.

THE SCHOOLS OF RICHMONT GRADUATE UNIVERSITY

The history of Richmont Graduate University is one of God's remarkable providence through faithful individuals who were, and are, committed to serving him. Richmont is called to serve God by reaching hurting people, and preparing individuals to serve in a variety of ways through excellence in scholarship and a strong foundation of faith in Christ. As we have traveled this journey so far, we have become more and more aware of the passage from 1 Corinthians 2:9:

*No eye has seen,
no ear has heard,
no mind has conceived
what God has prepared
for those who love him.*

In 1933, when Richmont's history began, no one could have conceived of an internationally known graduate program in professional counseling. As this graduate program in professional counseling became a reality, God began to broaden the vision of what Richmont could become in the future. The result of this expanded vision became the foundation for the schools of Richmont Graduate University.

Richmont Graduate University is comprised of the School of Counseling, the School of Psychology, and the School of Ministry. Trustees, faculty, staff and students of Richmont Graduate University are committed to pursuing excellence in integrating faith and practice. Having seen the providence of God in Richmont's history, we also are committed to remaining open to where he may lead us in the future.

SCHOOL OF COUNSELING

Mission Statement for Richmond Graduate University School of Counseling

Richmont Graduate University School of Counseling provides graduate programs that integrate counselor education and Christian faith. We are committed to academic and clinical excellence through educating counselors to be spiritually sensitive practitioners.

The School of Counseling offers two licensure-eligible graduate degrees:

- Master of Arts in Professional Counseling
- Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy

All students in the School of Counseling complete coursework in Biblical studies, practical theology, and the integration of Christian faith and mental health counseling. Students are involved in laboratory experiences, practicum and internship training from the beginning of their graduate education experience. The goal of these experiences is to provide Biblical and scientific data from which the student can build a model of counseling.

Richmont seeks to equip students with knowledge and skills to enhance their ability to provide professional counseling and or marriage and family therapy to address a variety of personal and interpersonal issues. The M.A. curriculum is designed to offer coursework deemed crucial for the academic requirements of licensure as a professional counselor (LPC) and/or marriage and family therapist (LMFT). This facet of the curriculum (professional counseling focus) is fashioned to develop a broad range of understanding of human behavior and personality, clinical

intervention strategies, and standards of professional therapeutic practice.

Richmont seeks to attract academically minded students who have a heartfelt desire to integrate professional counseling and Christian faith. Typical graduates of the M.A. program will pursue licensure as a mental health professional and become employed in a church, agency or private setting. Richmont alumni live and work throughout the United States, with some practicing in international settings.

Program Sequencing

The master's programs in professional counseling and marriage and family therapy are sequenced on a two- and three-year cycle. Students may choose to attend full-time and complete the degree in two years or proceed at a more comfortable pace and complete the degree in three years. Students in the marriage and family therapy program pursuing a certificate and those completing the thesis option are encouraged to consider the three-year sequence because of the demands of the program. Richmont also offers the M.A. degree on a schedule that may be completed in four years. Other timelines also are possible.

Students may begin any degree program at the beginning of fall, spring or summer semester. However, the ideal time to begin is fall. Students are given five years to complete the MAMFT and MAPC degrees offered by Richmont. The two- and three-year sequences are listed in this Catalog; four-year degree plans are available from faculty advisors or the Records Office.

MASTER OF ARTS IN PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING

The Master of Arts in Professional Counseling (MAPC) is designed to provide specialized graduate training in proven counseling methods combined with sound theological principles. This degree fulfills the academic requirements in most states for licensure as a professional counselor (LPC) and certification as a national certified counselor (NCC).

The basic M.A. in Professional Counseling program consists of 67 semester credit hours, inclusive of a counseling practicum and clinical internship.

Professional counselors serve in a wide variety of capacities from traditional local church and denominational ministries to hospital, community mental health centers, human service agencies, private counseling practices and beyond. They utilize counseling and psychotherapy to evaluate and treat emotional, relational, and mental problems and conditions. Furthermore, professional counselors focus on prevention, consultation, education, and advocacy, as well as the management of programs and networks that promote mental health in a multicultural society.

Richmont students are mentored to identify actively with the counseling profession. The distinguished Richmont faculty teach students to integrate a sound Christian theology, clinical

counseling, and their personal spirituality to address the whole person; and faculty members are committed to the highest standards of graduate counselor education. The MAPC program is delivered through a traditional day program over two or three years or through a more versatile schedule over four years.

In addition to the MAPC, students can pursue a certification to strengthen their ability to work with specific client populations. The following certificates are offered in addition to the MAPC program:

- Addictions Counseling
- Child and Adolescent Counseling
- Christian Sex Therapy
- Spirituality and Counseling
- Trauma Counseling

Specializations/Certifications, which are above and beyond the basic degree program, are documented on the graduate's transcript. Please note that the University is currently transitioning from specializations to certificates. This transition will be completed by the end of the 2014-2015 academic year. Beginning with the class of 2015, students pursuing a certificate program will graduate with a separate diploma and certificate.

MAPC PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

OBJECTIVE 1

Theoretical and Clinical Knowledge

Students will

- gain knowledge of theoretical and empirical foundations of the field of professional counseling and its practice in a multicultural and pluralistic society.
- gain theoretical and practical knowledge in the history of counseling, professional orientation and ethical practice, social and cultural diversity and advocacy, human growth and development, psychopathology and diagnosis of mental disorders, helping relationships, group dynamics and group counseling, clinical assessment and appraisal, research and program evaluation, counseling prevention and intervention, career planning and vocational counseling, crisis intervention and emergency response, and clinical and integrative theology.

OBJECTIVE 2

Counseling Clinical Skills

Students will

- acquire the skills of clinical assessment and intervention in counseling cases.
- learn how to design and apply treatment plans and how to apply the techniques of various models of counseling.
- learn the helping relationship skills required of an effective counselor.

These skills are acquired through direct counseling practice in the clinical training sequences of courses, including supervised counseling practicum and internships.

OBJECTIVE 3

Professional Identity and Ethical Character

Students will

- develop a practical understanding of the ethical, legal and professional standards of counselors.
- subscribe to the codes of ethics as outlined by ACA and CAPS.
- understand licensure standards, professional society functions and standards, and other business and professional identity process related to professional counseling.

OBJECTIVE 4

Preparation for Licensure as a Professional Counselor

- Graduates with the M.A. in Professional Counseling will meet academic eligibility requirements for licensure as an LPC in Georgia, Tennessee, and most other states. Required content area courses for licensure as a professional counselor are listed in this Graduate Catalog.

OBJECTIVE 5

Theological Understanding

Students will

- gain knowledge in historical, systematic, Biblical and philosophical theology relevant to issues of the nature of God and man within the context of counseling.

- gain knowledge in Biblical literature, Church history, the relationship between counseling and Christian faith, and methods and models of integrating Christian theology with the clinical practice of professional counseling.

OBJECTIVE 6

Personal and Spiritual Formation

Students will

- gain insight into the unique personal and spiritual demands of the life and work of the professional counselor.
- understand the interpersonal aspects of theodicy, the dynamics of spiritual direction, and means by which to address spirituality in counseling.

LPC Content Area Courses

Human Growth and Development

- CED7113 Human Growth and Development

Social and Cultural Foundations

- CED7153 Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling

The Helping Relationship

- CED6113 Helping Relationships

Group Dynamics, Processing and Counseling

- CED7123 Group Counseling Theory and Practice

Lifestyle and Career Development

- CED7143 Vocational Counseling

Psychopathology

- CED6622 Clinical Assessment in Individual, Marital and Family Counseling
- CED6143 Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Disorders
- CED6912 Applied Practicum and Treatment Planning Lab in Counseling

Appraisal of Individuals

- CED6163 Clinical Appraisal and Diagnostic Evaluation in Counseling

Research and Evaluation

- CED7713 Methods of Research

Professional Identity

- CED6123 Ethical, Legal and Professional Standards in Professional Counseling and Marriage & Family Counseling
- CED6212 Personal and Spiritual Life of the Counselor

Master of Arts in Professional Counseling

Degree Requirements

The M.A. in Professional Counseling curriculum consists of 67 semester hours.

Core Counseling Curriculum (40 hours) Semester Credit Hours

CED5102**	Introduction to Counseling	
CED6112	Personal and Spiritual Life of the Counselor	2
CED6113	Helping Relationships	3
CED6123	Ethical, Legal and Professional Standards in Professional Counseling and Marriage & Family Therapy	3
CED6133	Counseling Systems and Interventions	3
CED6143	Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Disorders	3
CED6163	Clinical Appraisal and Diagnostic Evaluation in Counseling	3
CED6612	Family Systems Theory	2
CED6832	Addictions Counseling: An Integrative Approach to Assessment and Treatment	2
CED7113	Human Growth and Development	3
CED7123	Group Counseling Theory and Practice	3
CED7132	Theodicy and Trauma Counseling	2
CED7143	Vocational Counseling	3
CED7152	Counseling and Spirituality	2
CED7153	Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling	3
CED7713***	Methods of Research	3

** Intro is required only for students with less than 12 credit hours in psychology or closely related field.

*** Students in the thesis option must plan their course sequence in consultation with their advisors.

Note: Students should contact their State Board of Examiners to determine whether additional work is required for licensure eligibility.

Clinical Intervention Curriculum (8 hours)

CED6622	Clinical Assessment in Individual, Marital and Family Counseling	2
CED6813	Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy	3
CED7891	Professional Seminar in Marriage and Family Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling	1
PSY7822	Psychodynamic Theories and Counseling	2

Integration Curriculum (11 hours)

CED6322	Models of Relating Christianity and Counseling	2
CED6342	Christian Traditions with Implications for Counseling	2
CED7313	Hermeneutics and Application	3
CED7362	Integrative Theology for Counselors	2
CEDx2x2	Counseling and Spirituality Integration Elective	2

Clinical Training Curriculum (8 hours)

CED6912	Applied Practicum and Treatment Planning Lab in Counseling	2
CED6922	Counseling Practicum	2
CED7932	Counseling Internship I	2
CED7942	Counseling Internship II	2

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Basic Degree Program Sequence

** *Intro is required only for students with less than 12 credit hours in psychology or closely related field.*

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Note: Students should contact their State Board of Examiners to determine whether additional work is required for licensure eligibility.

Two-year cycle (three-year program sequence on next page; four-year program sequence available from the Records Office)

Fall Semester I***		Semester Credit Hours
• CED5102	Introduction to Counseling**	
• CED6112	Personal and Spiritual Life of the Counselor	2
• CED6113	Helping Relationships	3
• CED6123	Ethical, Legal, and Professional Standards in Professional Counseling and Marriage & Family Therapy	3
• CED6322	Models of Relating Christianity and Counseling	2
• CED6622	Clinical Assessment in Individual, Marital, and Family Counseling	2
• CED7713	Methods of Research	3
		TOTAL 15

Spring Semester I		
• CED6133	Counseling Systems and Interventions	3
• CED6143	Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Disorders	3
• CED6612	Family Systems Theory	2
• CED6813	Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy	3
• CED6912	Applied Practicum and Treatment Planning Lab in Counseling	2
• CED7153	Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling	3
		TOTAL 16

Summer Semester I		
• CED6342	Christian Traditions with Implications for Counseling	2
• CED6832	Addictions Counseling: An Integrative Approach to Assessment and Treatment	2
• CED6922	Counseling Practicum	2
• CED7123	Group Counseling Theory and Practice	3
		TOTAL 9

Fall Semester II		
• CED6163	Clinical Appraisal and Diagnostic Evaluation in Counseling	3
• CED7113	Human Growth and Development	3
• CED7152	Counseling and Spirituality	2
• CED7313	Hermeneutics and Application	3
• CED7932	Counseling Internship I	2
		TOTAL 13

Spring Semester II		
• CED7143	Vocational Counseling	3
• CED7132	Theodicy and Trauma Counseling	2
• CED7362	Integrative Theology for Counseling	2
• CED7891	Professional Seminar in Marriage and Family Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling	1
• CED7942	Counseling Internship II	2
• CEDx2x2	Counseling and Spirituality Integration Elective	2
• PSY7822	Psychodynamic Theories and Counseling	2
		TOTAL 14
		DEGREE TOTAL 67

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Basic Degree Program: Three-Year Sequence

Many students at Richmond find it helpful and necessary to extend their studies over three and four years. Advisors encourage students to consider this possibility in order to have time to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to practice as a counselor and in order to ensure their own health and wellbeing throughout the rigors of graduate school.

Below is the suggested sequence of courses for a student pursuing the basic M.A. in Professional Counseling. With the help of an advisor, it can be adapted for students who are also obtaining a certification.

Fall Semester I***

	Semester Credit Hours
• CED5102** Introduction to Counseling	
• CED6112 Personal and Spiritual Life of the Counselor	2
• CED6123 Ethical, Legal, and Professional Standards in Professional Counseling and Marriage & Family Therapy	3
• CED6622 Clinical Assessment in Individual, Marital & Family Counseling	2
• CED7713 Methods of Research	3
TOTAL	10

Spring Semester I

• CED6133 Counseling Systems and Interventions	3
• CED6143 Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Disorders	3
• CED6612 Family Systems Theory	2
• CEDx2x2 Counseling and Spirituality Integration Elective	2
TOTAL	10

Summer Semester I

• CED6832 Addictions Counseling: An Integrative Approach to Assessment and Treatment	2
• CED7123 Group Counseling Theory and Practice	3
TOTAL	5

Fall Semester II

• CED6113 Helping Relationships	3
• CED6163 Clinical Appraisal and Diagnostic Evaluation in Counseling	3
• CED6322 Models of Relating Christianity and Counseling	2
• CED7113 Human Growth and Development	3
TOTAL	11

Spring Semester II

• CED6813 Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy	3
• CED6912 Applied Practicum and Treatment Planning Lab in Counseling	2
• CED7132 Theodicy and Trauma Counseling	2
• CED7153 Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling	3
TOTAL	10

Summer Semester II

• CED6342 Christian Traditions with Implications for Counseling	2
• CED6922 Counseling Practicum	2
TOTAL	4

Fall Semester III

• CED7152 Counseling and Spirituality	2
• CED7313 Hermeneutics and Application	3
• CED7932 Counseling Internship I	2
TOTAL	7

Spring Semester III

• CED7143 Vocational Counseling	3
• CED7362 Integrative Theology for Counseling	2
• CED7891 Professional Seminar in Marriage and Family Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling	1
• CED7942 Counseling Internship II	2
• PSY7822 Psychodynamic Theories and Counseling	2
TOTAL	10

DEGREE TOTAL 67

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Note: Students should contact their State Board of Examiners to determine whether additional work is required for licensure eligibility.

