



LIFEBUILDERS COUNSELING SERVICES INSTITUTE

Module A: Building on a Sure Foundation

SYLLABUS

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KEY SCRIPTURES: 1 Corinthians 3:10-11; Luke 6:48; Matthew 7:24-27;
Psalms 86:11, 2; Timothy 2:19; Ephesians 2:20

Welcome to Lifebuilders Counseling Services Institute's (LCSI) Professional Biblical Counseling Certificate Program. LCSI's goal through **Module A** is to emphasize the importance of applying "Faith" to Biblical Counseling, as you become a qualified counselor and coach who is called by God to meet people's needs using Biblical principles that God has already provided in His Word.

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR STUDIES

Be sure to read this syllabus completely, to familiarize yourself with the recommended **Module A** readings, videos and resources. A few scriptural meditations have been added throughout these workbook lessons for your reference and edification. Give yourself time to *meditate* on God's Word, and *pray* for understanding, revelation knowledge, and wisdom, then *reflect* on how His Word applies to you, and your future clients, and finally, *allow* Him to minister to your needs.

LCSI's certificate program considers your busy schedule if you are a working adult and/ or if you just need a flexible learning schedule. Stretch your ability to motivate and pace yourself to develop discipline and time management skills. We recommend you consider completing a module (4 Lessons) every three months to give yourself time to absorb your coursework and at the same time not rush to complete it.

We recommend that you print each workbook to answers questions and to keep your notes in one place. If you are not able to print the workbook, be sure to purchase a notebook for your answers, notes and questions. As you progress through your studies write questions you may have, including notes on various readings and information presented that you want to retain. As you meditate and pray, hear what God says about where He wants you to focus your field of interest. He will use you to help your clients resolve their issues, so purchase books that will further equip you to address issues in that field.

Finally, become familiar with APA 7th edition writing style as your learning activities will gradually require you to improve your writing skills. Active engagement in your own learning, attention to every detail of your coursework, and in the learning activities assigned will enhance your learning, retention of what you've learned and heighten your level of professionalism. Finally, when you need to discuss or clarify any segments, do not hesitate to contact your Success Coach.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Each of the four workbook lessons in **Module A** has questions for you to answer. Once you've answered the questions presented in each workbook lesson, you will take a quiz for that lesson. This process will repeat as you complete each lesson. When you've completed the four lessons and the final quiz, you will begin the learning activities which will involve viewing a video or listening to audio lessons. Along your learning journey you will write critiques of what you watch or lessons you listen to.

Before you begin writing your critiques, you should review the critique guidelines, and the sample critique included in the module. Again, you should become familiar with APA writing style for your upcoming writing assignments. The most current writing style is the 7th edition, but for this module, just begin discovering what APA writing style entails. Links to writing help are on the list of resources below.

OVERVIEW OF COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. A score of 80% or better on quizzes
2. A score of 80% or better on written critiques of video and audio lessons
3. A score of 80% or better for all other written assignments to demonstrate your understanding of theories and treatment plans for your clients
4. Module E practicum signed off by your supervisor
5. Signed Acknowledgements of Ethical Standards
6. Tuition fees paid in full

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

1. Holy Bible: King James and Amplified Versions
2. Concordance
3. Bible Dictionary
4. Regular Dictionary
5. Google Scholar (online article search)
6. APAstyle.apa.org (writing help) **Paper Format**, **Reference Examples**
7. Owl.Purdue.edu/owl (writing help)
8. YouTube (How to_____) (writing help)

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Course Goals and Objectives
Goal 1: To train you to be a LCSW Professional Biblical Counselor and Coach who has the wisdom to exalt the importance of Biblical faith, knowledge and understanding, in order to improve the human condition.
Goal 2: To provide you with a LCSW Faith-Based Biblical counseling orientation. This is important for you to have a viable alternative to the limitations of secular theoretical orientations.
Goal 3: To expand the realms available for you to assess, diagnose and clinically treat clients. The LCSW Faith-Based Biblical counseling orientation allows you to utilize not only resources in the Natural (seen) realm but also the resources in the Spiritual (unseen) realm, where the root of most human problems hides. The Faith-Based Biblical orientation also expands the possibility for longer-lasting improvement for clients' thought processes and behavior.
Goal 4: To teach you not only how to incorporate LCSW Faith-Based Biblical principles in counseling but also how to apply them to help your clients overcome challenges.
Goal 5: To increase the reservoir of resources and tools for treatment from limited to unlimited by adding Faith-Based Biblical promises and principles (laws) that pertain to life and godliness according to (1 Peter 1: 1-11) .

