

## Comprehensive Examination

A series of written exams is administered to assess the student's competency and understanding of the program's relevant material.

## Internship

Total of 400 hours required

## Faculty

Abrenica, Alexa, PhD	Holeman, Virginia, PhD
Aier, Akumsugla, EdD	Kirwan, William, PhD
Alexander, Irene, PhD	Lee, Libertine, EdD
Campbell, Clark, PhD	Lewis, Philip, MD
Campbell, Donell, MS	Manalo, Annabel, PhD
Chu, Mila, MD	Penaso, Anthony, PhD
Cimene, Francis, PhD	Shao, Joseph, PhD
Edwards, Keith, PhD	Shao, Rosa, PhD
Friesen, Timothy, PsyD	Whitman, Mitchell, PhD
Good, Mark, PhD	Yang, Irene, EdD
Hibma, Timothy, MSW	

## Admission Requirements

- Master's degree from an accredited institution with at least 15 units of counseling, 12 units in Biblical / theological studies, and 6 units of coursework in research methods and statistics
- Official Transcript of Record from previous academic institution
- Three (3) character references
- Brief essay on "calling" to counseling
- TOEFL score of 550 if English was not medium of previous education

## Financial Information (subject to change)

Application fee (non-refundable) .....	US\$50
Tuition fee (per unit) .....	US\$75
Student Visa (annual) .....	US\$300
Residency Fee (per trimester) .....	US\$50
Registration fee (per trimester) .....	US\$35

Library fee (per trimester) .....	US\$20
Administration fee (per trimester) .....	US\$45
Dormitory Fees (per trimester) .....	US\$200
Book Expenses (per module) .....	approx. US\$100
Comprehensive Exam Fee .....	US\$50
Dissertation Panel Fee .....	US\$800
Graduation Fee .....	US\$35

The total 4-year program cost, including tuition, books, and most fees and expenses is approximately \$9,800. Fees may be paid in either Philippine pesos or U.S. dollars. Students are encouraged to find sponsors to cover program costs and living expenses. Academic scholarships based on financial need are available to eligible students.



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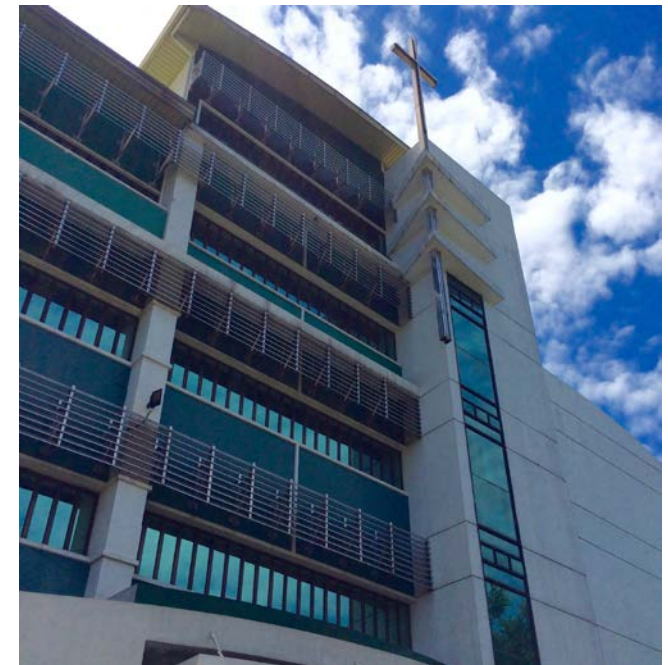
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### Program location:

Biblical Seminary of the Philippines  
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# Ph.D. in CLINICAL CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

## Biblical Seminary of the Philippines / Asia Graduate School of Theology - Philippines



**Dr. William Kirwan, DMin, PhD**  
**Program Director**  
**PhD Clinical Christian Counseling**



- Evangelical in its theoretical perspective
- Integrating psychological orientation with theological and sociological perspectives
- Clinically focused, intensive skill training
- Integrating life and ministry experiences
- Responsive to the need for a contextualized and research-based approach to emotional and psychological needs
- Up-to-date, evidence-based instruction in the science of psychology

**Mission and Vision**

The Narramore Christian Foundation founded and supports the doctoral program in Southeast Asia, an area of the world underserved by mental health practitioners, especially those who view emotional disorders from a Christian perspective.



Our mission is to provide psychological understanding, training, and theological integration in an Asian context with the following emphases:

1. **Clinical:** We strive to develop skilled, compassionate, and competent practitioners of counseling and psychotherapy.
2. **Instructional:** We prepare well-informed instructors and teachers who articulate psycho-spiritual principles of Christian emotional health.
3. **Integration:** We develop Christian counselors who personally exemplify Christ-like character and emotional maturity in their endeavor to integrate Biblical truths with the principles of true psychological research and knowledge.
4. **Research:** We train Christian counselors who contribute original research and written resources to the field.

As the only **clinical** Christian counseling doctoral program in Southeast Asia, our vision is to see our

graduates use their knowledge and deep understanding of psychotherapy to minister in a variety of modalities to suffering and broken people.

**Structure & Credits**

- Integration of Theology & Psychology (3)
- Attachment & Lifespan Development (3)
- Brief Psychodynamic Therapy (3)
- Emotion-Focused Couple Therapy (3)
- Child & Adolescent Counseling (3)
- Curriculum Design (3)
- Personality Disorders (4)
- Psychometric Testing & Assessment (4)
- Integrative Therapy (2)
- Spiritual Resources in Counseling (2)
- Psychotherapy in the Church (2)
- Theology of Suffering (2)
- Object Relations Couple Therapy (2)
- Human Sexuality (2)
- Forgiveness in Psychotherapy (2)
- Group Process & Counseling (2)
- Psychodynamic Group Therapy (2)
- Community Psychology (2)

**Dissertation Sequence & Credits**

- Applied Qualitative Research (2)
- Applied Quantitative Research (2)
- Advanced Counseling Research Methods (2)
- Dissertation (9)

The dissertation represents the culmination of studies. It involves original research relevant to the student's area of interest and must demonstrate scholarly theological reflection, thoughtful contextual analysis, and social science research methodology.

**Personal Therapy**

Minimum of 40 hours required. The Program Director will assign an individual therapist for each student.