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Evening Program: Three-Year Sequence

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Many students at Richmond find it helpful and necessary to extend their studies over three and four years. Advisors encourage students to consider this possibility in order to have time to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to practice as a counselor and in order to ensure their own health and wellbeing throughout the rigors of graduate school.

Below is the suggested sequence of courses for a student pursuing the basic M.A. in Professional Counseling. With the help of an advisor, it can be adapted for students who are also obtaining a certification.

Fall Semester I***		Semester Credit Hours
•CED5102**	Introduction to Counseling	
•CED6112	Personal and Spiritual Life of the Counselor	2
•CED6123	Ethical, Legal, and Professional Standards in Professional Counseling and Marriage & Family Therapy	3
•CED6622	Clinical Assessment in Individual, Marital & Family Counseling	2
•CED7713	Methods of Research	3
	TOTAL	10
Spring Semester I		
•CED6133	Counseling Systems and Interventions	3
•CED6143	Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Disorders	3
•CED6612	Family Systems Theory	2
•CED7153	Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling	3
	TOTAL	10
Summer Semester I		
•CED6832	Addictions Counseling: An Integrative Approach to Assessment and Treatment	2
•CED7123	Group Counseling Theory and Practice	3
	TOTAL	5
Fall Semester II		
•CED6113	Helping Relationships	3
•CED6163	Clinical Appraisal and Diagnostic Evaluation in Counseling	3
•CED6322	Models of Relating Christianity and Counseling	2
•CED7113	Human Growth and Development	3
	TOTAL	11
Spring Semester II		
•PSY7822	Psychodynamic Theories and Counseling	2
•CED6912	Applied Practicum and Treatment Planning Lab in Counseling	2
•CED7132	Theodicy and Trauma Counseling	2
•CEDx2x2	Counseling and Spirituality Integration Elective	2
	TOTAL	8
Summer Semester II		
•CED6342	Christian Traditions with Implications for Counseling	2
•CED6813	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy	3
•CED6922	Counseling Practicum	2
	TOTAL	7
Fall Semester III		
•CED7152	Counseling and Spirituality	2
•CED7313	Hermeneutics and Application	3
•CED7932	Counseling Internship I	2
	TOTAL	7
Spring Semester III		
•CED7143	Vocational Counseling	3
•CED7362	Integrative Theology for Counseling	2
•CED7891	Professional Seminar in Marriage and Family Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling	1
•CED7942	Counseling Internship II	2
	TOTAL	8
	DEGREE TOTAL	67

Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy

The MAMFT is designed to provide specialized training for students who desire to work specifically with couples and families, as well as individuals in the context of the family. This degree fulfills the academic requirements in most states for licensure in marriage and family therapy (LMFT), licensure as a professional counselor (LPC), and clinical membership in the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT). MAMFT students are strongly encouraged to become student members of AAMFT upon acceptance to Richmond.

Using both a systems theory perspective and a Christian theology integrationist perspective, students develop the knowledge and skills to practice marriage and family therapy. Marriage and family therapists serve the church, community and society at large in a variety of roles such as education, administration, marriage and family therapist, minister of family life and counseling, parent trainer, youth minister, pastor or teacher, business leader, public relations, and many varied settings in which counseling is needed. Marriage and family therapists work with a varied population presenting problems such as family crisis, conduct disorder, eating disorders, marital distress, sexual issues, bereavement, family trauma, various forms of addictions, anxiety and depression, financial and occupational issues, and spiritual concerns. The MAMFT is provided through a traditional day program over two, three or four years.

The demand for well-trained, competent MFTs is expected to increase with the mounting pressures facing couples and families. The distinguished Richmond faculty help students gain competence in Christian theology, counseling psychology, and formation to address the whole person and to move the hurting family system toward healthy functioning.

Beyond the theological and integration training offered in all Richmond graduate degrees, the MAMFT includes significant training in professional marriage and family therapy.

In addition to the MAMFT, students can pursue a certification to strengthen their ability to work with specific client populations. The following certificates are offered in addition to the MAMFT program:

- Addictions Counseling
- Child and Adolescent Counseling
- Christian Sex Therapy
- Spirituality and Counseling
- Trauma Counseling

Students may pursue multiple certifications, but no two certifications may hold more than one course in common. For instance, students who seek the certifications in addictions counseling and Christian sex therapy must take a total of seven courses in their certifications although these two certifications hold two courses in common.

Specializations/Certifications, which are above and beyond the basic degree program, are documented on the graduate's transcript. Please note that the University is currently transitioning from specializations to certificates. This transition will be completed by the end of the 2014-2015 academic year. Beginning with the class of 2015, students pursuing a certificate program will graduate with a separate diploma and certificate.

MAMFT Program Objectives

OBJECTIVE 1

Theoretical and Clinical Knowledge

Students will

- gain knowledge of the theoretical and empirical foundations of the field of marriage, couple, and family counseling professional counseling and its practice in a multicultural and pluralistic society.
- gain theoretical and practical knowledge in the history of counseling, family systems theory, professional orientation and ethical practice, social and cultural diversity and advocacy, human sexuality and development, psychopathology and diagnosis of mental disorders, helping relationships, group dynamics and group counseling, clinical assessment and appraisal, research and program evaluation, counseling prevention and intervention, career planning and vocational counseling, crisis intervention and emergency response, and clinical and integrative theology.

OBJECTIVE 2

Counseling Clinical Skills

Students will

- acquire the skills of clinical assessment and intervention in counseling cases.
- learn how to design and apply treatment plans and how to apply the techniques of various schools of counseling.
- learn the helping relationship skills required of an effective counselor. These skills are acquired through direct counseling practice in the clinical training sequences of courses including supervised counseling practicum and internships.

OBJECTIVE 3

Professional Identity and Ethical Character

Students will

- develop a practical understanding of the ethical, legal and professional standards of marriage, couple, and family counselors.
- subscribe to the codes of ethics as outlined by ACA and CAPS.
- understand licensure standards, professional society functions and standards, and other business and professional identity processes related to marriage, couple, and family counseling.

OBJECTIVE 4

Preparation for Licensure as a Professional Counselor and Marriage and Family Therapist

Graduates with the M.A. in Marriage and Family Therapy will meet the academic eligibility requirements for licensure as an LPC and LMFT in Georgia, Tennessee, and most other states. LPC and LMFT required content area courses are listed in this Graduate Catalog.

OBJECTIVE 5

Theological Understanding

Students will

- gain knowledge in historical, systematic, Biblical and philosophical theology relevant to issues of the nature of God and man within the context of marriage, couples, and family counseling.

- gain knowledge in Biblical literature, Church history, relationship between counseling and Christian faith, and methods and models of integrating Christian theology with the clinical practice of professional counseling.

OBJECTIVE 6

Personal and Spiritual Formation

Students will

- gain insight into the unique personal and spiritual demands of the life and work of the marriage, couple, and family counselor.
- understand the interpersonal aspects of theodicy, the dynamics of spiritual direction, and means by which to address spirituality in counseling.

LMFT Content Area Courses

Theoretical Knowledge

- CED6612 Family Systems Theory
- CED6622 Clinical Assessment in Individual, Marriage and Family Counseling
- CED6632 Healthy Family Functioning
- CED6133 Counseling Systems and Interventions

Clinical Knowledge

- CED6813 Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy
- CED7623 Structural & Behavioral MFT
- CED7153 Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling
- CED7613 Brief, Solution-Focused and Communication Approaches to Marriage & Family Counseling
- CED7633 Contextual, Narrative and Interpersonal Models of Counseling
- PSY7822 Psychodynamic Theories and Counseling

Individual Development and Family Relations

- CED6512 Human Sexuality: A Therapeutic Integration
- CED7113 Human Growth and Development

Professional Identity and Ethics

- CED6123 Ethical, Legal and Professional Standards in Professional Counseling and Marriage & Family Counseling
- CED6112 Personal and Spiritual Life of the Counselor
- CED7891 Professional Seminar in Marriage & Family Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling Research
- CED7713 Methods of Research

Appraisal

- CED6143 Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Disorders
- CED6163 Clinical Appraisal and Diagnostic Evaluation in Counseling
- CED6912 Applied Practicum and Treatment Planning Lab in Counseling
- CED7143 Vocational Counseling

For additional courses, see degree programs and certifications.

Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy

Basic Degree Requirements

The basic M.A. in Marriage and Family Therapy consists of 77 semester hours.

Core Counseling Curriculum (21 hours) Semester Credit Hours

• CED5102**	Introduction to Counseling	3
• CED6113	Helping Relationships	3
• CED6143	Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Disorders	3
• CED6163	Clinical Appraisal and Diagnostic Evaluation in Counseling	3
• CED6832	Addictions Counseling: An Integrative Approach to Assessment and Treatment	2
• CED7123	Group Counseling Theory and Practice	3
• CED7132	Theodicy and Trauma Counseling	2
• CED7143	Vocational Counseling	3
• CED7152	Counseling and Spirituality	2

** Intro is required only for students with less than 12 credit hours in psychology or closely related field.

*** Students in the thesis option must plan their course sequence in consultation with their advisors.

Note: Students should contact their State Board of Examiners to determine whether additional work is required for licensure eligibility.

Professional Identity and Ethics (6 hours)

• CED6123	Ethical, Legal and Professional Standards in Professional Counseling and Marriage & Family Counseling	3
• CED6112	Personal and Spiritual Life of the Counselor	2
• CED7891	Professional Seminar in Marriage & Family Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling	1

Individual Development and Family Relations (5 hours)

• CED6512	Human Sexuality: A Therapeutic Integration	2
• CED7113	Human Growth and Development	3

Marriage and Family Therapy: Theoretical Knowledge (7 hours)

• CED6133	Counseling Systems and Interventions	3
• CED6612	Family Systems Theory	2
• CED6632	Healthy Family Functioning	2

Marriage and Family Therapy: Clinical Knowledge (16 hours)

• CED6622	Clinical Assessment in Individual, Marital & Family Counseling	2
• CED6813	Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy	3
• CED7153	Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling	3
• CED7613*	Brief, Solution-Focused, Communication Approaches to MFT	3
• CED7623	Structural and Behavioral Marriage and Family Therapy	3
• CED7633*	Contextual, Narrative and Interpersonal Models of Counseling	3
• PSY7822	Psychodynamic Theories and Counseling	2

Research (3 hours)***

• CED7713	Methods of Research	3
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Integration Curriculum (11 hours)

• CED6322	Models of Relating Christianity and Counseling	2
• CED6342	Christian Traditions with Implications for Counseling	3
• CED7362	Integrative Theology for Counselors	2
• CEDx2x2	Counseling and Spirituality Integration Elective	2

Clinical Training Curriculum: Supervised Clinical Experience (8 hours)

• CED6912	Applied Practicum and Treatment Planning Lab in Counseling	2
• CED6922	Counseling Practicum	2
• CED7932	Counseling Internship I	2
• CED7942	Counseling Internship II	2

Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy

Basic Degree Program Sequence

* Students may either take CED7613 or CED7633

** Intro is required only for students with less than 12 credit hours in psychology or closely related field.

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Note: Students should contact their State Board of Examiners to determine whether additional work is required for licensure eligibility.

Two-year cycle (three-year program sequence on following page; four-year program sequence available from the Records Office)

Fall Semester I***

	Semester Credit Hours	
• CED5102**	Introduction to Counseling	2
• CED6112	Personal and Spiritual Life of the Counselor	3
• CED6113	Helping Relationships	3
• CED6123	Ethical, Legal and Professional Standards in Professional Counseling and Marriage & Family Counseling	3
• CED6622	Clinical Assessment in Individual, Marital & Family Counseling	2
• CED6632	Healthy Family Functioning	2
• CED7713	Methods of Research	3
	TOTAL 15	

Spring Semester I

• CED6133	Counseling Systems and Interventions	3
• CED6143	Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Disorders	3
• CED6322	Models of Relating Christianity and Counseling	2
• CED6612	Family Systems Theory	2
• CED6813	Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy	3
• CED6912	Applied Practicum and Treatment Planning Lab in Counseling	2
• CED7153	Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling	3
	TOTAL 18	

Summer Semester I

• CED6342	Christian Traditions with Implications for Counseling	2
• CED6832	Addictions Counseling: An Integrative Approach to Assessment and Treatment	2
• CED6922	Counseling Practicum	2
• CED7123	Group Counseling Theory and Practice	3
• CED7623	Structural and Behavioral Marriage & Family Therapy	3
	TOTAL 12	

Fall Semester II

• CED6163	Clinical Appraisal and Diagnostic Evaluation in Counseling	3
• CED6512	Human Sexuality: A Therapeutic Integration	2
• CED7113	Human Growth and Development	3
• CED7152	Counseling and Spirituality	2
• CED7313	Hermeneutics and Application	3
• CED7613	Brief, Solution-Focused, and Communication Approaches to Marriage & Family Counseling (one of two options)*	(3)
• CED7932	Counseling Internship I	2
	TOTAL 15 -18	

Spring Semester II

• CED7132	Theodicy and Trauma Counseling	2
• CED7143	Vocational Counseling	3
• CED7362	Integrative Theology for Counselors	2
• CED7891	Professional Seminar in Marriage & Family Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling	1
• CED7942	Counseling Internship II	2
• PSY7822	Psychodynamic Theories and Counseling	2
CEDx2x2	Counseling and Spirituality Integration Elective	2
	TOTAL 14	

Summer Semester II

• CED7633*	Contextual, Narrative and Interpersonal Models of Counseling (one of two options)	(3)
	TOTAL 0-3	
	DEGREE TOTAL 77	

Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy

Basic Degree Program: Three-Year Sequence

Many students at Richmond find it helpful and necessary to extend their studies over three and four years. Advisors encourage students to consider this possibility in order to have time to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to practice as a counselor and in order to insure their own health and wellbeing throughout the rigors of graduate school.

Below is the suggested sequence of courses for a student pursuing the basic M.A. in Marriage and Family Therapy. With the help of the Records Office staff, it can be adapted for students who are also obtaining a certification.

