

The National Christian Counselors Association (NCCA) **Certification or License (only) Program** was developed to qualify individuals, who do not desire to pursue a degree at this time, for NCCA Certification or License. This program is offered to individuals who do not have a degree (certification candidate) and individuals who already hold a degree in counseling or related field (license candidate). A High School Diploma or GED is a prerequisite requirement for enrollment in this program.

## **COMPLETE PHASE I (Certification):**

Each candidate must complete the following four (4) courses plus a practicum:

1. Basic Christian Counseling
2. Creation Therapy: Unit I, Unit II, and Practicum
3. Christian Counseling: Integrating Temperament and Psychology
4. Quality, Ethics, and Legal Issues in Christian Counseling + Lab

### **Practicum Requirement:**

Each student is required to complete 3-Hours of Academic Supervision under the direction of an assigned N.C.C.A. Board Certified Clinical Supervisor and a **Creation**

**Therapy/Phase I Practicum.** The practicum consists of joining the Sarasota Academy of Christian Counseling (SACC) and administering the Arno Profile System (APS) to 10 individuals.

### **Additional Requirements:**

Upon completion of the required courses, the student is to submit the following:

- a. Written responses to 50 ethical questions posed by the NCCA Licensing Board of Examiners.
- b. \$50 for the N.C.C.A. first year annual dues
- c. Signed Application for N.C.C.A. Certification and Membership.
- d. Signed copy of the N.C.C.A. Code of Ethical Standards

### **Credentials Awarded:**

Upon successful completion of Phase I requirements, review and acceptance, the candidate will qualify to receive:

- Certified Temperament Counselor (CTC) certificate, and
- Clinical Member (non-clergy) or professional Clinical Member (clergy) certificate, membership card and lapel pin

## **COMPLETE PHASE II (License):**

Each candidate must complete nine (9) credits via the following three (3) courses plus a practicum:

1. Mastering Pastoral Counseling Utilizing Temperament
2. Temperament Case Studies
3. Counseling the Codependent

### **Practicum Requirement:**

Each student is required to complete 3-Hours of Academic Supervision under the direction of an assigned N.C.C.A. Board Certified Clinical Supervisor and a **Phase II Practicum**. This consists of administering the Arno Profile System (APS) to 15 additional individuals under the direction of an assigned and approved clinical supervisor. The Clinical Supervisor is to be paid \$150 for the three hours of supervision. The student's cost for each Personal + Clinical APS administered is \$35.

### **Additional Requirements:**

Upon completion of the required Phase II courses, the student is to submit the following:

- a. A signed application for N.C.C.A. license.
- b. Notification and Release Form for Personal National Screening (authorizes the N.C.C.A. to secure a national background check to verify each candidate's history).
- c. Current ministerial credentials.\*
- d. Certification or licensing fee of \$100.

*\*All candidates are required to have current ministerial credentials in order to be licensed as a pastoral counselor by the National Christian Counselors Association. If you do not already have valid ministerial credentials, we recommend you speak with your local pastor or church leadership about attaining these credentials through your local church or denomination (refer to the program catalog for additional information and alternative options).*

## **CERTIFICATION or LICENSE AWARDED:**

Upon successful completion of Phase II requirements, review and acceptance, the candidate will qualify to receive:

- Certified Pastoral Counselor (high-school diploma, GED or Associates)
  - Licensed Pastoral Counselor (holds a Bachelors)
  - Licensed Clinical Pastoral Counselor (holds a Masters)
  - Licensed Clinical Pastoral Counselor-Advanced Certified (holds a Doctorate)
  - Certified Temperament Pastoral Counselor (Optional) (additional \$39 fee applies)
- [Available also if state law prohibits the use of term pastoral license

*The National Christian Counselors Association (N.C.C.A.) Program is not a state license and, in fact, is distinctly different.*

## **Tuition and Fees:**

Tuition and fees are very affordable, and this allows you to get your credentials, debt-free. Students are expected to pay for each course prior to enrollment in the course. A program catalog and prospectus, including the fee schedule, is provided to each applicant.

Annual membership and certification/license renewal is required to maintain valid N.C.C.A. credentials. Membership is currently \$50 per year and license renewal is \$20 per year (total \$70). A signed affidavit verifying continuing education must be submitted to the N.C.C.A., annually for license renewal.