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for a Changing World*

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VISION

*To be a college known for its integration of excellent academic programs,
a foundation in the Christian faith,
and a focus on teaching leadership and ethics*

MISSION

*To develop competent, ethical leaders for service in the workplace,
community, Church, and world*

VALUES

Academic excellence

Faith commitment

Ethical leadership

Character development

Caring community

Global engagement

OUR COMMITMENT AS A CAMPUS COMMUNITY

*As a Christian institution of higher learning,
we are committed to being a caring, welcoming community
characterized by diversity, inclusiveness, respect for all people,
and a passion for social justice*

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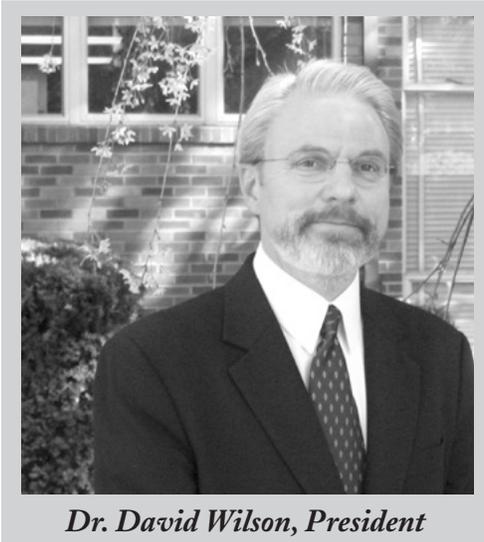
Fall Semester

Classes begin	August 30, 2006
Labor Day holiday	September 4, 2006
Mid-semester holiday	October 13, 2006
Thanksgiving holiday	November 23-24, 2006

Spring Semester

Classes begin	January 8, 2007
Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday	January 15, 2007
Spring Break	March 26-30, 2007
Good Friday holiday	April 6, 2007
Baccalaureate services	May 4, 2007
Commencement services	May 5, 2006

Students should check the calendar for their cohort for specific class dates and holidays. For a complete calendar, please contact the Department of Business and Management, the Professional Counseling Program, the School Counseling Program, or on-line at www.nwcc.edu/grad/.



Dr. David Wilson, President

A WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear students:

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Northwest Christian College. What an exciting time this is to be a student at NCC! As an institution of higher learning, we have been educating students since 1895. One constant since that time has been our commitment to the Bible and Christian values as our foundation. But NCC has changed dramatically over the years and has experienced a transformation from a Bible college to a Christian liberal arts college. Today, undergraduate students prepare for careers in a diverse array of fields ranging from the ministry and professional careers such as business and education to liberal arts areas such as psychology and speech communication. Furthermore, we have expanded our offerings to include graduate programs in school counseling, professional counseling, and business administration.

Whatever your choice of major and career happens to be, you will find at NCC well-designed curricula and superb faculty and staff who are focused on your success. At NCC, faculty and staff care not only about a student's intellectual development but about his or her personal development as well. It is a place where breadth and depth of knowledge, critical thinking, relationships, character development, faith development, and values all take center stage. And it is a learning environment from which students leave well-prepared for productive and satisfying careers and lives of Christian service, civic engagement, and ethical leadership.

Look around campus, visit with faculty and staff, and you will soon realize that we are growing, building new facilities, enhancing our technology, adding new programs of study, and offering an increasing number of student learning and growth opportunities such as study abroad, mission trips, and internships.

I invite you to explore this catalog for all that it offers you in the way of challenging and exciting programs of study and avenues for personal growth. And I encourage you to take full advantage of our rich learning environment. Our faculty and staff stand ready to assist you. I hope you will seek and welcome their good counsel and mentoring.

Again, I welcome you to this jewel of a college we call NCC. I trust that your journey with us will be rewarding.

Sincerely,
Dr. David W. Wilson

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Governance and Support

Northwest Christian College is an Oregon corporation, governed by a board of trustees, whose purpose is to maintain a Christian institution of higher learning.

The board of trustees consists of not fewer than 20 nor more than 36 people. Members are elected by the board. Sixty percent must be members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ, four of whom will be from official entities of these church bodies. Four trustees are elected from the alumni of the College.

The board of trustees is the policy-making and governing body of the College. On the basis of recommendations made by the president of the College it establishes a course for the development of the total program of the College and fulfillment of its mission, and it strives to provide essential funds.