Fall Semester I*** Semester Credit Hours

• CED5102**	Introduction to Counseling	
• CED6112	Personal and Spiritual Life of the Counselor	2
• CED6123	Ethical, Legal and Professional Standards in Professional Counseling and Marriage & Family Counseling	3
• CED6622	Clinical Assessment in Individual, Marital & Family Counseling	2
• CED6632	Healthy Family Functioning	2
• CED7713	Methods of Research	3
	TOTAL	12

Spring Semester I

• CED6133	Counseling Systems and Interventions	3
• CED6143	Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Disorders	3
• CED6612	Family Systems Theory	2
• CEDx2x2	Counseling and Spirituality Integration Elective	2
	TOTAL	10

Summer Semester I

• CED6832	Addictions Counseling: An Integrative Approach to Assessment and Treatment	2
• CED7123	Group Counseling Theory and Practice	3
• CED7623	Structural and Behavioral Marriage & Family Therapy	3
	TOTAL	8

Fall Semester II

• CED6113	Helping Relationships	3
• CED6163	Clinical Appraisal and Diagnostic Evaluation in Counseling	3
• CED6322	Models of Relating Christianity and Counseling	2
• CED6512	Human Sexuality: A Therapeutic Integration	2
• CED7113	Human Growth and Development	3
	TOTAL	13

Spring Semester II

• CED6813	Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy	3
• CED6912	Applied Practicum and Treatment Planning Lab in Counseling	2
• CED7153	Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling	3
	TOTAL	8

Summer Semester II

• CED6342	Christian Traditions with Implications for Counseling	2
• CED6922	Counseling Practicum	2
• CED7633*	Contextual, Narrative and Interpersonal Models of Counseling (one of two options)	(3)
	TOTAL	4-7

* Students may either take CED7613 or CED7633

** Intro is required only for students with less than 12 credit hours in psychology or closely related field.

*** Students in the thesis option must plan their course sequence in consultation with their advisors.

Note: Students should contact their State Board of Examiners to determine whether additional work is required for licensure eligibility.

Basic Degree Program: Three-Year Sequence (continued)

Fall Semester III

• CED7152	Counseling and Spirituality	2
• CED7313	Hermeneutics and Application	3
• CED7932	Counseling Internship I	2
• CED7613*	Brief, Solution-Focused, and Communication Approaches to Marriage & Family Counseling (one of two options)	(3)

* Students may either take CED7613 or CED7633

** Intro is required only for students with less than 12 credit hours in psychology or closely related field.

*** Students in the thesis option must plan their course sequence in consultation with their advisors.

TOTAL 7-10

Semester Credit Hours

Spring Semester III

• CED7143	Vocational Counseling	3
• CED7362	Integrative Theology for Counselors	2
• CED7891	Professional Seminar in Marriage & Family Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling	1
• CED7942	Counseling Internship II	2
• PSY7822	Psychodynamic Theories and Counseling	2

TOTAL 10

DEGREE TOTAL 77

Note: Students should contact their State Board of Examiners to determine whether additional work is required for licensure eligibility.

School of Psychology

Mission Statement for Richmond Graduate University School of Psychology:

Richmont Graduate University School of Psychology offers an integrative perspective on the relationship between psychology and faith through graduate education and clinical research.

The School of Psychology offers the Master of Science in Christian Psychological Studies. The Master of Science (M.S.) degree was created to serve those who, already possessing a clinical degree, desire to integrate their faith in their practice as clinicians.

All Richmont students complete coursework in Biblical studies, practical theology, and the integration of applied psychology and practical theology. Through the school of psychology, the integration component may be taken in pursuit of the M.S. degree. Although this degree is not designed to lead to licensure as a counselor, M.S. graduates may pursue further study in counseling elsewhere or use this training to supplement training received at another institution.

The M.S. in Christian Psychological Studies is designed to meet the needs of the following students:

- Those seeking primarily theoretical training in the integration of psychology and theology. These may be students who are interested in research or preparation for a more advanced degree or who have already earned a graduate degree in a related field.
- Professionals who wish to integrate their faith and practice. These are people who already have training and are counseling in some context but wish to more explicitly integrate their Christian faith in their counseling. These people also may be motivated by seeking a credential to demonstrate to managed care organizations that they are qualified to list “Christian counseling” as a specialization of their practice.
- Those who are concurrently receiving training at another institution in a program that leads to a counseling-related credential and who wishes to formalize their training in integration.
- Pastors who counsel as part of their ministry and wish to formalize their training in integration.

Although the M.S. degree is NOT designed to lead to licensure or to any independent practice of counseling, it essentially pulls the integrative track out of the M.A. in Professional Counseling with minor alterations and additions. It requires 31 hours of coursework as outlined in the program sequence. The M.S. degree can be completed in a minimum of three semesters but cannot extend past three academic years from the time of matriculation.

CERTIFICATIONS

The following certifications are available for the M.S. degree for any student who has already earned a licensure-eligible degree and the certification will be noted on their transcript along with receiving a diploma.

- Addictions Counseling
- Child and Adolescent Counseling
- Christian Sex Therapy
- Spirituality and Counseling
- Trauma Counseling

All M.S. students, including those who have not earned a licensure-eligible graduate degree in counseling, may take classes that are a part of a certification curriculum. However, unless an M.S. student has a licensure-eligible degree and has been approved by the Dean of the School of Counseling or Psychology to pursue a certification, transcripts and diplomas will not reflect a certification.

Students who choose a certification may not be able to complete the degree in one year. Students may pursue multiple certifications, but no two certifications may hold more than one course in common. For instance, students who pursue certifications in addictions counseling and Christian sex therapy must take a total of seven courses in their certifications, although these two certifications hold two courses in common.

MS Program Objectives

OBJECTIVE 1

Graduates understand the methods and models of integrating psychology and Christian theology.

Courses such as CED6322: Models of Relating Christianity and Counseling, CED7362: Integrative Theology for Counseling, and the various clinical theology courses are designed to assist the student in the integration of psychology and Christian theology. Christian faith is viewed as the primary source to identify and enlighten a healthy psychology. The skills of integration are seen as fundamental to the other areas of the program. A growing awareness and intent toward a healthy personal spiritual formation is expected of each graduate.

OBJECTIVE 2

Graduates understand integrating their faith and profession in their personal lives in an experiential sense.

Integration is not taught as a merely intellectual enterprise but is addressed as a part of personal integrity. CED6112: Personal and Spiritual Life of the Counselor and clinical theology courses teach students to examine how psychological and theological truths impact their personal lives and can be integrated into their identity. Course requirements include experiential elements to facilitate this aim.

OBJECTIVE 3

Graduates bring relevant information from the traditional theological areas of Biblical studies, theology and church history to their counseling.

Biblical studies are addressed in CED7313: Hermeneutics and Application and CED7362: Integrative Theology for Counseling. Elements of systematic theology are covered in CED7362: Integrative Theology for Counseling and in some electives. Church history is surveyed in CED6342: Christian Traditions with Implications for Counseling. This set of courses is designed to draw explicit implications from these pivotal sources for Christian faith and practice and to relate them to psychology and counseling.

OBJECTIVE 4

Graduates are equipped to interpret issues of mental health and disorder from a consistently Christian worldview.

Given that human well-being and alleviation of suffering are foci of the study of psychology, the application of integrative perspectives to mental health is a focus of the curriculum. Students learn to distinguish between mental and spiritual health and spiritual versus psychological problems. The role of biology in mental and spiritual conditions is covered, and students are encouraged to develop a worldview to incorporate these dimensions.

OBJECTIVE 5

Graduates who practice counseling are sensitive to faith and spirituality issues in their counseling.

Students who complete this degree and are qualified to practice counseling will be able to address spirituality and faith issues in the counseling room and to do so in ways consistent with professional ethics.

Master of Science in Christian Psychological Studies

Basic Degree Requirements

The curriculum for the M.S. in Christian Psychological Studies consists of 31 semester hours.

Core Integration Curriculum (17 hours) Semester Credit Hours

• CED6322	Models of Relating Christianity and Counseling	2
• CEDx2x2	Counseling and Spirituality Integration elective (3 courses)	6
• CED6112	Personal and Spiritual Life of the Counselor	2
• CED7313	Hermeneutics and Application	3
• CED6342	Christian Traditions with Implications for Counseling	2
• CED7362	Integrative Theology for Counselors	2

Clinical Curriculum (8 hours required)

	• PSY6143	Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Disorders	3
	• PSY7822	Psychodynamic Theories and Counseling	
OR	• CED6813	Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy	
	• CED6133	Counseling Systems and Interventions	2-3
	• CED7623	Structural and Behavioral Marriage & Family Therapy	
OR	• CED6622	Clinical Assessment in Individual, Marital and Family Counseling	
	• CEDxxxx	Additional MFT course	2-3

Electives 6

Master of Science in Christian Psychological Studies

Basic Degree Program Sequence

Fall Semester I		Semester Credit Hours
• CEDx2x2	Counseling and Spirituality Integration elective	2
• CED6112	Personal and Spiritual Life of the Counselor	2
• CED7313	Hermeneutics and Application	3
• CEDxxxx	Elective	2
• CEDxxxx	Elective	2
OR [• CED6622 Clinical Assessment in Individual, Marital and Family Therapy	2
	• CEDxxxx Additional MFT course (may be taken in Summer Semester I) (2-3)	(2-3)
		TOTAL 14-15
Spring Semester I		
• CEDx2x2	Counseling and Spirituality Integration elective	2
• CED6322	Models of Relating Christianity and Counseling	2
• PSY6143	Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Disorders	3
• CED7362	Integrative Theology for Counselors	2
OR [• PSY7822 Psychodynamic Theories and Psychotherapy	
	• CED6813 Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy	
	• CED6133 Counseling Systems and Interventions	2-3
	• CEDxxxx Elective	2
	• CEDx2x2 Counseling and Spirituality Integration elective	2
		TOTAL 14-15
Summer Semester I		
• CED6342	Christian Traditions with Implications for Counseling	2
		TOTAL 2
		DEGREE TOTAL 31

****Students in the thesis option must plan their course sequence in consultation with their advisors.*

School of Ministry

Mission Statement for Richmond Graduate University School of Ministry:

To advance the Gospel of Christ by increasing the capacities of students to understand God's Word, to become whole and holy people, and to lead and serve effectively.

The vision of the School of Ministry is:

To prepare more women and men to fulfill God's call to transforming ministry.

Online Learning Mission Statement:

Online degree programs will relentlessly pursue the following objectives:

- Maintain high quality faculty who will provide the same level of Christ-centered education and research that characterize the classroom coursework offered in the School of Ministry.
- Ensure that the programs create a robust community of learning that welcomes diversity, deepens mutual understanding, enhances authenticity, and encourages mutual growth.
- Embed the programs with principles of adult education that students acquire life-long learning skills, self-manage at increasingly mature levels, increase their capacities to serve and lead effectively, and live out their callings with joyful obedience to Christ.

Master of Arts in Ministry

Program Sequence

The basic M.A. in Ministry consists of 48 semester hours.

Bible History and Theology (15 hours) Semester Credit Hours

•MIN5113	Hermeneutics and Exegesis	3
•MIN5123	Historical Theology: The Great Questions Addressed by the Christian Faith	3
•MIN5133	Church History: The Great Traditions of Christian Faith	3
•MIN6113	Understanding the Bible through Its Uniting Themes	3
•MIN6123	The Trinity: God Revealed as Father, Son and Holy Spirit: God in the Midst of Thinking, Being and Doing	3

Ministry Skills and Leadership (15 hours)

•MIN5313	Foundations of Authentic Leadership	3
•MIN5323	Interpersonal Skills – Pastoral Care	3
•MIN5333	Practical Aspects of the Life of the Minister	3
•MIN6313	Ministry to Children and Families	3
•MIN6323	Communication in Ministry	3

Spiritual Formation (16 hours)

•MIN5213	Spiritual Formation I: Dynamics of the Persona and the Kingdom of God	3
•MIN5223	Spiritual Formation II: Living in the Divine Conversation and Character	3
•MIN5231	Spiritual Formation Retreat Seminar Theological and Self Understanding	1
•MIN6213	Spiritual Formation III: Celebrating the Great Traditions of Christian Faith through Scripture, Literature, and Praxis	3
•MIN6223	Spiritual Formation IV: Living as an Apprentice to Jesus	3
•MIN6233	Culminating Project: Final Integrative Seminar	3

Mentored Training (2 hours)

•MIN5411	Internship I: Mentored Growth and Development	1
•MIN5420	Internship II: Mentored Growth and Development	0
•MIN5431	Internship III: Mentored Growth and Development	1

Master of Arts in Ministry

Basic Degree Program Sequence

Two-year cycle (three-year and four-year program sequence available from the Records Office)

Fall Semester I		Semester Credit Hours
•MIN5113	Hermeneutics and Exegesis	3
•MIN5213	Spiritual Formation I: Dynamics of the Persona and the Kingdom of God	3
•MIN5313	Foundations of Authentic Leadership	3
		TOTAL 9
Spring Semester I		
•MIN5123	Historical Theology: The Great Questions Addressed by the Christian Faith	3
•MIN5223	Spiritual Formation II: Living in the Divine Conversation And Character	3
•MIN5323	Interpersonal Skills: Pastoral Care	3
•MIN5411	Internship I: Mentored Growth and Development	1
		TOTAL 10
Summer Semester I		
•MIN5133	Church History: The Great Traditions of Christian Faith	3
•MIN5231	Spiritual Formation Retreat Seminar: Theological and Self-Understanding	1
•MIN5333	Practical Aspects of the Life of the Minister	3
•MIN5420	Internship II: Mentored Growth and Development	0
		TOTAL 7
Fall Semester II		
•MIN6133	Understanding the Bible through Its Uniting Themes	3
•MIN6213	Spiritual Formation III: Celebrating the Great Traditions of Christian Faith Through Scripture, Literature, and Praxis	3
•MIN6313	Ministry to Children and Families	3
•MIN5431	Internship III: Mentored Growth and Development	1
		TOTAL 10
Spring Semester II		
•MIN6123	The Trinity: God Revealed as Father, Son and Holy Spirit: God in the Midst of Thinking, Being, and Doing	3
•MIN6223	Spiritual Formation IV: Living as an Apprentice to Jesus	3
•MIN6323	Communication in Ministry	3
		TOTAL 9
Summer Semester II		
•MIN6233	Final Integrative Seminar	3
		TOTAL 3
		DEGREE TOTAL 48

Certificate in Spiritual Direction

Christian spiritual direction is a ministry of holy listening in which one person helps another notice the Triune God's active presence and perceives the Holy Spirit's movement in their ordinary life. Spiritual directors journey with directees, assisting as they deepen their lived intimacy with Christ, the One True Director. The Certificate in Spiritual Direction consists of five 3-credit hour courses for a total of 15 credit hours. Each course is designed where two-thirds is focused on content and one-third is focused on practical application. The practical component will include supervision while offering or giving spiritual direction individually or in small groups. Coursework will be taught both online and through residential modules.

