

NCCA Christian Counseling Degrees and Christian Counseling Credentials

There are seven suggested Christian Counseling degree and licensing programs outlined here. They range from a simple certification to a combination MA-PhD curriculum. Our goal is to help you achieve your academic and ministry goals as easy and effectively as possible.

Program One: **NCCA Christian Counseling Certification**

Program One provides NCCA certification as a Christian Counselor. This program is designed for ministers and other ordained clergy who primarily need training and an NCCA certification without additional degrees. This program is also popular with counselors who already have their Christian counseling degrees or other psychology, social work and mental health degrees. No new Christian counseling degree is conferred. Completion of Program 1 provides the following designations:

- Certified Pastoral Counselor for person without a degree.
 - Christian / Pastoral Counselor for those who hold a Bachelor's Degree
 - Clinical Christian / Pastoral Counselor for those holding a Master's degree
 - Clinical Christian / Pastoral Counselor - Advanced Certification - for those holding a Doctorate
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Program Two: **BA Christian Counseling Degree**

This popular program is designed for those without a Bachelor's degree. This comprehensive program leads to the following Christian counseling degrees and certifications.:

- Phase One:
 - NCCA Certified Temperament Counselor
 - NCCA Clinical Member certificate
- Phase Two:
 - NCCA Christian / Pastoral Counselor certification
- Phase Three
 - Clinical Pastoral Counselor certificate
 - Advanced Certification for specialty area(s) completed
 - Bachelor of Christian Counseling Degree

Program Three: **Christian Counseling Masters Degree**

Designed for persons holding a Bachelors degree, the success student will earn the following:

- Phase One:
 - NCCA Certified Temperament Counselor certificate
 - NCCA Clinical Member certificate
- Phase Two:
 - NCCA Christian / Pastoral Counselor authorization and certificate
- Phase Three
 - NCCA Clinical Pastoral Counselor certificate
 - NCCA Advanced Certification for selected specialty area(s) completed
 - Clinical Christian Counseling Master of Arts Degree

Program Four: **Christian Counseling PhD Degree**

Designed for persons holding a Masters degree, successful students will earn the following certifications, licenses, and degrees:

- Phase One:
 - Certified Temperament Counselor certificate
 - NCCA Clinical Member certificate
- Phase Two:
 - NCCA Christian / Pastoral Counselor certification
- Phase Three
 - NCCA Clinical Pastoral Counselor - Advanced Certification
 - Advanced Certification for selected specialty area(s) completed
 - Doctor of Clinical Christian Counseling Degree (PhD)

Program Five: **Christian Counseling MA & Doctoral (PhD) Degrees**

Designed for persons holding a Bachelor's degree:

- Phase One:
 - NCCA Certified Temperament Counselor certificate
 - NCCA Membership certificate
- Phase Two:
 - NCCA Christian / Pastoral Counselor - Advanced Certification

- Phase Three
 - NCCA Clinical Pastoral Counselor certification
 - NCCA Advanced Certification for selected specialty areas completed
 - Christian Counseling Degree - Master's (MA)
 - Phase Four
 - Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Christian Counseling (PhD)
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Program Six: **Christian Counseling Bachelor's & Master's Degrees**

Designed for persons holding a High School Diploma or GED:

- Phase One:
 - NCCA Certified Temperament Counselor certificate
 - NCCA Membership certificate
 - Phase Two:
 - NCCA Christian / Pastoral Counselor
 - Phase Three
 - NCCA Clinical Pastoral Counselor certification
 - NCCA Advanced Certification for selected specialty areas completed
 - Christian Counseling Degree - Bachelor's (BA)
 - Phase Four
 - Master's in Clinical Christian Counseling (MA)
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Program Seven: **Christian Counseling 2nd PhD Degree**

This "no dissertation" program is designed for persons holding an earned Doctorate (PhD) degree and provides the following certifications, licenses, and degrees:

- Phase One:
 - Certified Temperament Counselor certificate
 - NCCA Clinical Member certificate
- Phase Two:
 - NCCA Christian / Pastoral Counselor certification
- Phase Three
 - NCCA Clinical Pastoral Counselor - Advanced Certification
 - Advanced Certification for selected specialty area(s) completed
 - Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Christian Counseling Degree (PhD)