Officers/Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees

Rod Tibbatts, <i>chair</i>	Greg Strausbaugh, <i>vice chair</i>
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Women's Volleyball Coach	Dale Weigandt

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Student Services Specialist	.Sherri Kallinen
Student Services Specialist	.Wendy Yamada
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Events Coordinator	.Shelby Rich
MEC Manager	.Tim Hood
Bookstore/Campus Buyer	.Julie Solterbeck
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Maintenance	.Chuck Manis
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Director of Service Learning and Career Development	.Angela Doty
Director of Student Activities	.Jacob Poetzl
Associate Dean of Students and Director of Residence Life	.Jolyn Dahlvig
Campus Nurse	.Barbara Winnick
Campus Pastor	.Steven Poetzl

GRADUATE SCHOOL FACULTY

Amy Bartley, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor: Professional Counseling*

B.S., Western Baptist College, 1996; M.S., Oregon State University, 2001; Ph.D., *ibid.*, 2005. (Since 2003)

Allen E. Belcher, Ph.D., *Interim Dean of the School of Graduate and Non-Traditional Studies; Professor: Management*

B.S., Florida Southern College, 1966; M.A.T., Emory University, 1967; Ph.D., University of Oregon, 1992. (Since 1993)

Paula M. Belcher, Ph.D., *Chair of Professional Counseling; Professor: Professional Counseling*

B.A., Luther College, 1970; M.S., University of Oregon, 1991; Ph.D., *ibid.*, 1995. (Since 1994)

Timothy M. Bergquist, Ph.D., *Director of Institutional Research and Assessment; Professor: Quantitative Methods*

B.S., University of Portland, 1971; M.S., University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 1973; M.B.A., Santa Clara University, 1975; M.S., Oregon State University, 1985; Ph.D., University of Oregon, 1996. (Since 1996)

Terrie House-Porter, Ph.D., *Assistant Professor: School Counseling*

B.S., Oregon State University, 1992; M.Ed., California Polytechnic State University, 1996; Ph.D., Oregon State University, 2003. (Since 2006)

Gene James, M.S., *Assistant Professor: Professional Counseling*

B.A., Evergreen State College, 2001; M.S., Oregon State University, 2003; Ph.D. Candidate, *ibid.* (Since 2006)

Michael Kennedy, D.B.A., *Dean of Business and Management; Associate Professor: Business & Management*

B.S., University of Oregon, 1969; M.Div., Yale University, 1972; M.S., Naval Post Graduate School, 1983; D.B.A., Nova Southeastern University, 2001. (Since 1997)

Vivian Moen, M.E., *Chair of School Counseling; Associate Professor: School Counseling, Teacher Education*

B.S., Springfield College, 1975; B.E., University of Toronto, 1975; M.Ed., *ibid.*, 1995. (Since 2004)

The above are faculty who teach primarily in the graduate programs. A number of full-time and part-time faculty in the undergraduate schools also teach specific graduate courses from time to time. For a complete listing of NCC full-time and part-time faculty, see the Undergraduate Catalog. For a complete list of current adjunct faculty teaching in the graduate programs please contact the Dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies.

GENERAL INFORMATION

History

In 1895 Eugene Divinity School was established adjacent to the University of Oregon campus so that students could use the extensive resources of that state institution while providing its own courses in Bible and Christian ministry. The name of the College was then changed to Eugene Bible University in 1908 and Eugene Bible College in 1930.

Another educational venture that contributed to the history of Northwest Christian College was Spokane University. Established in 1912, Spokane University closed its doors in 1933 as a result of financial difficulties and in order to merge with Eugene Bible College. These merged interests became Northwest Christian College on May 10, 1934. With enriched curriculum and facilities, Northwest Christian College is the faithful heir of the pioneer conviction that led to the institution's establishment in 1895.

Accreditation and Academic Standing

Northwest Christian College is regionally accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU). The association accredits the universities and colleges both public and private in the Northwest.

Northwest Christian College is authorized as a degree-granting institution by the Office of Degree Authorization, Oregon State Board of Licensure.

Degree programs in Business and Management are further accredited by International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE). Programs in Teacher Education and School Counseling are approved by the Oregon State Teachers Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC).

Northwest Christian College is approved by the U.S. Department of Justice, Immigration, and Naturalization Service for international and non immigrant students. Programs at Northwest Christian College are approved for the use of veteran's benefits.

