



CERTIFICATE IV IN CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

TUTORIAL LETTER

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WELCOME TO THE PARACLETE INSTITUTE

INTRODUCTORY COURSE IN CHRISTIAN COUNSELING!

This course **will not** equip you to register as a professional counselor but it will:

- Give you the necessary skills to become a useful support counselor.
- Give you the pre-requisite training required to register for a higher level course by which you can obtain accreditation with the Australian Counseling Association.
- Bring you into contact with the growing Paraclete network of professional Christian counselors.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO COMPLETE THIS COURSE SATISFACTORILY:

1. The first job is to read through (not study) the whole of the theory manual noting points that you find interesting. You will need to forward a short report to your course supervisor entitled:

“Five things I found particularly interesting in my read through of the manual”.

The closing date for this assignment is

2. The second job is to complete the five MID-COURSE ASSSIGNMENTS and forward your answers to your course supervisor. The closing date for submission of these assignments is

NB No late submissions will be accepted.

Satisfactory completion of the mid-course assignments is a requirement to sit for the final exam in November

3. You will be required to attend a **work shop** in (date to be arranged with the student body). This will be held as close to your home base as practicable.
4. You will need to complete **12 hours of counseling practice** at an approved counseling centre. We will talk about this at the workshop.
5. You will need to sit for a **2-hour final exam** – venue and time to be arranged.

YOUR COURSE SUPERVISOR

Dr John Potter is your course supervisor. You may ring him on 0432 845 520

A WORD OF ADVICE

Distance learning requires a great deal of self discipline. We estimate that you will need to spend about 6 hours of study per week to complete the work. Make sure that you choose a time to study when you are free from distractions.

This course is not about working with your present knowledge. We are expecting that you will take on new information and understanding. Many students find that they ‘hit the wall’, i.e. find that it all gets a bit hard. When this happens, **DO NOT GIVE UP...** you are about to break through to greater knowledge!

All the best

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MID-COURSE ASSIGNMENTS

Please make sure that your supervisor receives your answers to the following assignments by the due date.

NB: Please note that these assignments are not exams. It is EXPECTED that you will use the resource material in compiling your answers

ASSIGNMENT 1

How can we determine that a person might be:

Not born again?
Born again?
Spirit filled?

What kind of negative thinking can we expect to find in people who hold to:

A primal view of humanness?
The Manichaeian view?
The positivist reductive view?

ASSIGNMENT 2

If humans were created to be God's stewards of the corporeal world, write a short essay (2-3 pages) explaining how you see the necessary knowledge for the task may be constructed in the human mind.

ASSIGNMENT 3

As a Christian counselor, in note form:

List the things that you should do to make your communication effective.
List things you should avoid.

From your own experience, write a paragraph describing:

A situation where you felt you communicated well.
A situation where you felt you failed to communicate what you were trying to say.

ASSIGNMENT 4

How would you describe your early teen years. Did you have the opportunity to get to know God at an intimate level? If not, why not?

Looking back, see if you can detect any happenings in your life that might have been the quiet work of the Holy Spirit directing you towards God's revealed plan for human growth and development.

Can you see how a problem in your life might be related to your not having the opportunity to develop as God intended? Whose fault was this?

ASSIGNMENT 5

What do you understand to be Christian maturity? How may we mature?

What do you understand to be Christian ministry? Give some examples of times when you have been ministered to. What has been your experience in the work of the ministry?

Can we think of trauma healing as counseling?

PLEASE NOTE

Assignments should be posted or emailed to:

**The Coordinator
Christian Counseling
96 Barramundi Drive, Hallett Cove, South Australia 5158
Email: paracamp@senet.com.au**

Students who fail to submit these assignments will not be permitted to sit for the final exam

No late assignments will be received.