Basic Certificate Requirements

The Certificate in Spiritual Direction consists of 15 semester hours.

Spiritual Direction Certificate Curriculum (15 Hours)		Semester Credit Hours
SPD7253	Perceiving a Holy Invitation	3
SPD7263	Preparing an Available Self	3
SPD7273	Developing a Listening Ear	3
SPD7283	Discerning and Knowing God	3
SPD7293	Arranging a Sacred Space	3
		TOTAL 15

NOTE: Due to time restraints at the writing of this catalogue, the details regarding prerequisites for the program have not been finalized. Please consult the Registrar and/or the Dean's Office of the School of Ministry for more information regarding this program.

COURSE NUMBERING SYSTEM

Courses are designated by the following prefixes:

- CED Counselor Education
- CEDI Independent Study in Counselor Education
- PSY Psychology
- PSYI Independent Study in Psychology
- MIN Ministry
- MINI Independent Study in Ministry
- SPD Spiritual Direction

Course numbers consist of four digits:

First digit

- 5-7 Master's degree program with advanced courses represented by higher course numbers

Second digit

- 1 Core Counseling Curriculum
- 2 Counseling and Spirituality Integration Curriculum
- 3 Counseling and Theology Integration Curriculum
- 4 Child and Adolescent Counseling Curriculum
- 5 Christian Sex Therapy Curriculum
- 6 Family Studies and Marriage & Family Counseling Curriculum
- 7 Research Curriculum
- 8 Advanced Counseling Intervention Curriculum
- 9 Applied Clinical Counseling Training Curriculum
- 0 Leadership Curriculum

Third digit

- 0-9 Sequential order of the course in the specific curriculum

Fourth digit

- 1-4 Number of semester credit hours

NOTE: For the purposes of course descriptions, no distinction is made between the terms counseling and psychotherapy.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

RICHMONT GRADUATE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF COUNSELING

Core Counseling Curriculum

CED5102: Introduction to Counseling

2 hours. A survey course designed to introduce students to the counseling profession. Students learn the history, systems, and foundations; personalities, terminology, and theories; and basic research methods of the field of counseling. Specialties within the field of counseling and other mental health disciplines also are reviewed. Required for all students who have not completed a minimum of 12 hours in counseling, psychology or a closely related field prior to admission. *Fall, Spring*

CED610x: Special Topics in Counseling

Hours may vary. Provides an opportunity for students to participate in additional studies in this content area which are not a part of the standard curriculum schedule. Unless specifically noted in course announcements, special topics courses will not count toward degree requirements. Depending on the nature of the course offering, prerequisites may apply. May be repeated for credit.

CED6112: Personal and Spiritual Life of the Counselor

2 hours. This course is a prerequisite for CED7362: Integrative Theology. Examines the process of Christian formation from historical and personal perspectives. Attention given to unique personal and spiritual demands of the life and work of the counselor, historical figures of the Church, and contributions of modern-day scholars. Students are encouraged to focus on their own personal and spiritual formation and to view this dynamic as being foundational to the counseling process. Graded Pass/Fail. *Fall, Spring*

CED6113: Helping Relationships

3 hours. This course is a prerequisite for CED6912: Applied Practicum and Treatment Planning Lab. An introduction to basic counseling methods with emphasis on the helping skills of attending, responding and personalizing as presented in the Carkhuff model. Develops empathy and self-awareness skills essential to the helping relationship. Opportunity provided for students to experience themselves in therapeutic relationship with practice clients of different ages, gender, and/or backgrounds. Students must earn *B-* or higher to continue in clinical sequence. Students must receive approval on the Student Qualifying Evaluation for continuance in the clinical sequence. *Fall*

CED6123: Ethical, Legal and Professional Standards in Professional Counseling and Marriage & Family Counseling

3 hours. This course is a prerequisite for CED6912: Applied Practicum and Treatment Planning Lab. Students survey and develop an understanding of the ethical, legal and professional issues facing the professional counselor and the marriage and family therapist, including a history and philosophy of the counseling profession, noting significant factors and events. Importance of membership in ACA, IAMFC, ASERVIC, AMHCA and other ACA Divisions is stressed. Presents additional information on other

professional societies such as APA, AAMFT and CAPS. Students learn and apply the ACA, AAMFT and CAPS codes of ethics. Topics include the process of ethical decision-making, application of ethics within clinical practice, professional identity, client advocacy and relationships with other human service providers, scope of practice, licensure and certification, business aspects of the counseling practice, and foundation of the clinical mental health counselor's and the professional marriage and family therapist's role as consultant and advocate in public and private policy processes and legal issues. Students must earn B- or higher to continue in clinical sequence. This course is part of the Richmond Career Mapping sequence. *Fall*

CED6133: Counseling Systems and Interventions

3 hours. This course is a prerequisite for CED6813, CED7852, CED7891, and PSY7822. Survey of the major systems/models of counseling and marriage and family therapy in modern Western civilization with content related conceptually to clinical concerns. Addresses history and philosophy of the counseling profession and current trends in community counseling, along with emphasis on theory and application. Culminates with overview of Christian approaches. *Spring*

CED6143/PSY6143: Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Disorders

3 hours. This course is a prerequisite for CED6922 and CED6832. A comprehensive survey of the major psychological and behavioral disorders as described in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5/ICD-10)*. Diagnosis, etiology and treatment are major areas of study. Students acquire knowledge of the *DSM-5/ICD-10* classification system, diagnostic categories, and primary treatment options for major mental disorders. Includes an examination of psychobiology and psychopharmacology. Emphasizes spirituality of the client as a factor in beliefs, values and diagnosis. *Spring*

CED6163: Clinical Appraisal and Diagnostic Evaluation in Counseling

3 hours. Students learn appraisal and assessment techniques for measuring skills and traits associated with performance in clinical, educational, vocational and social settings. Training provided in conducting diagnostic interviews, mental status examinations, symptom inventories, psychoeducational and personality assessment. Standard screening for substance use disorders is taught. Students gain understanding in validity and reliability of procedures, statistical concepts, and strategies for using and interpreting a variety of assessment and evaluation instruments. Covers pertinent ethical, legal and diversity issues. *Fall*

CED7113: Human Growth and Development

3 hours. A survey of theories of human, cognitive, social, learning, and personality development with comparative review and emphasis on roles of family, school and community. Includes significant content on individual development within the context of family development across the lifespan. *Fall*

CED7123: Group Counseling Theory and Practice

3 hours. This course is a prerequisite or corequisite of CED6922. Students study both theoretical and experiential understandings of group purpose, development, dynamics, group counseling theories, group counseling methods and skills, group leadership, and various group approaches. Students examine critical aspects of successful group counseling including such components as selection criteria, group membership characteristics, phases of group process, methods of group leadership and methods of evaluation of group counseling effectiveness. Students participate in a group process for a minimum of 10 clock hours over the semester. *Spring*

CED7132: Theodicy and Trauma Counseling

2 hours. Examination of theodicy as it relates to life of the counselor and its application to counseling, with special attention given to trauma and recovery. Impersonal aspects of theodicy and the application of a theology of hope are emphasized. To live as a human being is to be confronted with the vexing problem of evil and human suffering. Evil constitutes a major philosophical and theological problem for theists. Philosophically and biblically explores the nature of the problem of evil and examines ways of coping with evil and suffering in human experience and in Christian life. Treats the theological and philosophic effects of crises, disasters, and other trauma-causing events on persons of all ages, as embodied in the theological/philosophical problem of theodicy. Graded Pass/Fail. *Spring*

CED7143: Vocational Counseling

3 hours. An examination of various factors influencing career choice and career development over the lifespan, including individual, cultural and sociological factors. Emphasis placed on approaches that aid conceptualization of healthy development in career planning and decision making. Addresses counseling strategies to address career struggles, including interrelationships between work, family and life roles. Also includes use of career information systems, computer-based information systems; and vocational assessment instruments. The counselor's role as an advocate for the professional so is addressed. At the discretion of the professor, students may be required to pay a nominal fee for individual vocational assessments. This course is a part of the Richmond Career Mapping sequence. *Spring*

CED7152: Counseling and Spirituality

2 hours. (Prerequisite: CED6322) This course trains students in the practical integration of spirituality into counseling. It examines the life impact of religion and spirituality and explores the crucial concepts of spiritual formation, soul care, and the Biblical basis for Christian counseling. It tackles the issues arising from several models of integrative counseling and surveys a variety of tools used. The crucial importance of the spiritual life of the counseling and understanding the spirituality of the counselee are highlighted. Graded Pass/Fail. *Fall*

CED7153: Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling

3 hours. This course is a prerequisite for CED6922. Provides an overview of cultural context of relationships, issues, and trends in a multicultural society and relates these to the professional field of counseling. Presents theories of multicultural counseling, identity development, and social justice. Includes experiential learning activities and significant content material on multicultural competencies, including diversity, diversity and pluralistic issues, social barriers that impede equity and success for clients; detrimental culturally supported behaviors; gender and power issues; bias and prejudice; and religious and spiritual issues in counseling and relates these concepts to the counselor's roles in developing cultural awareness. *Spring*

CED710x: Original Independent Study in Counseling

Hours may vary. Designed for advanced students who wish to create an independent study for a topic not offered by Richmond. Will require prerequisites as determined by the professor guiding the study. Original independent studies follow the same proposal and approval procedures as other independent studies.

Counseling and Spirituality Integration Curriculum

CED620x: Special Topics in Counseling and Spirituality

Hours may vary. Provides an opportunity for students to participate in additional studies in this content area which are not a part of the ongoing curriculum schedule. Unless specifically noted in course announcements, special topics courses will not count toward degree requirements. Depending on the nature of the course offering, prerequisites may apply. May be repeated for credit.

CED6222: Applications of Christian Disciplines and Mental Health for Counselors

2 hours. Systematic overview of classic spiritual discipline within Christian traditions with a focus on experiential applications for clinical counseling settings. Graded Pass/Fail. *Every other Spring*

CED7232: Dynamics of Spiritual Direction

2 hours. Provides an experiential opportunity for personal spiritual growth combined with the development of understanding of the process of spiritual direction and formation. First three days of course are run as a residential, contemplative retreat conducted off campus and involving an additional fee. Graded Pass/Fail. *Spring*

CED7242: Traditions of Christian Spiritual Formation

2 hours. Provides an experience of the classic devotional literature in the Christian tradition and the lives of the saints associated with four of the major Christian spiritual traditions. Primary focus is developing the capacity to be a facilitating presence for the spiritual development of others and the relevance of spirituality in counseling. Graded Pass/Fail. *Every other Spring*

CED7262: Spiritual Direction: Practice and Application

2 hours. This course provides a conceptual and practical understanding of a model of spiritual direction that builds on evangelical theology but draws freely from other Christian traditions. The format focuses on developing categories for understanding the vision of what the Spirit longs to accomplish in a Jesus follower, the obstacles posed particularly by the flesh (flesh dynamics), and the process of the Spirit in achieving His purposes, a process that directs spiritual direction. Class interaction illustrates the model of spiritual direction that is presented. Graded Pass/Fail. *Spring, Fall*

CED7282: Church-Based Counseling

2 hours. This course provides training in a powerfully effective method of clinical service delivery. IT is designed to bridge the gap between student preparation to be a spiritually integrative counselor practically using that preparation to deliver services in church-based settings. Students will be trained in the need for increased access to spiritually integrative counseling services, the calling upon that church to meet that need, and the practical, clinical, ethical, and advantageous aspects of providing church-based counseling services. Graded Pass/Fail. *Summer*

CED720x: Original Independent Study in Counseling and Spirituality

Hours may vary. Designed for advanced students who wish to create an independent study for a topic not offered by Richmond. Will require prerequisites as determined by the professor guiding the study. Original independent studies follow the same proposal and approval procedures as other independent studies.

Counseling and Theology Integration Curriculum

CED630x: Special Topics in Counseling and Theology Integration

Hours may vary. Provides an opportunity for students to participate in additional studies in this content area which are not a part of the ongoing curriculum schedule. Unless specifically noted in course announcements, special topics courses will not count toward degree requirements. Depending on the nature of the course offering, prerequisites may apply. May be repeated for credit.

CED6322: Models of Relating Christianity and Counseling

2 hours. (Prerequisite for CED7152) A study of the philosophical and theoretical issues that are basic to relating science and Christian faith in general and psychology and Christian faith in particular to the field of counseling. This course provides a brief history of Christian counseling as a distinct discipline and lays the foundation for approaching practical integration in subsequent courses. *Fall, Spring*

CED6342: Christian Traditions with Implications for Counseling

2 hours. Overview of Church history with the intent of helping students gain a greater appreciation for ecumenical differences of the various Christian traditions and denominations as they present in the counseling office. This course is a part of the Richmond Career Mapping sequence. *Summer*

CED7313: Hermeneutics and Application

3 hours. Focuses on the analysis and synthesis of principles of Biblical hermeneutics, exegesis and counseling practice. Teaches basic skills in the inductive method of observing, interpreting and applying the Christian Scriptures, with emphasis given to student preparation of exegetical papers. Consideration of Biblical exegesis in clinical settings with analysis, critique and synthesis of role plays and demonstration of application skills. *Fall*

CED7362: Integrative Theology for Counselors

2 hours. (Prerequisite: CED6112) Consideration of historical, systematic, Biblical and philosophical theology as relevant to issues of the nature of God and man. Students examine the implications of the theology upon the counseling context and receive additional training in explicit integration. *Spring*

CED1730x: Original Independent Study in Counseling and Theology Integration

Hours may vary. Designed for advanced students who wish to create an independent study for a topic not offered by Richmond. Will require prerequisites as determined by the professor guiding the study. Original independent studies follow the same proposal and approval procedures as other independent studies.

Child and Adolescent Counseling Curriculum

CED640x: Special Topics in Child and Adolescent Counseling

Hours may vary. Provides an opportunity for students to participate in additional studies in this content area which are not a part of the standard curriculum schedule. Unless specifically noted in course announcements, special topics courses will not count toward degree requirements. Depending on the nature of the course offering, prerequisites may apply. May be repeated for credit.

