

Birmingham Theological Seminary
2200 Briarwood Way
Birmingham, Alabama 35243

Fall 2010

Lay Counseling I

**Also referred to as Becoming A Biblical Counselor/Personal Ministry Training
BC7502**

Professor: Dr. Howard A. Eyrich

Class Hours: 2

COURSE PURPOSE

The purpose of this course is to lay down the foundation for the process of developing personal ministry and leading to becoming a biblical counselor. The student will develop this foundation by looking at an overview of the basic principles of biblical counseling and counseling case observation via video in class.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. The student will be able to define Biblical Counseling.
2. The student will be able to delineate the basic principles and differentiate a biblical approach to solving life problems from psychological approach.
3. The student will develop a grasp of the 52 most important biblical constructs for conducting personal ministry and biblical counseling.
4. The student will be able to articulate a basic biblical theology that provides the framework for the methodology of personal ministry and biblical counseling

COURSE TEXTS

Required Texts:

Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands by Paul David Tripp

Leaving Yesterday Behind by William Hines

Systematic Theology Readings—reading log to be passed out in class

Recommended Materials:

Peacemaker by Ken Sande

Homework Assignments for Biblical Counselors Vol. I

CD by Howard Eyrich and William Hines

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Reading assignments per each Lesson. (Create a notebook with a Tab for each week. Place the assignments for the week under the Tab for the week. Turn in the notebook at the last class)
2. All non-written assignments per each lesson is due on weekly basis (example, Scripture memory)
3. Read *Leaving Yesterday Behind* and complete two projects (due the week after mid-term):
 - >>Write a one paragraph summary for each chapter.
 - >>Write a two page personal reflection paper on how this book impacts you.
4. Final exam: Answer Study Guide for *Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands*
5. Seminary Credit Students Only: Write a 12-15 page research paper on the subject of Lay Counseling in the church. You are expected to search the internet for churches conducting such programs, journal materials on the subject and training programs available. This is a survey paper. You are expected to offer only a one page critique as your conclusion.

COURSE GRADING

Seminary credit students get a percentage grade. Briarwood Training students get Pass/Fail grade

BTS FORMAT AND STYLE STANDARDS

NOTE: *All research papers must be formatted in accordance with Turabian Chicago standards including the title page. Any paper not conforming to these standards will automatically dropped one letter grade.*

All course materials must be submitted by the last day of class. Thereafter, course materials may be submitted for up to six (6) weeks after the end of the semester directly to the office of the Registrar with the permission of the professor. If a student submits course materials after the end of the semester but within the six (6) weeks grace period, the student's grade will be lowered by one letter grade. The course materials will not be accepted after the six (6) week grace period and a failing grade will be posted to the student's transcript.

1. The Leaving Yesterday Behind projects 20%
2. Class participation 20%
3. Final Exam 20%.
4. Completion of study guide 20%
5. Research paper 20%

READING ASSIGNMENTS AND LECTURES

Reading assignments can be found on the first page of each lesson. Be sure to have your reading up to date for the mid-term (even if we have not covered all the lessons).

September 8	Lesson 1 Case observation	Dr. Eyrich
September 15	Lesson 2 Case observation	Dr. Eyrich
September 22	Lesson 3 Case observation	Dr. Eyrich
September 29	Lesson 4	Dr. Eyrich
October 6	Lesson 5 complete Leaving Yesterday...Assignment	Guest
October 13	Lesson 6 Case observation	Dr. Eyrich
October 20	FALL BREAK NO CLASS	
October 27	Lesson 7 Role Plays	Dr. Eyrich
November 3	Lesson 8 Role Plays	Dr. Eyrich
November 10	Lesson 9 Role Plays	Dr. Eyrich
November 17	Lesson 10 Role Plays	Dr. Eyrich
November 24	Thanksgiving Week No Class	
December 2	Class Discussion Recommend Peacemaker be read by this class	Dr. Eyrich

