

COUNSELING PROGRAM MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

The Evangel University Counseling Program trains graduate students to become professional counselors who integrate the Christian faith while providing holistic and ethical counseling services to diverse individuals and groups across the lifespan.

1. **Christian Integration:** Demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to integrate Christian principles as the foundation for reflective, caring, and ethical counseling practice.
2. **Professional Identity and Ethics:** Demonstrate an understanding of professional counseling through knowledge and practice of ethical, legal, and responsible counseling services.
3. **Counseling Theory:** Demonstrate knowledge and application of major counseling theories when counseling individuals and groups.
4. **Helping Relationship:** Demonstrate knowledge and application of effective counseling techniques in order to assist individuals and groups achieve treatment goals.
5. **Social and Cultural Diversity:** Demonstrate an awareness of social and cultural influences on the human experience and the skills needed for culturally sensitive interventions and policies.
6. **Human Growth and Development:** Demonstrate knowledge of basic human development and its impact on the human experience and counseling process.
7. **Career Counseling:** Demonstrate knowledge of career development theories and career assessment skills when counseling individuals and groups.
8. **Group Counseling:** Demonstrate knowledge of group theory and process through didactic and experiential learning as well as the application of group counseling skills.
9. **Assessment:** Demonstrate knowledge and skills of basic assessment techniques for individuals and group appraisal.
10. **Research and Program Evaluation:** Demonstrate the ability to read, critique, and evaluate professional research to inform counseling practice.
11. **Psychodiagnostics:** Demonstrate a working knowledge of psychopathology and the skills required to ethically formulate a psychodiagnosis and appropriate counseling interventions.