CED6412/PSY6412: Child and Adolescent Psychopathology

2 hours. (Prerequisite for CED6422, CED7432, and CED7442). Provides an overview of the etiology, diagnoses, and treatment of mental disorders in the childhood and adolescent years. Disorders specific to childhood and adolescence in the DSM are reviewed along with other disorders manifested in youth. Particular attention is given to developmental psychopathology. *Fall*

CED6422: Counseling Children

2 hours. (Prerequisite: PSY/CED6412) Surveys the major treatment approaches to childhood disorders and a critique from a Christian framework with special attention paid to empirically derived factors in therapeutic change. Ethical concerns particular to work with children and the role of work with parents in child therapy are discussed. *Spring*

CED7432: Counseling Adolescents

2 hours. (Prerequisite: PSY/CED6412) Examines the general needs of adolescents in counseling, with particular attention given to developmental changes in adolescence and the influence of sociocultural factors on youth symptomatic behavior. Additionally, focuses on specific counseling issues common in adolescent clients (e.g. mood and anxiety disorders, trauma, eating disorders, substance abuse, self-harm) and discusses various treatment modalities, with an emphasis on using evidence-based practice models. *Fall*

CED7442: Advanced Child and Adolescent Counseling

2 hours. (Prerequisite: PSY/ CED6412, CED6422, and CED7432) Designed to allow students to develop a deeper understanding of specific counseling approaches with specific groups of children and adolescents, concurrently teaching the skills of how to read and apply more detailed literature about counseling methods. Case formulation and presentation skills are also developed within the course. *Spring*

CED1740x: Original Independent Study in Child and Adolescent Counseling

Hours may vary. Designed for advanced students who wish to create an independent study for a topic not offered by Richmond. Will require prerequisites as determined by the professor guiding the study. Original independent studies follow the same proposal and approval procedures as other independent studies.

Christian Sex Therapy Curriculum

CED650x: Special Topics in Christian Sex Therapy

Hours may vary. Provides an opportunity for students to participate in additional studies that are not part of the standard curriculum schedule in this content area. Unless specifically noted in course announcements, special topics courses will not count toward degree requirements. Depending on the nature of the course offering, prerequisites may apply. May be repeated for credit.

CED6512: Human Sexuality: A Therapeutic Integration

2 hours. (Prerequisite for CED6522, CED7532, CED7542, CED7552, CED7562, CED7572, CED7582, and CED7592) Provides a basic introduction to counseling for sexual issues. Students are introduced to a theology of sexuality, a basic model of addressing sexual issues in counseling, basics of sexual biology and psychology, sexual development, sexual dysfunction, and basic intervention techniques for sexual problems. Students also are challenged in their own growth and development in this area. *Fall/ Spring*

CED6522: Basic Issues in Sex Therapy

2 hours. (Prerequisite: CED6512) Designed for students pursuing the field of sex therapy. Focuses on the profession of sex therapy, exploring historical, ethical, cultural and research issues and theoretical distinctives in the field. Students also examine sex therapy with specific populations. *Spring/even years*

CED7532: Sexual Dysfunctions, Addictive, Compulsive and Paraphilic Sexuality

2 hours. (Prerequisite: 6512) Teaches students classical and current theories and techniques in treating sexual dysfunction, sexual addiction and compulsivity, and paraphilias. *Summer*

CED7542: Sexuality: Medical Issues, Trauma and Abuse

2 hours. (Prerequisite: CED6512) Covers the two main subject areas of advanced physiological issues (primarily hormones and medications) and counseling for sexual trauma and abuse. Students explore current theories and research in these subject areas as well as continue to develop their theory of sexuality in these subject areas. Special attention also is given to exploring the problem of pain and self care of the therapist when working with trauma. *Spring/odd years*

CED7552: Advanced Sex Therapy

2 hours. (Prerequisites: CED6512 and CED7532) This certification course takes an in-depth look at treatment for sexual dysfunction. Areas of primary focus include diagnosis and treatment of sexual dysfunctions specific to desire, pain, arousal and orgasm. *Fall/odd years*

CED7562: Seminar in Christian Sex Therapy

2 hours. Designed to address a variety of selected topics in sex therapy.

CED7572: Advanced Sexual Trauma and Abuse

2 hours. (Prerequisites: CED6512) Students examine the topic of sexual trauma and abuse. Current thinking in the treatment of people with a history of sexual trauma and abuse is explored in depth. *Summer/even years*

CED7582: Advanced Sexual Addiction Counseling

2 hours. (Prerequisite: CED6512) An in-depth and advanced look at current theories and treatment approaches to addressing sexual addiction. Students will explore the diagnosis, etiology, disease process, treatment, recovery process, and current research findings for sexual addictions in males and females. *Summer/odd years*

CED7592: Sexual Orientation and Sexual Identity

2 hours. (Prerequisite: CED6512) Students examine the myriad of issues involved in providing counseling to clients who experience same-sex attraction. Based in Christian principles, sound clinical theory, and empirical research, this course provides critical training to counselors seeking to provide support to this population. *Fall/even years*

CEDI750x: Original Independent Study in Christian Sex Therapy

Hours may vary. Designed for advanced students who wish to create an independent study for a topic not offered by Richmond. Requires prerequisites as determined by the professor guiding the study. Original independent studies follow the same proposal and approval procedures as other independent studies.

Family Studies and Marriage & Family Counseling/Therapy Curriculum

CED660x: Special Topics in Family Studies

Hours may vary. Provides an opportunity for students to participate in additional studies in this content area which are not a part of the standard curriculum schedule. Unless specifically noted in course announcements, special topics courses will not count toward degree requirements. Depending on the nature of the course offering, prerequisites may apply. May be repeated for credit.

CED6612: Family Systems Theory

2 hours. Prerequisite for CED7623, CED7613, and CED7633. Examination of the philosophy, theoretical and practical foundations of the family systems approach to marital and family counseling/therapy. The major theorists, theories, various models, and practices are examined. The primary focus is upon the theories, principles, and language that support the numerous marriage and family therapy models. Among other theoretical models, Bowen Family Systems Theory is delineated. *Spring*

CED6622: Clinical Assessment in Individual, Marital and Family Counseling

2 hours. Prerequisite for CED6912, CED7613, CED7623, and CED7633. Enables students to assess marital and family systems in order to engage in effective individual, marriage and family counseling and treatment planning. An examination of current family demographics, characteristics of dysfunctional families, formal marriage and family clinical assessment strategies and instruments, and interviewing techniques are included. Special attention is given to initial use of the DSM for diagnosis, treatment planning and practice. Assessment and treatment strategies related to depression, crisis intervention and psychological first aid, anxiety, eating disorders, marital conflict, sexual dysfunction, personality disorders and behaviors that impede individual, couple and family functioning. Lectures, discussions, in-class assessments, and other methods aid students in acquiring a critical understanding of the contextual/systemic aspects of a comprehensive assessment process and the resulting treatment plan. *Fall*

CED6632: Healthy Family Functioning

2 hours. Designed to provide an integrative analysis of the characteristic behaviors of healthy families and marriages derived from five primary sources: direct observation of healthy families, the literature from major family therapy theorists, empirically based schemas of optimal family health, the research of behavioral correlates of healthy functioning, and empirically based models of healthy marital and family functioning. Informs the graduate student about optimal families and to relate this material conceptually to clinical assessment and interventions. Students examine healthy functioning across the family developmental stages. Students who complete this course will gain a perspective to balance their exposure to the significant literature and training for marriage and family therapists that is skewed toward pathology. *Fall*

CEDI760x: Original Independent Study in Family Studies or Marital and Family Counseling

Hours may vary. Designed for advanced students who wish to create an independent study for a topic not offered by Richmond. Will require prerequisites as determined by the professor guiding the study. Original independent studies follow the same proposal and approval procedures as other independent studies.

CED7613: Brief, Solution Focused, and Communication Approaches to Marriage & Family Counseling

3 hours. (Prerequisite: 6612 and CED6622) Students examine theoretical foundations, basic principles, assessment techniques, and intervention strategies of three major schools of marriage and family therapy: Brief, Solution-Focused, and the Communication Approach to marriage and family counseling. Taught from a systems theory perspective and in the context of a Christian worldview. *Fall*

CED7623: Structural and Behavioral Marriage & Family Therapy

3 hours. (Prerequisite: 6612 and CED6622) Students examine theoretical foundations, basic principles, assessment techniques, and intervention strategies of two major schools of marriage and family therapy: Structural MFT and Behavioral MFT. The role of the marriage and family counselor in a variety of practice settings and in relation to other helping professions is discussed. Taught from a systems theory perspective and in the context of a Christian worldview. *Summer*

CED7633: Contextual, Narrative and Interpersonal Models of Counseling

3 hours. (Prerequisite: 6612 and CED6622) Students examine theoretical foundations, basic principles, assessment techniques, and intervention strategies of three major schools of counseling: Contextual Marriage and Family Therapy, Narrative Therapy, and Interpersonal Therapy. Taught from a systems theory perspective and in the context of a Christian worldview. *Summer*

Research and Writing Curriculum

CED5062/PSY5062: Introduction to Graduate Writing, and Research Skills

2 hours. This course aims to provide a comprehensive overview of basic writing and research skills for graduate studies. Significant focus is placed on locating scholarly materials through online resources, analyzing professional writing, writing an academic paper, and understanding how to utilize APA format. For those students required to take this course, it will be used as an evaluation to determine their readiness for additional graduate coursework. *Fall, Spring*

CED670x/PSY670x: Special Topics in Research and Writing

Hours may vary. Provides an opportunity for students to participate in additional studies in this content area which are not a part of the ongoing curriculum schedule. Unless specifically noted in course announcements, special topics courses will not count toward degree requirements. Depending on the nature of the course offering, prerequisites may apply. May be repeated for credit.

CED7713/PSY7713: Methods of Research

3 hours. Students learn basic strategies for research in the areas relevant to counseling. Students gain knowledge in the various research designs, research procedures, basic statistical concepts, and how to access, read and evaluate research in the literature. The use of research to inform evidence based practices and the use of technology in conducting research and statistical analysis are presented. Includes information regarding community and program evaluation as methods to improve counseling. This course is a part of the Richmond Career Mapping Sequence. *Fall*

Advanced Clinical Counseling Intervention Curriculum

CED680x: Special Topics in Advanced Counseling Intervention

Hours may vary. Provides an opportunity for students to participate in additional studies in this content area that are not part of the standard curriculum schedule. Unless specifically noted in course announcements, special topics courses will not count toward degree requirements. Depending on the nature of the course offering, prerequisites may apply. May be repeated for credit.

CED6802: Trauma in Developmental Context

2 hours. This course is a prerequisite for CED7802 and CED7812. Focuses on the impact of trauma exposures on the developing child and ways these impacts may continue to manifest through the lifespan. Includes a review of normative development and impact of trauma on developmental tasks; an overview of the attachment system and variations in attachment formation; and discussion of the functional nature of behaviors. Implications for treatment will be briefly discussed. *Fall*

CED6812: Trauma and Biology

2 hours. Reviews physiological impacts of traumatic experiences, including psychobiology of the acute trauma response; impact of chronic traumatic stress on a functional and anatomical neurological level; and physiological markers of the chronic stress response and their behavioral manifestations. Reviews current research regarding the intersect between trauma and the body, and implications for treatment will be briefly discussed. *Spring*

CED6813: Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy

3 hours. (Prerequisites: CED6622 and CED6133). Develops students' knowledge and skill in the cognitive-behavioral approach to counseling with applications to mental health counseling and marital and family counseling. Students examine theoretical foundations, research findings, basic principles, assessment techniques, and intervention strategies of CBT with particular emphasis on a family systems perspective. Practical applications of this therapy are examined, and executive skills required of the cognitive-behavioral therapist are instilled. Students will demonstrate skills in this approach of counseling in class. These examinations are applied to a wide variety of problems in living and are framed within a Christian theological context. *Spring, Summer*

CED6832: Addictions Counseling: An Integrative Approach to Assessment and Treatment

2 hours. (Prerequisite: CED/PSY6143) Introduces students to treatment literature and practices relevant to a wide variety of impulse control disorders. Treatment programs (inpatient and outpatient settings) that focus on substance abuse will receive the majority of attention. Instructors provide direct applications to mental health and marital and family counseling. *Summer*

CED7802: Child Trauma Intervention

2 hours. (Prerequisite: CED6802) Provides an overview of clinical assessment and treatment of children who have experienced traumatic stress. The process of clinical evaluation of this population will be discussed, with review of most commonly used evaluation tools. Treatment will be conceptualized in a core components manner, with identification of key goals of intervention with children who have experienced trauma. Reviews evidence-based and promising practices for treatment of child trauma, as well as the range of alternative interventions (i.e., expressive, body-based, sensory) which show promise for this population. *Spring*

CED7812: Adult Trauma Intervention

2 hours. (Prerequisite: CED6802) Provides an overview of clinical assessment and treatment of adults who have experienced traumatic stress. The process of clinical evaluation of this population will be discussed, with review of most commonly used evaluation tools. Reviews the construct of phase-oriented models of treatment and provides an overview of key goals and the range of practices which may be used to address these goals. *Fall*

CED6842: Adventure-Based Counseling

2 hours. Introduction to facilitating adventure/challenge experiences as a context for counseling. Emphasis on understanding the dynamics of adventure experiences, their therapeutic application, and effective facilitation and processing, particularly leadership concerns and sequencing of activities in developing an adventure therapy/education program. Students will develop an understanding of theories of group dynamics and how they relate to the adventure education experience.

CED7852: Eating Disorders: Etiology, Assessment, and Counseling Interventions

2 hours. (Prerequisites: CED6622 and CED6133) Examination of the etiological and associated factors of eating disorders, diagnosis and assessment issues, and the treatments and general management strategies of the client with an eating disorder. Special emphasis placed on individual, family and hospital-based intervention methods. *Summer*

CED7862: Cross-Cultural Counseling in Christian Settings

2 hours. (Prerequisite: CED7153 or permission of instructor) Explores issues of acculturation and diversity pertinent to Christian ministry. Students will have opportunity to study the emotional impact of cross-cultural experience on individuals, families, and groups working in the field of Christian ministry. Uniqueness of the counselor's role in cross-cultural ministry settings will be addressed, with particular attention to issues of advocacy, conflict resolution and cultural self-awareness. Students will choose between several experiential learning activities designed to facilitate increased cultural sensitivity. *Fall*

CED7891: Professional Seminar in Marriage & Family Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling

1 hour. (Prerequisites: CED6622 and CED6133) Designed to assist students in the integration of their graduate experiences, to prepare them for clinical practice, and to assess their current level of competency across 14 content areas. To assess the students, the instructors will administer the Counselor Preparation Comprehensive Examination. Strengths and weaknesses will be identified. Remedial work may be assigned and required before graduation. Students are provided with information regarding professional identity with ACA and other professional societies. *Spring*

CEDI780x: Original Independent Study in Advanced Counseling Interventions

Hours may vary. Designed for advanced students who wish to create an independent study for a topic not offered by Richmond. Prerequisites determined by the professor guiding the study. Original independent studies follow the same proposal and approval procedures as other independent studies.