Educational Programs

As a Christian liberal arts college, Northwest Christian College offers a variety of courses of study, ranging from preparation for the ministry to professional programs in business management and teacher education; to liberal arts degrees in areas such as psychology and speech communication; to graduate degree programs in business, school counseling, and professional counseling. The College seeks to provide an education that equips men and women for a variety of vocations and professions, while grounding all of its degrees in biblical studies and Christian values.

Educational Goals

Through its academic programs Northwest Christian College seeks to fulfill the following objectives:

1. To offer a Christian liberal arts education, integrating faith with learning, through approved academic programs.
2. To enable students to be ethical leaders for service in the workplace, the community, the church, and the world.
3. To enable students to celebrate diversity within a caring community while being engaged globally.
4. To enable students to increase their ability to think rationally, critically, and creatively through fluent spoken and written communication.
5. To prepare students for the workplace and/or for graduate and professional programs at NCC or elsewhere.

Educational Philosophy

Northwest Christian College is a community of higher learning in which faculty and students strive together for knowledge, understanding, and meaning in relation to the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. The Christian quest for truth relates to all aspects of the liberal arts and sciences, including the humanities, social sciences, and physical and life sciences. The institutional framework and objectives of this community recognize the individual and his/her need for biblical faith, intellectual development, personal effectiveness, and social awareness.

Northwest Christian College seeks to create learning situations, both in and out of the classroom, where students will have the opportunity to discover their potential and consider their relationships with the many environments of their world. Such learning situations require that biblical and general studies be effectively and meaningfully integrated and made relevant to the issues and needs of society. The faculty assumes that the learning process involves the active participation of students; this participation will increase the student's capacity to think critically and responsibly in an environment of openness, freedom of expression, and respect for one another.

Church Relationships and Theological Context

Northwest Christian College is closely affiliated with the churches that make up the so-called Stone-Campbell Movement. In particular, the historical roots of Northwest Christian College lie in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ. Since its beginnings the College has shared its human resources with these churches, and these churches generously support the College with prayers and encouragement, student referrals, financial contributions, and representation on its governing board. Many of the ministers of these congregations and a large number of lay leaders in the Pacific Northwest are alumni of Northwest Christian College.

Because of this heritage from the Stone-Campbell Movement, Northwest Christian College also has a strong ecumenical interest. The College offers its resources to students and congregations from virtually every tradition of the Church - locally, nationally, and globally.

Characteristics of Our Churches*

The family of churches known as Christian Churches, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Churches of Christ grew out of an early 19th Century movement with origins in both the United Kingdom and the United States of America. Today there are congregations related to this Christian World Communion in more than 178 countries.

Today in any Christian World Communion there is great diversity in belief and practice. There are also many features of each family that are shared by the whole church of Jesus Christ. What follows is an attempt to create an overall but simple picture of who Churches of Christ and Christian Churches are and so it needs to be read as a whole. It also needs to be read in the context that no attempt is being made to separate this family from the church of Christ universal but rather to describe its place within the whole church.

It is possible to choose ten major characteristics of the churches that comprise this common heritage:

1. A concern for Christian Unity
2. A commitment to Evangelism and Mission
3. An emphasis on the centrality of the New Testament
4. A simple Confession of Faith
5. Believers' Baptism
6. Weekly Communion
7. A Biblical Name
8. Congregational Autonomy
9. Lay Leadership
10. Diversity/Freedom/Liberty

1. A concern for Christian Unity.

In the 1808 "Declaration and Address" Thomas Campbell wrote that the "Church of Christ on earth is essentially, intentionally and constitutionally one". Another pioneer, Barton Stone, spoke of Christian unity being the "polar star". The "Christian" movement was a movement for unity within the fragmented and often hostile and competitive church environment of that time but ultimately became a separate movement. Today there are different understandings of how Christian unity might be understood and achieved ranging from commitment to the ecumenical movement, with some involved in dialogue and negotiation with other church families, through a belief that there is already an underlying God-given unity despite apparent division, to those who feel that they have discovered what the church should be like and that unity will come through others recognizing this and joining with them.

2. A commitment to Evangelism and Mission.

Unity was never an end in itself. Its desirability came out of the understanding "that the world could be won only if the church became one". Today that commitment is shown both by emphasizing the need for personal commitment to Jesus Christ and by a concern for peace and justice for all people. Many will balance these two emphases but often one will be emphasized much more than the other.