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

LCSI believes it is wise to utilize the wealth of thoroughly researched effective secular orientations. We believe this is a blessing because the Word of God tells us that the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just. When our Lord sends blessings to us, we should be wise enough to accept them and use them; just like He gave the unearned promised land to the Israelites, simply because He chose to bless them (**Genesis 15:7,18-20; Ecclesiastes 2:26; Proverbs 10:22, 13:22**).

Additional resources such as a PowerPoint handout, audios and videos will be provided at the end of this module. We expect you to review all of the resources and seek to find additional resources such as books, articles and videos that apply to each lesson. Please be sure that articles you record in your notebook are scholarly articles which can be found at www.scholar.google.com. Your writing activities will demonstrate you have reviewed these resources carefully and understand the concepts presented.

THE QUIZZES

Module A consists of four quizzes; one after each lesson. There are 15 questions for each lesson. The quizzes contain multiple-choice and true or false questions. A passing grade on each quiz is a score of 80% or better. You can retake the quiz as many times as needed to obtain a passing score.

VIDEO CRITIQUE – Writing Assignment

Once you have completed all sections in Workbook Lessons A301 to A304, and the quizzes, you should begin your learning activities. You will watch a video and write a one-page critique of the video. Be sure to follow the guidelines and sample critique provided for you.

GRADING

Your quizzes are graded based on each question being worth approximately 6.67 points. Your video critique will be graded based on good grammar, organization, sentence structure, spelling and vocabulary drawn from Module A content. Your critique should be organized, and content should clearly communicate what you've learned. Review the writing rubric below.

WRITING RUBRIC

	Exemplary/No Revisions	Minor Revisions Needed	Major Revisions Needed
Grammar 20%	Free of grammatical errors	Some Grammatical errors	Frequent errors
Organization 20%	Shows clear logical order with appropriate transitions	Lacks appropriate transitions	Disorganized and confusing
Sentence Structure 20%	Proper language; verbs, tense usage and well formatted paragraphs	Some language errors but well formatted	Occasional vagueness
Spelling 20%	No spelling errors	Some spelling errors	Excessive spelling errors
Vocabulary 20%	Professional level of vocabulary and usage	Some errors	Lacking variety

EXPECTATIONS

LCSI expects you to contact your Success Coach whenever you have a question or need clarification using whichever method of communication agreed by you and your coach. As a professional, you are expected to read books and articles pertaining to clients' issues you want to address and topics on Christian counseling in addition to topics on Faith and Mental health. You will find that as you search for articles and books, more resources will be brought to your attention.

Hint: Check the reference lists at the end of each book and article for additional resources.

We expect you to adhere to honesty pertaining to your academic writing activities. These include but are not limited to **avoiding**:

- 1) direct plagiarism; misrepresentation of material source as your own effort,
- 2) self-plagiarism; submitting your own work you've submitted for another course
- 3) submitting any retrieved information as your own effort

Note: All articles and books and other resources that you include in your writing activities must be cited properly and listed at the end of your writing activities under "References". You must add a reference section to your writing activities in this case.

PROFESSIONALISM

All written work must be of professional quality. All written work must indicate you as the originator of the work and be keyed using a computer. Handwritten work will not be accepted. All writing assignments should be written using the 7th edition of APA style format. You can obtain this information from the following website: https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/research_and_citation/apa_style/apa_formatting_and_style_guide/general_format.html

LENGTH OF CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Keep in mind the timeline for you to complete 16 Workbook Lessons is one year from your start date. Pace yourself and manage your time for each module accordingly. Remember the program is progressive, which means you are required to complete each module before progressing to the next module. Once you have completed your Modules A to D you will begin your required practicum, which is your field supervision Module E. You will have one year to complete your practicum from the date you begin Module E.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Gary R. Collins, Ph.D. *Christian Counseling – A Comprehensive Guide*, 2007

Dr. Timothy Clinton and Dr. George Ohlschlager, *Competent Christian Counseling, Volume One: Foundations and Practice of Compassionate Soul Care*, 2001

Mark R. McMinn, Ph.D. *Psychology, Theology and Spirituality in Christian Counseling*, 1996

Phillip J. Henry, Ph.D., Lori Marie Figueroa, MS, & David R. Miller, Ph.D., *The Christian Therapist's Notebook*, 2007

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