APPLIED CLINICAL TRAINING CURRICULUM

Counseling students must accumulate a minimum of 700 hours of on-site experience at their appointed clinical site. A minimum of 300 of these 700 hours must be direct, face-to-face counseling hours. Students must also gain a minimum of one hour per week of individual supervision and one and one-half hours per week of group supervision by an approved faculty-member of the counseling practicum and the two internships.

CED6912: Applied Practicum and Treatment Planning Lab in Counseling

2 hours. Spring semester. Prepares students to conduct intake interviews, maintain appropriate documentation and conduct effective treatment planning, and maximize the supervision process. Special attention given to use of the DSM for diagnosis, treatment planning and practice. Emphasis placed on increased awareness of self/personality and the core conditions of a therapeutic relationship; practice of basic counseling skills in role-play; ethical issues, management of crises, making appropriate referrals, and other topics relevant to the counseling process including information on licensure and credentialing and professional involvement in the counseling profession through ACA and its associations such as IAMFC, ASERVIC and AMHCA. Information given on societies such as APA, AAMFT and CAPS. Minimum grade for successful completion of this course is *B-*. Students must receive approval for continuance on the Student Qualifying Evaluation.

Prerequisites:

- CED6113: Helping Relationships (minimum grade *B-*)
- CED6123: Ethical, Legal and Professional Standards in Professional Counseling and Marriage & Family Counseling (minimum grade *B-*)
- CED6622: Clinical Assessment of Individual, Marital and Family Counseling
- CED7153: Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling
- Advisor may recommend or require additional courses or other remedial work.

CED6922: Counseling Practicum

2 hours. Summer semester. Under the guidance of a licensed Christian mental health professional, students become a part of a team that provides individual, couple and family counseling. Includes weekly individual and group supervision. Students must accumulate 40 hours of face-to-face counseling and 100 on-site hours. Information on licensure and credentialing is provided, and professional identity with the clinical mental health counseling profession and marital and family counseling profession is discussed. Importance of membership in ACA, IAMFC, ASERVIC, AMHCA and related ACA chapters is stressed. Additional information on other professional societies such as APA, AAMFT and CAPS is presented. Graded Pass/Fail.

Prerequisites:

- CED6113: Helping Relationships (minimum grade *B-*)
- CED6123: Ethical, Legal and Professional Standards in Professional Counseling and Marriage & Family Counseling (minimum grade *B-*)
- CED6912: Applied Practicum and Treatment Planning Lab in Counseling (minimum grade *B-*)

- Approval for continuance on the Student Qualifying Evaluation
- CED6143/PSY6143: Psychopathology (minimum grade B-)
- CED7153: Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling
- At least one CED 800-level course
- Advisor may recommend or require additional courses or other remedial work.

CED7932: Counseling Internship I

2 hours. Fall semester. Provides participation in the counseling process as counselor/co-counselor under supervision of licensed Christian mental health professionals. Includes weekly individual and group supervision. Additional experience will be obtained in an external setting. Students must accumulate 300 on-site hours, of which a minimum of 130 hours must be in direct service. A portion of the face-to-face counseling hours in either Internship I or Internship II must be in a group setting. Information on licensure and credentialing is provided, and professional identity with the clinical mental health counseling profession and marital and family counseling profession is discussed. Graded Pass/Fail.

Prerequisites:

- CED6922: Counseling Practicum
- Approval for continuance on the Student Qualifying Evaluation
- Advisor may recommend or require additional courses or other remedial work.

CED7942: Counseling Internship II

2 hours. Spring semester. Continuation of CED7932: Counseling Internship I, with growing autonomy as appropriate to the student's developing skill level. The student participates in the counseling process as counselor/co-counselor under supervision of licensed Christian mental health professionals. Weekly individual and group supervision. Information on licensure and credentialing provided, and professional identity with the clinical mental health counseling profession and marital and family counseling profession is discussed. A portion of the face-to-face counseling hours in either Internship I or Internship II must be in a group setting. The student must accumulate a minimum of 300 hours on-site, of which a minimum of 130 hours must be in direct service to clients. Graded Pass/Fail.

Prerequisites:

- CED7932: Counseling Internship I
- Approval for continuance on the Student Qualifying Evaluation
- Any three 800-level courses (third 800-level course may be concurrent with CED7942)
- Advisor may recommend or require additional courses or other remedial work.

CED7952: Counseling Internship III

2 hours. Continuation of CED7942: Counseling Internship II; intended only for students who need additional hours in an internship for licensure or who choose to extend their internship past one year. Students may enroll for this internship only with prior approval of the Director of Clinical Training and request for academic exception. The student will continue to participate in the counseling process as therapist/co-therapist under supervision of licensed Christian mental health professionals. Weekly individual and group supervision. Information on licensure and credentialing provided, and professional identity with the clinical mental health counseling profession and marital and family counseling profession is discussed. Graded Pass/Fail. May be repeated for credit.

SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY

Psychopathology and Treatments Curriculum

PSY6143/CED6143: Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Disorders

3 hours. Comprehensive survey of major psychological and behavioral disorders as described in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5/ICD-10)*. Diagnosis, etiology and treatment are the major areas of study. Students acquire knowledge of the *DSM-5/ICD-10* classification system, the diagnostic categories, and the primary treatment options for the major mental disorders. Included is an examination of psychobiology and psychopharmacology. Emphasis is placed on the spirituality of the client as a factor in beliefs, values and diagnosis. *Spring*

PSY6152: Personality Disorders: Diagnosis and Treatment

2 hours. (Prerequisite: PSY6143/CED6143) Focuses on diagnosis, etiology and treatment of the personality disorders as delineated in *DSM-5/ICD-10*.

A continuation of CED6143PSY6143: Psychopathology. *Fall*

PSY6412/CED6412: Child and Adolescent Psychopathology

2 hours. Provides an overview of the etiology, diagnoses, and treatment of mental disorders in the childhood and adolescent years. Disorders specific to childhood and adolescence in the *DSM* are reviewed along with other disorders manifested in youth. Particular attention given to developmental psychopathology. *Fall*

PSY7162: Psychopharmacology for Therapists

2 hours. (Prerequisite: PSY6143/CED6143) Designed to provide therapists with a basic understanding of classifications and characteristics of psychotropic medications and basic principles of pharmacodynamics and pharmacokinetics. Students will gain a working knowledge of medications most often used in conjunction with adult mental illness and typical child and adolescent disorders. Emphasis placed on understanding the effects of each medication and equipping therapists to educate clients on basic medication management. Information also provided regarding the effects of other typical medications on the mental health of clients. *Every other Summer*

PSY7822: Psychodynamic Theories and Counseling

2 hours. (Prerequisite: CED6622 and CED6133) Provides an opportunity to explore the contribution of psychoanalytic theory for the understanding of persons and the practice of counseling. Psychoanalytic traditions examined include classical drive theory, ego psychology, Interpersonal theory, object relations theory, and self-psychology. Special attention also given to the contributions of psychoanalytic theory to the understanding of character pathology and clinical diagnosis. *Spring*

Research Curriculum

PSY5062/CED5062: Introduction to Graduate Writing and Research Skills

2 hours. This course aims to provide a comprehensive overview of basic writing and research skills for graduate studies. Significant focus is placed on locating scholarly materials through online

resources, analyzing professional writing, writing an academic paper, and understanding how to utilize APA format. For those students required to take this course, it will be used as an evaluation to determine their readiness for additional graduate coursework.

Fall, Spring

PSY7713/CED7713: Methods of Research

3 hours. Students learn basic strategies for research in areas relevant to counseling. Students gain knowledge in various research designs, research procedures, basic statistical concepts, and how to access, read and evaluate research in the literature. The use of technology in conducting research and statistical analysis is presented. Includes information regarding community and program evaluation as methods to improve counseling. This course is a part of the Richmond Career Mapping Sequence. *Fall*

PSY7761: Research Group I

1 hour. (Prerequisite: PSY7713/CED7713 and permission of instructor) Students learn about a specific area of integration research while working on a research project with an instructor. May be taken twice. *Spring*

PSY7771: Research Group II

1 hour. (Prerequisite: PSY7761 and permission of instructor) A continuation of Research Group I, provides students the opportunity to participate in advanced research with an instructor. May be taken twice. *Summer*

PSY8711: Thesis I

1 hour. (Prerequisite: PSY7771) The student defines a research question(s) and/or project that is firmly embedded in the body of theory and empirical data accumulated in counseling, spirituality, theology, or closely related fields. The student presents a written proposal and other defined steps to all members of the thesis committee, as directed by the Thesis Advisor, for the committee's approval. The proposal should include the basic research question, concise review of the precedent literature, and design and methodology of the project. A thorough presentation of the relevant literature and an in-depth discussion of the results and findings of the project are required. Students will consult with Thesis Advisor and establish goals that must be achieved during the course. *Fall*

PSY8721: Thesis II

1 hour. (Prerequisite: PSY8711) Students continue and complete the research project begun in Thesis I. The final project, the written thesis, is presented to the Thesis Committee for evaluation. Students must adhere to Richmond requirements related to theses as described in the thesis guide. *Spring*

Psychology and Theology Integration Curriculum

PSY7272: Psychology of Religion and Spirituality

2 hours. Provides an overview of the psychological aspects of religious belief and experience and examines their relevance in understanding and helping religiously committed clients in counseling. *Every other Spring*

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Bible History and Theology Curriculum

MIN5113: Hermeneutics and Exegesis

3 hours. This course provides an introduction to biblical interpretation. The course surveys the relationship of author, text, and reader in the interpretative process with the goals of determining the nature and content of Scripture and grappling with the role of the interpreter's location. Students will gain practical skill in interpreting the primary literary genres of Scripture. *Fall*

MIN5123 Historical Theology: The Great Questions Addressed by the Christian Faith

3 hours. This course is a survey of church history. The focus of study will be how the Christian church has addressed the central questions of life such as: who is God? Can we trust Him? What is the purpose of the Church? How should we live? Our course will focus on some key Christian practitioners and thinkers such as Martin and Katy Luther, John and Charles Wesley, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Hopefully these people will become helpful reference points and role models for us in Christian ministry. *Spring*

MIN5133 Church History: The Great Traditions of the Christian Faith

3 hours. The purpose of this course is to offer a more comprehensive, balanced, and applicable approach to what it really means to know Christ. This course will explore six of the traditional streams as outlined in Richard Foster's Streams of Living Water, and provide a context for assessing the strengths and weaknesses of these traditions. This exposure and analysis will equip students to contextualize their thinking and practice in a broader framework. *Summer*

MIN6113: Understanding the Bible through Its Uniting Themes

3 hours. (Prerequisite: MIN5133) The objectives of this course are as follows: to give careful attention to selected themes of the Bible and to apply them in personal spiritual formation and in various ministry settings; to develop a framework to investigate the unifying role of the themes of Scripture within the diversity of God's revelation; to better understand the relationship between the Old and New Testaments, and to continue to develop tools to facilitate graduate level biblical and theological research and analysis, as well as skills in oral and written communication. *Fall*

MIN6123: The Trinity: God Revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

3 hour. (Prerequisites: MIN5113 and MIN5123) "In the beginning, God." This phrase not only describes the genesis of all things, but is the foundation of all authentic Christian faith and practice. "Theology proper" is our discipline of thought, "in Him we live, move and have our being" (Acts 17:28) is our ontological reality, and "whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31) represents our purpose. Biblical, historic orthodox Christian conviction proclaims God as Holy Trinity. This course explores this core truth and its implications for Christians. *Spring*

Ministry Skills and Leadership Curriculum

MIN5313: Foundations of Authentic Leadership

3 hours. This course will underscore foundational aspects of authentic Christian leadership including: embracing the person and model of Jesus as the ultimate model of leadership; identifying and utilizing one's strengths; understanding both personality of a leader and the importance of finding one's voice; and planning and taking intentional steps to increase one's capacity and explore one's potential. *Fall*

MIN5323: Interpersonal Skills: Pastoral Care

3 hours. (Prerequisite: MIN5313) An introduction to basic counseling methods with an emphasis on the helping skills of attending, responding, and personalizing as presented in the Carkhuff model. Empathy and self-awareness skills essential to the helping relationship are developed. Additionally, this course provides an introduction to pastoral counseling for addictions, marital distress, depression, anxiety, and divisive personalities counseling issues that are most commonly encountered in ministry—with an emphasis on spiritual transformation through the student's effective servant leadership and pastoral care. *Spring*

MIN5333: Practical Aspects of the Life of the Minister

3 hours. (Prerequisites: MIN5323 and MIN5313) Ministry is a unique calling and a high privilege. It can be thrilling, invigorating and rewarding as you sense God at work in and through you. But if we're honest, much of ministry, as in life, is a walk of faith, requiring growth in leadership and continual self-management. This course will focus on several practical aspects of the life of a minister that are critical to his or her effectiveness in life and ministry. *Summer*

MIN6313: Ministry to Children and Families

3 hours. (Prerequisites: MIN5333, MIN5323, and MIN5313) This course will offer students the biblical, historical and theological foundations for ministry to children and families. Students will explore multiple models of ministry to children and families as well as the sociological trends affecting children and families in contemporary culture. As a result, students will be able to articulate their personal philosophy for ministry to children and families as reflected in a faithful pastoral response. *Fall*

MIN6323: Communication in Ministry

3 hours. (Prerequisites: MIN6313, MIN5333, MIN5323, and MIN5313) This course aims to understand the importance of communication in Christian leadership. The good news of Jesus must be communicated. "Faith comes by hearing the message of Christ" (Romans 10:17). Students will learn how to prepare public presentations for preaching, teaching and training, explore the dynamics of effective communication and study creative methods of communication through technology and media resources. *Spring*