3. A New Testament emphasis.

Christian Churches and Churches of Christ are "People of The Book". They believed that unity could be achieved by "restoring" the New Testament Church - stripping away the accumulation of traditions that had brought about division. The authority was the scriptures - not the church. Many still like to be referred to as the "Restoration Movement"; others believe there are difficulties in accepting that the New Testament provides a clear unified model for the church and believe that the church must also be open to God's present word measured against the biblical revelation. All members of Churches of Christ and Christian Churches would describe themselves as biblical but interpretation varies greatly.

4. A simple confession of faith.

From Matthew 16:16 came the cornerstone question for church membership: "Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior?" Answering yes to that question is all that is required for membership, though many congregations now have membership classes. This simple question avoided the use of - often divisive - creeds. Many today will not make any use of creeds; others will use them as a means of expressing faith - but not a test of faith.

5. Believers' Baptism.

Only people who have reached an age where they can make their own confession of faith are baptized. The means of baptism is always immersion. Many congregations will now accept into membership - by transfer - those who become church members through other traditions; other congregations are adamant that believers' baptism is essential. Baptistries - for immersion - are features of worship facilities.

6. Weekly Communion.

Again believing that they follow the New Testament model, Christian Churches and Churches of Christ celebrate communion or 'The Lord's Supper' each Sunday.

7. **Biblical Name.**

Members of the emerging 19th Century Movement wanted to be known only as “Christians” or “Disciples of Christ”. Slogans such as “Christians only - but not the only Christians” and “Biblical names for Biblical people” captured this emphasis. Congregations use names such as Church (or Churches or church) of Christ, Christian Church or Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). There are also congregations within uniting churches in many areas and countries.

8. **Congregational Autonomy.**

Members of Churches of Christ and Christian Churches live under the authority of Christ but this authority is seen as being worked out in the local congregation. For many this congregational autonomy is absolute; many others guard their autonomy jealously but have established ways of working together; many are organized in regions and/or nationally but still with a very large degree of congregational autonomy. Globally there is very limited organization. Some countries that have nationally organized work cooperate through the “Disciples Ecumenical Consultative Council”. The World Convention of Churches of Christ is a global fellowship which endeavors to build up fellowship and understanding within the whole family.

9. **Lay Leadership.**

The “Priesthood of all Believers” is a mark of all Christian Churches and Churches of Christ. We speak of “mutual ministry”. Participation by lay people in all aspects of the church's life is a notable feature. Lay people conduct the sacraments. Women and men are seen as equal by many parts of the family but others see distinct roles for men and women. There is an employed and trained ministry with recognition varying from a 'paid member' to an expectation of special leadership.

10. **Diversity.**

“In essentials unity, in nonessentials liberty, and in all things love” is the best known slogan in our family. Christian Churches and Churches of Christ have always allowed for diversity and much of that diversity has been enriching. Diversity also allows for the possibility of intolerance and division and that unfortunately has been part of our experience. This Christian family is left with the challenge of finding for itself the unity-in-diversity it seeks for the whole church of Jesus Christ.

** "Characteristics of Our Churches" is adapted from a statement prepared by Lorraine & Lyndsay Jacobs, former General Secretaries of the World Convention of Churches of Christ, and is used by permission. The text may also be found at the World Convention of Churches of Christ web site: <http://www.worldconvention.org>.*

Relations with Other Institutions

Memberships

Northwest Christian College is a member of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, the Oregon Independent Colleges Association, the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, the Council of Independent Colleges, and the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI).

University of Oregon

The founding fathers of Northwest Christian College located the College adjacent to the University of Oregon campus in order to utilize their extensive resources. Formal agreements exist between the College and the University for the sharing of certain facilities such as the library.

Edward P. Kellenberger Library

The Edward P. Kellenberger Library contains 74,000 cataloged books, journals, audiovisuals and microforms; and it receives over 265 journal subscriptions. The majority of the collection is on open stacks arranged by the Dewey Decimal Classification System. The Library's resources are extended through reciprocal borrowing agreements with the University of Oregon Knight Library and other regional libraries. Inter-library loan services provide further access to national and international resources.

The automated union catalog, OPALL, provides computerized access to over 500,000 items of seven consortium libraries, including Northwest Christian College, Corban College, Mt. Angel Abbey, Concordia University, Warner Pacific College, Multnomah School of the Bible, and Western Seminary. OPALL is accessible on campus as well as through the College web page at www.nwcc.edu/library. A courier service ensures rapid resource sharing of materials among the consortium libraries and other libraries in Oregon and Washington.

