Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Counseling

The Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Counseling equips students to serve in a wide variety of biblical guidance ministries in local churches, counseling centers, or missions settings. Students will develop skills in counseling, pastoral care, and family ministries. The focus of biblical counseling is to bring the wisdom of God's Word and the hope of the gospel to restore broken people, marriages, and families and to offer care for souls.

Student Learning Objectives

Upon the completion of the program, graduates will be able to:

- Describe the theology and methodology of biblical counseling.
- Develop a biblical and theological understanding of human nature, human problems, and appropriate solutions.
- Apply principles of biblical counseling to specific counseling situations.

Knowledge:

Students will describe the theology and methodology of biblical counseling.

Measure	Target	Cycle	Next Collection	Person Responsible
Theolog. Foundations (final exam)	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty
BCO Capstone: Theology	Score of 4 out of 5 on the rubric for theology of biblical counseling.	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty
BCO Capstone: Methodology	Score of 4 out of 5 on the rubric for methodology of biblical counseling.	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty

Measurement Means	Benchmark for Success	Results and Implications
Theolog. Foundations: Final Exam	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam	Results: AY 2025-26: 64% (n = 11) Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: 64% (n = 14) AY 2023-24: 75% (n = 4) AY 2022-23: 94% (n = 18) Implications: Below the benchmark for 2 consecutive years…deserves attention.
BCO Capstone: Theology	Score of 4 out of 5 on the rubric for theology of biblical counseling.	Results: Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: Not offered AY 2023-24: No data to report New process begun in 2023-24

		Implications: --
BCO Capstone: Methodology	Score of 4 out of 5 on the rubric for theology of biblical counseling.	Results: AY 2025-26: No capstone course currently. Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: Not offered AY 2023-24: No data to report New process begun in 2023-24 Implications: No capstone course exists yet. Need to consider either adding one or modifying the assessment plan because several outcomes rely on that capstone assignment.

Students will develop a biblical and theological understanding of human nature, human problems, and appropriate solutions.

Measure	Target	Cycle	Next Collection	Person Responsible
Emotions & Addictions (course exam)	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty
Marriage & Family (course exam)	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty
Contemporary Issues (course exam)	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty

Measurement Means	Benchmark for Success	Results and Implications
Emotions & Addictions: Final Exam	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam	Results: AY 2025-26: 100% (n = 7) Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: Not offered AY 2023-24: Not Offered New course offering with launch of BABCO degree. Implications: Concerning that all 7 students made a 100% on the final exam (essay style).
Marriage & Family: Final Exam	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam	Results: AY 2025-26: 100% (n = 8) Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: 0% (n = 1) AY 2023-24: 42% (n = 12) AY 2022-23: 82% (n = 11)

		Implications: We don't really have a consistent exam, paper, or artifact. Perhaps a different assessment would be better?
Contemporary Issues: Final Exam	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam	Results: AY 2025-26: 73% (n = 11) Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: Not offered AY 2023-24: Not Offered New course offering with launch of BABCO degree. Implications: One course did not have a final exam, so the final course grade was used instead. Do we need a more consistent artifact?

Abilities:

Students will apply principles of biblical counseling to specific counseling situations.

Measure	Target	Cycle	Next Collection	Person Responsible
Methods BCO (course grade)	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty
How to Counsel Practicum (course grade)	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- of higher on final exam	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty
Capstone artifact: How to Artifact	Score of 4 out of 5 on the rubric for "how to" of biblical counseling.	Annually	Every Spring	Faculty

Measurement Means	Benchmark for Success	Results and Implications
Methods of BCO: Final Course Grade	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam	Results: AY 2025-26: 71% (n = 14) Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: Not offered AY 2023-24: Not Offered AY 2022-23: Implications: Currently using the final course grade since this assesses a range of methods/skills.
How to Counsel Practicum: Final Course Grade	75% of students will earn a grade of 81/B- or higher on final exam	Results: AY2025-26: 100% (n = 1) Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: Not offered AY 2023-24: 71% (n = 7)

		AY 2022-23: Not Offered Implications: --
BCO Capstone: How To artifact	Score of 4 out of 5 on the rubric for theology of biblical counseling.	Results: AY 2025-26: No capstone course currently. Past Three Years: AY 2024-25: Not offered AY 2023-24: No data to report New process begun in 2023-24 Implications: --