Spiritual Formation Curriculum

MIN5213: Spiritual Formation I - The Dynamics of the Person and Kingdom of God

3 hours. This course is the first of a five-course sequence on authentic discipleship to Jesus Christ. It is built around the following three themes: 1) Spiritual formation into Christlikeness is God's intention for us—and it is possible and suited to human nature; 2) Living in the Kingdom of the Heavens here and now; and 3) Application of these understandings from Christ to the realities of the human self and of actual existence in our circumstances. These themes are explored and experienced in a growing community of learning, prayerfulness, and intentionality. *Fall*

MIN5223: Spiritual Formation II-Living in the Divine Conversation and Character

3 hours. (Prerequisite: MIN5213) This course is the second of a five-course sequence on authentic discipleship to Jesus Christ. It is built around the following three themes: 1) Learning how to hear God; 2) Christian spiritual disciplines-concept and history; and 3) Salvation Is a Life-with special emphasis given to the "Fruit of the Spirit" as foundation and framework of eternal living. These themes are to be explored and experienced in a growing community of learning, prayerfulness, and intentionality. *Spring*

MIN5231: Christian Spiritual Formation Retreat Seminar

1 hour. (Prerequisite: MIN5223 and MIN5213) This course is the third of a five-course sequence on authentic discipleship to Jesus Christ. It is built around the following four themes: 1) lectio divina as transforming prayer; 2) life as prayer; 3) the integration of prayer, leadership, and Christian community; 4) the integration of theology and biography in the student's life. Special emphasis will be given, across all four themes, to prayer as "our response to a divine invitation to encounter" (David Benner) and to learning by experiencing. These themes will be explored in a retreat setting and format with opportunities for Christian community woven throughout. *Summer*

MIN6213: Christian Spiritual Formation III - Celebrating the Great Traditions of Christian Faith through Scripture, Literature, and Praxis

3 hours. (Prerequisites: MIN5223, MIN5231 and MIN5213) This course is the third of a five-course sequence on authentic discipleship to Jesus Christ. It is built around the following four themes: 1) Gaining an experiential understanding of the Six Great Traditions of Christian faith; 2) Coming to a deeper appreciation of the importance of classical devotional literature; 3) Learning to better experience God and His character in Scripture; 4) Developing a deeper appreciation of the Bible's presentation of 15 ways of "being with" God. These themes are to be explored and experienced in a growing community of learning, prayerfulness, and intentionality. *Fall*

MIN6223: Spiritual Formation IV - Living as an Apprentice to Jesus

3 hours. (Prerequisites: MIN6213, MIN5231, MIN5223, and MIN5213) This course is the fourth of a five-course sequence on authentic discipleship to Jesus Christ. It is built around the following three themes: 1) Being with God in Prayer; 2) Living as an Apprentice to Jesus; and 3) Spiritual Formation in all the Roles of our Life. These themes are to be explored and experienced in a growing community of learning, prayerfulness, and intentionality. *Spring*

MIN6233: Culminating Project: Final Integrative Seminar

3 hours. (Prerequisites: All coursework for the M.A. in Ministry must be completed before taking this course). Through review and reflection, students will utilize their understandings of the three domains of knowing, being and doing to provide counsel to a person described in a case presented at the time of orientation for the course. The knowing domain refers primarily to the coursework in Bible, history and theology; the being domain refers primarily to the coursework in spiritual and personal formation; and the doing domain refers primarily to the coursework in leadership and ministry skills as well as the internship. The final part of the course will provide an opportunity for students to describe how their theoretical understanding of integration has moved toward an embodied practice of integration. *Summer*

Mentored Growth Curriculum

MIN5411: Internship I: Mentored Growth and Development

1 hour. (Prerequisite: MIN5313) In this class selected leadership ideas/models, both those that are explicitly Christian as well as others, will be examined and each student will be asked to apply these ideas/models to their own ministry setting. Working under the supervision of a mentor, the student will have intentional opportunities for the integration of biblical and theological principles with spiritual, personal, and vocational practice. Assessments, reflection, and evaluation activities are designed to provide affirmation, support, and feedback to the student. *Spring*

MIN5420: Internship II: Mentored Growth and Development

0 hours. (Prerequisites: MIN5411 and MIN5313) Working under the supervision of a mentor, the student will have intentional opportunities for the integration of biblical and theological principles with spiritual, personal, and vocational practice. Assessments, reflection, and evaluation activities are designed to provide affirmation, support, and feedback to the student. *Summer*

MIN5431: Internship III: Mentored Growth and Development

1 hour. (Prerequisite: MIN5420, MIN5411, and MIN5313) Working under the supervision of a mentor, the student will have intentional opportunities for the integration of biblical and theological principles with spiritual, personal, and vocational practice. Assessments, reflection, and evaluation activities are designed to provide affirmation, support, and feedback to the student. *Fall*

Spiritual Direction Curriculum

SPD7253: Perceiving a Holy Invitation

3 hours. This course is the first in a five course sequence in spiritual direction. The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the foundations of the practice of spiritual direction. Special emphasis will be given in this course to the clarification of terms, spiritual direction's relationships with both theology and scripture, and discerning one's call to spiritual direction. This class will also focus on historical roots of spiritual direction and its role within the Kingdom of God. All of these topics will be explored and experienced in a growing community of learning, prayerfulness, and intentionality. This course has both residency and online components. The residency component includes a short monastic retreat. *Fall*

SPD7263: Preparing an Available Self

3 hours. This course is the second in a five course sequence in spiritual direction. The purpose of this course is to develop students' understanding of the nature of spiritual formation and invite them to pursue significant self-reflection. Particular emphasis on the Ignatian Exercises continues the program's focus on historical roots and the role of spiritual direction within the presently available Kingdom of God. Attention will be given in this course to spiritual formation, the role of personality and psychometric assessment tools. All of these topics will be explored and experienced in a growing community of learning, prayerfulness, and intentionality. This course is taught in an online format. *Spring*

SPD7273: Developing a Listening Ear

3 hours. This course is the third in a five course sequence in spiritual direction. The purpose of this course is to help students develop the practical listening skills of spiritual direction. Special emphasis will be given in this course to practicing spiritual direction as a director and participation in individual and peer supervision. This class will continue the program's focus on historical roots of spiritual direction and the role of spiritual direction within the Kingdom of God. All of these topics will be explored and experienced in a growing community of learning, prayerfulness, and intentionality. This course has both residency and online components. *Summer*

SPD7283: Discerning and Knowing God

3 hours. This course is the fourth in a five course sequence in spiritual direction. The purpose of this course is to help students know God more intimately and develop their ability to discern God's communication. Special emphasis will be given in this course to the process of knowing God, methods of prayer, awareness and surrender in the discernment process, and the Ignatian rules of discernment. This class will continue the program's focus on historical roots of spiritual direction and the role of spiritual direction within the Kingdom of God. All of these topics will be explored and experienced in a growing community of learning, prayerfulness, and intentionality. This course has both residency and online components. *Spring*

SPD7293: Arranging a Sacred Space

3 hours. This course is the fifth in a five course sequence in spiritual direction. The purpose of this course is to prepare students to offer the ministry of spiritual direction with integrity. Special emphasis will be given in this course to identifying the needs of various constituencies, ministering within different contexts, and addressing special issues that arise in spiritual direction. This class will continue the program's focus on historical roots of spiritual direction and the role of spiritual direction within the Kingdom of God. All of these topics will be explored and experienced in a growing community of learning, prayerfulness, and intentionality. This course is taught in an online format. *Fall*

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Students are responsible to insure that all requirements for degrees and certifications are met in accordance with their degree catalog. Please pay particular attention to prerequisites and courses required to begin the clinical sequence. For more information or questions regarding prerequisites for your degree program, please contact your academic advisor or the Records Office for more information.

Advanced Clinical Counseling Intervention Curriculum	
Course Number and Title	Prerequisite(s)
CED6813: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (Spring)	CED6622: Clinical Assessment (Fall) AND CED6133: Counseling Systems and Interventions (Spring)
PSY7822: Psychodynamic Theories and Therapies (Spring)	CED6622: Clinical Assessment (Fall) AND CED6133: Counseling Systems and Interventions (Spring)
CED6832: Addiction Counseling: An Integrative Approach to Assessment and Treatment	CED/PSY6143: Psychopathology
CED7852: Eating Disorders: Etiology, Assessment, and Counseling Interventions (every other Summer)	CED6622: Clinical Assessment (Fall) AND CED6133: Counseling Systems and Interventions (Spring)
CED7862: Cross Cultural Counseling in Christian Settings (Fall)	CED7153: Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling (Spring)
CED7891: Professional Seminar in Marriage and Family Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Counseling (Spring) This class is taken the last semester of the degree program for MAPC and MAMFT.	CED6622: Clinical Assessment (Fall) AND CED6133: Counseling Systems and Interventions (Spring)

Applied Clinical Training Curriculum	
Course Number and Title	No Prerequisite
CED6113: Helping Relationships (Fall)	No Prerequisite
CED6912: Applied Lab (Spring)	CED6113 Helping Relationships (minimum grade B-) AND CED6123: Ethical, Legal, and Professional Standards in Professional Counseling and Marriage and Family Therapy (minimum grade B-) AND CED6622: Clinical Assessment
CED6922: Counseling Practicum (Summer)	CED6113: Helping Relationships (minimum grade B-) AND CED6912: Applied Lab (minimum grade B-) AND CED6123: Ethical, Legal, and Professional Standards in Professional Counseling and Marriage and Family Therapy (minimum grade B-) AND CED6622: Clinical Assessment AND CED6143: Psychopathology (minimum grade B-) AND CED7153: Social and Cultural Issues in Counseling AND at least one CED 800-level course
CED7932: Internship I (Fall)	CED6922: Counseling Practicum
CED7942: Internship II (Spring)	CED7932: Internship I AND three 800-level courses (third 800-level course may be concurrent with CED7942)

Psychopathology and Treatments Curriculum	
Course Number and Title	Prerequisite(s)
PSY6152: Personality Disorders: Diagnosis and Treatment (Fall)	CED/PSY6143: Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Disorders
PSY7162: Psychopharmacology for Therapists (Summer)	CED/PSY6143: Psychopathology: Diagnosis and Treatment of Mental Disorders

Family Studies and Marriage and Family Counseling Curriculum	
Course Number and Title	Prerequisite(s)
CED7623: Structural and Behavioral Marriage and Family Therapy (Summer)	CED6622: Clinical Assessment (Fall) and CED6612: Family Systems Theory (Spring)
CED7613: Brief, Solution-Focused, and Communication Approaches to Marriage and Family Counseling (Fall)	CED6622: Clinical Assessment (Fall) and CED6612: Family Systems Theory (Spring)
CED7633: Contextual, Narrative, and Interpersonal Models of Counseling (Summer)	CED6622: Clinical Assessment (Fall) and CED6612: Family Systems Theory (Spring)

Research Curriculum	
Course Number and Title	Prerequisite(s)
PSY7761: Research Group I (Spring)	PSY7713: Methods of Research AND Permission of Instructor
PSY7771: Research Group II (Summer)	PSY7761: Research Group I
PSY8711: Thesis I (Fall)	PSY7771: Research Group II
PSY8721: Thesis II (Spring)	PSY8711:Thesis I

Christian Sex Therapy Curriculum	
Course Number and Title	Prerequisite(s)
CED 6512: Human Sexuality (Fall and Spring)	No Prerequisite
CED6522: Basic Issues in Sex Therapy (every other Spring)	CED6512: Human Sexuality
CED7532: Sexual Dysfunctions, Addictive, Compulsive and Paraphilic Sexuality (Summer)	CED6512: Human Sexuality
CED7542: Sexuality: Medical Issues, Trauma, and Abuse (Every other Spring)	CED6512: Human Sexuality
CED7552: Advanced Sex Therapy (Every other Fall)	CED6512: Human Sexuality AND CED7532: Sexual Dysfunctions, Addictive, Compulsive and Paraphilic Sexuality
CED7582: Advanced Sexual Addiction Counseling (Every other Summer)	CED6512: Human Sexuality
CED7592: Sexual Orientation and Sexual Identity (Every other Fall)	CED6512: Human Sexuality

Child and Adolescent Curriculum

Course Number and Title	Prerequisite(s)
CED6422: Counseling Children	CED6412: Child and Adolescent Psychopathology
CED7432: Counseling Adolescents	CED6412: Child and Adolescent Psychopathology
CED7442: Advanced Child and Adolescent Counseling	CED6412: Child and Adolescent Psychopathology AND CED6422: Counseling Children AND CED7432: Counseling Adolescents

Trauma Counseling Curriculum

Course Number and Title	Prerequisite(s)
CED6802: Trauma in Developmental Context	No Prerequisite
CED6812: Trauma in Biology	No Prerequisite
CED7802: Child Trauma Intervention	CED6802: Trauma in Developmental Context
CED7812: Adult Trauma Intervention	CED6802: Trauma in Developmental Context

Core Counseling Curriculum

Course Number and Title	Prerequisite(s)
CED7152: Counseling and Spirituality	CED6322: Models of Relating Christianity and Counseling

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Spiritual Formation Curriculum	
Course Number and Title	Prerequisite(s)
MIN5213: Spiritual Formation I: Dynamics of the Person and the Kingdom of God	No Prerequisite
MIN5223: Spiritual Formation II: Living in the Divine Conversation and Character	MIN5213: Spiritual Formation I
MIN5231: Spiritual Formation Retreat Seminar: Theological and Self Understanding	MIN5213: Spiritual Formation I MIN5223: Spiritual Formation II
MIN6213: Spiritual Formation III: Celebrating the Great Traditions of Christian Faith Through Scripture, Literature, and Praxis	MIN5213: Spiritual Formation I MIN5223: Spiritual Formation II MIN5231 Spiritual Formation Retreat Seminar
MIN6223: Spiritual Formation IV: Living as an Apprentice to Jesus	MIN5213: Spiritual Formation I MIN5223: Spiritual Formation II MIN5231: Spiritual Formation Retreat Seminar MIN6213: Spiritual Formation III
MIN6233: Culminating Project/Final Integrative Seminar	All coursework is required to be completed before taking this course.

