



Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Biblical Counseling Institute
and
ACBC Certification



As an ACBC Training Center, the Biblical Counseling Institute of the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary (RPTS) can help you to prepare for certification by the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC).

Fundamentals Training Course

You can fulfill the ACBC requirement for a fundamentals training course with our *Fundamentals Training Course in Biblical Counseling*, which includes the lectures from our *Introduction to Biblical Counseling* and our *Marriage and Family Counseling* courses.

- Admission into an RPTS program is not required.
- This resource includes a total of 60 hours of self-paced lectures, which can be completed in your home at your convenience.
- There is a one-time fee of \$250. Register [here](#).

To receive the maximum benefit, we encourage students to complete the course within one year. Also, please note that the *Fundamentals Training Course* is good for ACBC Certification purposes if you apply for certification with ACBC within 4 years of taking the course. For example, if you finish the *Fundamentals Training Course* in 2021, you will need to apply for certification by December 31, 2025. (Your application will include the submission of your completed ACBC Theology Exam and the ACBC Counseling Exam.)

Observation

ACBC certification also requires counseling observation. If you have completed the *Fundamentals Training Course* and live within driving distance of our campus, you may register for our BC610 Counseling Observation class as an auditor for \$99.

[If you do not live in the Pittsburgh area, we recommend the observation videos produced through the Institute for Biblical Counseling and Discipleship (<http://www.ibcd.org>) to fulfill your ACBC observation requirement.]

Supervised Counseling

You may only fulfill the ACBC supervised counseling requirements through RPTS if you have taken the five other counseling courses listed below (via Pathwright, online, or as an on-campus auditor or credit student).

- **BC510 Introduction to Biblical Counseling** (Fall Quarter, 3 credits)
- **BC520 Marriage and Family Counseling** (Winter Quarter, 3 credits) - Prerequisite: BC510
- **BC530 Advanced Biblical Counseling** (Spring Quarter, 3 credits) - Prerequisites: BC510 and BC520

On-campus auditors pay \$99 per course. BC510 and BC520 are also available online via Pathwright for \$125 per course.

While BC530 Advanced Biblical Counseling is not required for ACBC certification, we think it is a vital part of training in biblical counseling, and it is a prerequisite for supervised counseling through RPTS. (This course may be audited on campus for \$99 or audited online for \$150. It is not available via Pathwright.)

- **BC610 Counseling Observation** (Winter Quarter, 2 credits) - Prerequisite: BC510
- **BC620 Counseling Role Play** (Spring Quarter, 2 credits) - Prerequisites: BC510, BC610, and BC520

The above two practicums require students to be in Pittsburgh in order to enroll, as they are not available online. BC610 Counseling Observation will fulfill the ACBC observation requirements only if the student observes at least ten hours of live counseling. (This course may be audited on campus for \$99.)

While BC620 Counseling Role Play is not required for ACBC certification, we think it is also a vital part of training in biblical counseling, and it is a prerequisite for supervised counseling through RPTS. (This course may be audited on campus for \$99.)

- **BC730 Supervised Counseling for ACBC Certification**
Prerequisites: BC510, BC520, BC530, BC610, and a grade of "B" or better in BC620

This course has a \$600 supervised counseling fee which covers your supervision phase for ACBC certification. There is no tuition cost for auditing this course.

Additional Information

Please visit the ACBC [website](#) for complete information about the certification process and the application fee, which is separate from fees paid to RPTS for training.

Visit our website for on-campus schedule information: <http://rpts.edu/bci.html>.

The Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary offers three degrees which offer a Biblical Counseling Concentration: both a Master of Theological Studies and a Master of Divinity degree, and a Doctor of Ministry degree. If your goals in biblical counseling extend beyond ACBC certification, we encourage you to consider one of these degree programs. Admission requirements for these programs and the courses required for each can be found in our *Academic Catalog* (<http://www.rpts.edu/catalog.pdf>).

If you have further questions, please contact us at 412-731-3000.