The Counseling Ministries degree is designed to equip the student with basic foundational concepts and theories in counseling and psychology including a biblically based model of counseling. This program also provides undergraduate preparation for effective Christian ministry in various settings and entry into seminary and graduate pastoral counseling programs. During this program of studies students will engage significant field ministry experiences.

Upon completion of this program, students will:

1. Discuss the basic foundations, concepts and theories of counseling and psychology.
2. Explain a biblically based integrative model of counseling and psychology.
3. Apply knowledge of counseling ministry variable that affect individual, family and group behavior, and use theoretical frameworks to understand interactions.
4. Demonstrate a basic knowledge of the core subjects in the area of Bible and Church Ministry.
5. Analyze the impact of counseling ministries in various church and ministry settings.
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MAJOR STUDIES  57 Hours

BIB 3483 Hermeneutics
CMN 2313 Pastoral Counseling
CMN 3113 Ministry of Teaching
CMN 3163 Leadership in Ministry
CMN 3333 Biblical Preaching
3 hours from the following:
   COU 2113 Counseling Families Through the Life Cycle
   COU 3113 Theories of Marriage and Family Counseling
   COU 4413 Methods and Techniques in Marriage and Family Counseling
   SOC 2253 Marriage and Family Relationships
COU 2283 Introduction to Counseling and Social Work Practice I
PSY 1113 Psychology of Selfhood and the Christian Faith
PSY 2323 Developmental Psychology
3 hours from the following:
   PSY 2423 Cultural Issues in the Helping Professions
   PSY 3453 Social Psychology
   PSY 3313 Abnormal Psychology
   PSY 3443 Crisis Intervention and Management
   PSY 4113 History and Systems in Psychology
   PSY 4433 Psychology of Religion
   REL 3113 Christianity in the Ancient and Middle Ages  - or -
   REL 3123 Christianity from the Reformation to the Postmodern Era

Internship:  12 hours
COU 3273 Advanced Counseling Methods and Social Work Practice II
COU 4583 Field Practicum
COU 4593 Counseling Ministries Practicum
PMN 4413 Pastoral Leadership

GENERAL ELECTIVES  12 Hours

TOTAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS  127 Hours

*Students may consider obtaining the Addictions Counseling Minor.

6. Demonstrate the use of biblical values and ethics in the various counseling ministry settings.
7. Demonstrate the ability to establish rapport with clients from diverse backgrounds.
8. Demonstrate professional behavior.

Additional Program Stipulations
1. All full-time students are to include one Bible, theology, or religion course each semester until degree requirements have been satisfied.
2. First-year students enrolled full-time are to include GES 1122 in their first semester schedule.
3. First-year students are to enroll in activity physical education courses each of their first two semesters at SAGU. Exceptions will be granted only with approval of the College Dean.
4. Veterans with at least 6 months of service may apply for and receive 4 hours of credit for physical education. Contact the Registrar’s Office.