Reference services include web access to the OPALL automated catalog for books and media with the ability to request library materials online for students and faculty. Access to online databases include EBSCOHost, Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe, and OCLC First Search. These online databases provide access to full text magazine and journal articles as well as other information for students and faculty on campus and off campus. The Kellenberger Library web page provides helpful user guides to research tools, links to other library automated catalogs, library policies, lists of newly purchased titles, faculty services, Friends of the Library membership, and much more information. Librarians conduct library instruction for classes and provide assistance for individual research.

Several special collections are located in the Library. Unique and valuable rare Bibles, incunabula, facsimile copies, early manuscripts and other rare books comprise the Rare Book and Bible Collection. A museum collection features African and Asian artifacts donated by missionaries as well as pioneer items. Materials on the early history of the Northwest and fine editions of printed books are in the Northwest and Turnbull Collections. The records and memorabilia of Northwest Christian College and its predecessor institutions dating from 1895 are located in the Archives. History of the Christian Churches in the Northwest is included in the Disciples Historical Collection. A unique hymnbook collection is also part of the special collections.

The library is an institutional member of the American Library Association, Association of College and Research Libraries, Northwest Association of Private Colleges and Universities, and Association of Christian Librarians.

Technology on Campus

Purpose

The mission of the Information Systems (IS) Department is to serve the computing and communication needs of all faculty, staff, and students on campus in a Christian, professional and timely manner. The department is responsible for all communication and data networks and systems on campus, including telephones, data lines, servers, computer hardware and software.

The Media Center service provides media materials and equipment for classroom, special College-sponsored events, and individual instruction. Media includes video recordings, sound recordings, and other graphic materials. The videotape-recording laboratory offers learning opportunities for speech and music courses. The computer lab provides services to students for computer courses and is available for personal use. The computer lab also provides the campus with Internet access and e-mail.

Access

Students have access to the computer lab located on the second floor of the library as part of their tuition. The lab, which has 20 PC workstations, is open during the same hours as the library. In addition, students can obtain an e-mail account for use on campus. The computer classroom features a state-of-the-art data/video projection system and 20 PC workstations. The library has placed its entire inventory on an automated card catalog system and has links to numerous on-line reference sources that students can access for coursework.

The data network includes all buildings on campus and the residence halls, except the apartments. All classrooms are wired for Internet access.

Student Records Policy

Complete policies regarding student privacy and records can be viewed at <http://www.nwcc.edu/registrar/policies/ferpa.html>. Students' rights regarding personal information include:

1. The right to view material in his/her records filed at Northwest Christian College, with the exception of those records for which there is a signed waiver of that right.
2. The right to limit access to personal records. Consent of the student must be given for release of any personal or academic records to persons other than Northwest Christian College faculty and staff having a legitimate official reason or under emergency circumstances.
3. The right to limit personal material (directory type information) printed in publications such as the Student Directory. Directory type information (the information that could be given out to whomever inquires) includes the following: student's full name, local and permanent address(es) and telephone number(s), e-mail address, date and place of birth, the fact that the student is or has been enrolled, dates of attendance, class level and academic major, number of credit hours (not grades), degrees and honors awarded, participation in officially recognized activities, heights and weights of members of athletic teams, photographs, and previous institutions attended.
4. A student who challenges any item in his/her records shall have opportunity for a hearing. A request for a hearing regarding academic records should be referred to the Registrar's Office. A request for a hearing regarding financial records should be referred to the Business Office.

Nondiscriminatory Policy

The policy of Northwest Christian College is to provide equal opportunity for all qualified persons in the educational programs and activities that the College operates. The College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, religion, marital status or any other protected status to the extent prohibited by applicable nondiscrimination laws in its admission policy, employment, scholarship and loan programs, educational, athletic, and other activities that it operates.

Catalog Changes and Authority Policy

Students whose studies are uninterrupted will graduate under the requirements listed in the Catalog in effect at the time of original admission. Since the College reserves the right to discontinue courses at any time, course substitutions may be assigned for discontinued courses. The College reserves the right to change fees, rules, and calendars regulating registration at, admission to, conduct in, instruction in, and graduation from the College. Changes go into effect whenever the proper authorities so determine and apply not only to prospective students but also to those who at that time are matriculated in the College.