Ministry Skills and Leadership	
Course Number and Title	Prerequisite(s)
MIN5313: Foundations of Authentic Leadership	No Prerequisite
MIN5323: Interpersonal Skills : Pastoral Care	MIN5313: Foundations of Authentic Leadership
MIN5333: Practical Aspects of the Life of the Minister	MIN5313: Foundations of Authentic Leadership MIN5323: Interpersonal Skills : Pastoral Care
MIN6313: Ministry to Children and Families	MIN5313: Foundations of Authentic Leadership MIN5323: Interpersonal Skills: Pastoral Care MIN5333: Practical Aspects of the Life of the Minister
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Mentored Training	
Course Number and Title	Prerequisite(s)
MIN5411: Internship I - Mentored Growth and Development	MIN5313: Foundations of Authentic Leadership
MIN5420: Internship II - Mentored Growth and Development	MIN5313: Foundations of Authentic Leadership MIN5411: Internship I
MIN5431: Internship III- Mentored Growth and Development	MIN5313: Foundations of Authentic Leadership MIN5411: Internship I MIN5420: Internship II

Biblical History and Theology	
Course Number and Title	Prerequisite(s)
MIN5113: Hermeneutics and Exegesis	No Prerequisite
MIN5123: Historical Theology: The Great Questions Addressed by the Christian Faith	No Prerequisite
MIN5133: Church History: The Great Traditions of Christian Faith	No Prerequisite
MIN6113: Understanding the Bible through its Uniting Themes	MIN5113: Hermeneutics and Exegesis
MIN6123: The Trinity: God Revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; God in the Midst of Thinking, Being and Doing	MIN5123: Historical Theology: The Great Questions Addressed by the Christian Faith

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Faculty Retreat	August 1, 2014
LAST DAY TO MAKE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS by 5:00 p.m.	August 11, 2014
Fall Orientation and New Student Pre-registration - Atlanta Campus.....	August 14, 2014
Fall Orientation and New Student Pre-registration - Chattanooga Campus	August 15, 2014
Independent Studies: Final Approval Deadline for Fall Semester.....	August 15, 2014
Classes Begin.....	August 18, 2014
End of Add/Drop Period.....	August 22, 2014
Genesis Picnic	August 23, 2014
Last day for 90% Refund on Withdrawal.....	August 26, 2014
Labor Day Holiday (Offices closed - no classes will meet)	September 1, 2014
Last day for 75% Refund on Withdrawal.....	September 10, 2014
Last day to Withdraw from Weekly Classes with W on Transcript.....	September 15, 2014
Alumni Reunion	September 9 2014
Last day for 50% Refund on Withdrawal.....	October 6, 2014
Spring Semester Pre-Registration for Returning Students.....	Oct. 20, 2014 - Jan. 5, 2015
Spring Semester Pre-Registration for New Students	Oct. 27, 2014 - Jan. 5, 2015
Last Day to Withdraw from Classes with WP/WF on Transcripts.....	November 14, 2014
Last Day of Classes.....	November 21, 2014
Thanksgiving Break (Offices closed Weds.-Fri.)	November 24-28, 2014
Exam Week.....	December 1-5, 2014
Student Qualifying Evaluations.....	December 3, 2014
Christmas Break for Students.....	Dec. 8, 2014 - Jan. 4, 2015
Offices Closed (Counseling Centers may differ)	Dec. 22, 2014 - Jan. 2, 2015

Spring 2015 Academic Calendar

Offices open.....	January 5, 2015
LAST DAY TO MAKE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS by 5:00 p.m.	January 5, 2015
Spring Orientation and New Student Pre-Registration - Atlanta Campus	January 8, 2015
Professional Seminar begins.....	January 8, 2015
Spring Orientation and New Student Pre-Registration - Chattanooga Campus	January 9, 2015
Independent Studies: Final Approval Deadline for Spring Semester	January 9, 2015
Weekly classes begin.....	January 12, 2015
End of Add/Drop Period.....	January 16, 2015
MLK Day (No Classes)	January 19, 2015
Last day for 90% Refund on Withdrawal	January 21, 2015
Last Day to Withdraw from Weekly Classes with W on Transcript.....	January 30, 2015
Last Day for 75% Refund on Withdrawal	February 4, 2015
Last Day for 50% Refund on Withdrawal	February 25, 2015
Spring Break	March 9-13, 2015
Summer Semester Online Registration for Returning Students	Mar. 18, 2015 - May 15, 2015
Last Day to Withdraw from Classes with WP/WF on Transcripts.....	April 1, 2015
Good Friday (Offices closed; select classes may meet).....	April 3, 2015
Summer Semester Pre-Registration for New Students	April 1, 2015 - May 15, 2015
Last Day of Classes.....	April 24, 2015
Exam Week.....	April 27, 2015 - May 1, 2015
Student Qualifying Evaluations.....	May 6, 2015
Graduation.....	May 9, 2015

Summer 2015 Academic Calendar

LAST DAY TO MAKE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS by 5:00 p.m.	May 18, 2015
Summer Orientation and New Student Pre-registration - Atlanta Campus	May 21, 2015
Summer Orientation and New Student Pre-Registration - Chattanooga Campus	May 22, 2015
Independent Studies: Final Approval Deadline for Summer Semester	May 22, 2015
Memorial Day (Offices Closed).....	May 25, 2015
Classes Begin.....	May 26, 2015
Graduation Applications Due (Students graduating in December 2011, May & August 2012).....	May 29, 2015
End of Add / Drop Period.....	May 29, 2015
Last Day for 90% Refund on Withdrawal	June 3, 2015
Last Day for 75% Refund on Withdrawal	June 10, 2015
Last Day to Withdraw from Weekly Classes with W on Transcript.....	June 12, 2015
Last Day for 50% Refund on Withdrawal	June 29, 2015
Independence Day Holiday (Offices Closed - No Classes will Meet).....	July 2, 2015
Fall Semester online-registration for Returning Students	June 15, 2015 - Aug. 7, 2015
Fall Semester Pre-Registration for New Students.....	June 22, 2015 - Aug. 7, 2015
Last Day to Withdraw from Classes with WP/WF on Transcripts.....	July 17, 2015
Last Day of Classes.....	July 31, 2015
Exam Week.....	August 3-7, 2015
Student Qualifying Evaluations.....	August 5, 2015

Fall 2015 Academic Calendar

Faculty Retreat.....	TBA
LAST DAY TO MAKE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS by 5:00 p.m.	August 10, 2015
Fall Orientation and New Student Pre-registration - Atlanta Campus.....	August 13, 2015
Fall Orientation and New Student Pre-registration - Chattanooga Campus	August 14, 2015
Independent Studies: Final Approval Deadline for Fall Semester.....	August 14, 2015
Classes Begin.....	August 17, 2015
End of Add/Drop Period.....	August 21, 2015
Genesis Picnic.....	August 22, 2015
Last day for 90% Refund on Withdrawal.....	August 25, 2015
Labor Day Holiday (Offices closed - no classes will meet)	September 7, 2015
Last day for 75% Refund on Withdrawal.....	September 9, 2015
Last day to Withdraw from Weekly Classes with W on Transcript.....	September 14, 2015
Last day for 50% Refund on Withdrawal.....	October 5, 2015
Alumni Reunion	TBA
Spring Semester Pre-Registration for Returning Students.....	Oct. 19, 2015 - Jan. 4, 2016
Spring Semester Pre-Registration for New Students	October 26, 2015 - Jan. 4, 2016
Last Day to Withdraw from Classes with WP/WF on Transcripts.....	November 13, 2015
Last Day of Classes.....	November 20, 2015
Thanksgiving Break (Offices closed Weds.-Fri.)	November 23-27, 2015
Exam Week.....	Nov. 30, 2015 - Dec. 4, 2015
Student Qualifying Evaluations.....	December 2, 2015
Christmas Break for Students	Dec. 7, 2015 - Jan. 6, 2016
Offices Closed (counseling centers may differ)	Dec. 21, 2015 - Jan. 1, 2016

Spring 2016 Academic Calendar

Offices open.....	January 4, 2016
LAST DAY TO MAKE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS by 5:00 p.m.	January 4, 2016
Spring Orientation and New Student Pre-Registration - Atlanta Campus	January 7, 2016
Professional Seminar begins.....	January 7, 2016
Spring Orientation and New Student Pre-Registration - Chattanooga Campus	January 8, 2016
Independent Studies: Final Approval Deadline for Spring Semester	January 8, 2016
Weekly classes begin.....	January 11, 2016
End of Add/Drop Period.....	January 15, 2016
MLK Day (No Classes)	January 18, 2016
Last day for 90% Refund on Withdrawal.....	January 20, 2016
Last Day to Withdraw from Weekly Classes with W on Transcript.....	January 29, 2016
Last Day for 75% Refund on Withdrawal.....	February 3, 2015
Last Day for 50% Refund on Withdrawal.....	February 24, 2016
Spring Break	March 7-11, 2016
Summer Semester Online Registration for Returning Students	Mar. 16, 2016 - May 13, 2016
Good Friday (Offices closed; select classes may meet).....	March 25, 2016
Summer Semester Pre-Registration for New Students	March 28, 2016 - May 13, 2016
Last Day to Withdraw from Classes with WP/WF on Transcripts.....	March 30, 2016
Last Day of Classes.....	April 22, 2016
Exam Week.....	April 25-29 2016
Student Qualifying Evaluations.....	May 4, 2016
Graduation.....	May 7, 2016

Summer 2016 Academic Calendar

LAST DAY TO MAKE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS by 5:00 p.m.	May 16, 2016
Summer Orientation and New Student Pre-registration - Atlanta Campus	May 19, 2016
Summer Orientation and New Student Pre-Registration - Chattanooga Campus	May 20, 2016
Independent Studies: Final Approval Deadline for Summer Semester	May 20, 2016
Memorial Day (Offices Closed).....	May 23, 2016
Classes Begin.....	May 23, 2016
End of Add / Drop Period.....	May 27, 2016
Last Day for 90% Refund on Withdrawal.....	June 1, 2016
Last Day for 75% Refund on Withdrawal.....	June 8, 2016
Last Day to Withdraw from Weekly Classes with W on Transcript.....	June 10, 2016
Fall Semester online-registration for Returning Students.....	June 13, 2016 - Aug. 5, 2016
Fall Semester Pre-Registration for New Students.....	June 20, 2016 - Aug. 5, 2016
Last Day for 50% Refund on Withdrawal.....	June 27, 2016
Independence Day Holiday (Offices Closed - No Classes will Meet).....	July 4, 2016
Last Day to Withdraw from Classes with WP/WF on Transcripts.....	July 15, 2016
Last Day of Classes.....	July 29, 2016
Exam Week.....	August 1-5, 2016
Student Qualifying Evaluations.....	August 3, 2016

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Fall Orientation and New Student Pre-registration - Chattanooga Campus	August 19, 2016
Independent Studies: Final Approval Deadline for Fall Semester.....	August 19, 2016
Classes Begin.....	August 22, 2016
End of Add/Drop Period.....	August 26, 2016
Genesis Picnic.....	TBA
Last day for 90% Refund on Withdrawal.....	August 31, 2016
Labor Day Holiday (Offices closed - no classes will meet)	September 5, 2016
Last day for 75% Refund on Withdrawal.....	September 14, 2016
Last day to Withdraw from Weekly Classes with W on Transcript.....	September 19, 2016
Last day for 50% Refund on Withdrawal.....	October 10, 2016
Alumni Reunion	TBA
Spring Semester Pre-Registration for Returning Students.....	Oct. 24, 2016 - Jan. 9, 2017
Spring Semester Pre-Registration for New Students	Nov. 1, 2016 - Jan. 9, 2017
Last Day to Withdraw from Classes with WP/WF on Transcripts.....	November 18, 2016
Last Day of Classes.....	December 2, 2016
Thanksgiving Break (Offices closed Weds.-Fri.)	November 21-25, 2016
Exam Week.....	Dec. 5, 2016 - Dec. 9, 2016
Student Qualifying Evaluations.....	December 2, 2016
Christmas Break for Students.....	Dec. 12, 2016 - Jan. 6, 2017
Offices Closed (counseling centers may differ)	Dec. 19, 2016 - Dec. 30, 2016

Spring 2017 Academic Calendar

Offices open.....	January 2, 2017
LAST DAY TO MAKE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS by 5:00 p.m.	January 2, 2017
Spring Orientation and New Student Pre-Registration - Atlanta Campus	January 5, 2017
Professional Seminar begins.....	January 5, 2017
Spring Orientation and New Student Pre-Registration - Chattanooga Campus	January 6, 2017
Independent Studies: Final Approval Deadline for Spring Semester	January 6, 2017
Weekly classes begin.....	January 9, 2017
End of Add/Drop Period.....	January 13, 2017
MLK Day (No Classes)	January 16, 2017
Last day for 90% Refund on Withdrawal	January 18, 2017
Last Day to Withdraw from Weekly Classes with W on Transcript.....	January 27, 2017
Last Day for 75% Refund on Withdrawal	February 1, 2016
Last Day for 50% Refund on Withdrawal	February 22, 2017
Spring Break	March 6-10, 2017
Summer Semester Online Registration for Returning Students	Mar. 22, 2017 - May 12, 2017
Summer Semester Pre-Registration for New Students	April 5, 2017 - May 12, 2017
Last Day to Withdraw from Classes with WP/WF on Transcripts.....	March 29, 2017
Good Friday (Offices closed; select classes may meet).....	April 14, 2017
Last Day of Classes.....	April 21, 2017
Exam Week.....	April 24-28 2017
Student Qualifying Evaluations.....	May 3, 2017
Graduation.....	May 6, 2017

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Summer Orientation and New Student Pre-Registration - Chattanooga Campus	May 19, 2017
Independent Studies: Final Approval Deadline for Summer Semester	May 19, 2017
Classes Begin.....	May 22, 2017
Memorial Day (Offices Closed).....	May 29, 2017
Graduation Applications Due (Students graduating in December 2011, May & August 2012).....	May 26, 2017
End of Add / Drop Period.....	May 26, 2017
Last Day for 90% Refund on Withdrawal	May 31, 2017
Last Day for 75% Refund on Withdrawal	June 7, 2017
Last Day to Withdraw from Weekly Classes with W on Transcript.....	June 9, 2017
Last Day for 50% Refund on Withdrawal	June 26, 2017
Independence Day Holiday (Offices Closed - No Classes will Meet).....	July 4, 2017
Fall Semester online-registration for Returning Students	June 19, 2017 - Aug. 4, 2017
Fall Semester Pre-Registration for New Students.....	July 12, 2017 - Aug. 4, 2017
Last Day to Withdraw from Classes with WP/WF on Transcripts.....	July 14, 2017
Last Day of Classes.....	July 28, 2017
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