STUDENT FINANCES

TUITION AND FEES FOR THE 2006-07 ACADEMIC YEAR

Students must sign a Financial Responsibility Agreement at the start of each school year in order to complete official class registration and to qualify for campus housing. There are three methods for paying an account at Northwest Christian College:

- o Pay in full at the beginning of each semester.
- o The Business Office may approve on an individualized basis, an NCC payment plan, with a \$55 enrollment fee. No interest is charged, however a \$50 late fee will be charged per month if no payment is made.
- o Tuition Management Systems (TMS) offers an plan with a \$55 enrollment fee and \$50 late fee. Contact TMS at: www.afford.com.

Deposits

An advanced tuition deposit of \$200 is due upon acceptance into the graduate program. This deposit is held in the student's account and applied to his/her tuition expenses upon enrollment. An advanced tuition deposit is required in order to proceed with advanced class registration or housing arrangements.

Housing Deposit

All residents of campus housing must make an additional deposit of \$100 before receiving a housing assignment or participating in the food plan. This portion of the deposit, less fines, damage charges, and termination penalty if applicable, will be refunded within 30 days of written notification of the dean of student development to students who are graduating or not returning to a College residence.

Money on Account

Money sent to Northwest Christian College for student accounts will be disbursed as designated. Unless the Business Office receives written instructions to the contrary, the office will apply small amounts immediately and apply half of significant payments to Northwest Christian College accounts at the beginning of each semester.

Tuition and Fees:

Tuition and fees are determined annually by the NCC board of trustees. Tuition for each graduate degree cohort remains locked throughout the full extent of the program from start to finish provided the student remains continuously enrolled full-time.

New classes, cohort starting FY 06-07

Graduate tuition per hour	\$670
<i>Graduate tuition per program:</i>	
Master of Arts in Business Administration	\$24,120 (36 credits)
Master of Arts in School Counseling (Track I)	\$24,120 (36 credits)
Master of Arts in School Counseling (Track II)	\$34,840 (52 credits)
Master of Arts in Professional Counseling	\$32,160 (48 credits)

Health Insurance:*

Single Student TBA

**Mandatory without proof of insurance for graduate students with 9 or more hours. Rates for families also available.*

Registrar's Fees

Late Graduation Fee - \$25. Diploma Replacement Fee - \$10. Official Transcripts - first ten copies free, additional copies ordered on same day - \$2 a copy. Additional cost to mail overnight - \$25 per address. Overseas overnight transcript request - \$50. Petition of the Academic Deadlines - \$20.

Finance Charges

Outstanding balances are assessed a finance charge of 1.5% monthly (18% annual rate) computed on the balance at the end of the billing cycle.

Late Fee Penalty

Students are subject to a \$50 late fee for failing to make a payment on their student account.

Kellenberger Library Fines

Books and Media - \$.50 per item per day. Lost or damaged items-cost to library to replace item plus \$5.00 service charge.

Returned Check Charge

Returned checks subject to \$25 charge.

Room Replacement Key Fees

Master - \$100, Floor - \$50, Room/Apt - \$35

Housing Options

Students in the graduate program have the option to reside on campus. Single and family housing is available, as is summer housing in both dormitories and apartments. Please consult the Undergraduate Catalog for further rates and information.

Meal Options

Students in the graduate program have the option to purchase meal plans. Please consult the associate dean of student development for further rates and information.

Refund Policy

Upon complete withdrawal or dismissal from the College, students, including veterans, receive a proportional refund for tuition. All student fees are nonrefundable, including but not limited to, vehicle permits, application fees, etc. A student must notify an appropriate school official prior to the 3rd class session in order to receive a full refund for an individual course. After the 3rd class session, no tuition refund is given.

All academic withdrawals must be processed in accordance with the policy of the College. Refunds are based on the date of initial contact made with an appropriate school official. Students who do not meet the financial conditions of the College can be administratively withdrawn from their courses at the discretion of the Business Office.

The first step of a complete withdrawal is to contact the dean of the program to perform an exit interview and sign the withdrawal form. The form is then given to the Business Office to be processed. If students fail to contact the dean and perform the appropriate withdrawal steps, the student may be charged a fee of \$100.

Refund of Residence Hall Room and Board

Refer to the residence hall contract for refund policy. The vice president for student development will set any termination penalties required by the contract.

Account Collections

If Northwest Christian College needs to pursue collection efforts, reasonable attorney fees and collection costs can be added to the account whether or not an action is filed. If an action is filed, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover attorney fees and court cost. The official transcript remains the property of Northwest Christian College and cannot be issued until all amounts owed the College, including accounts receivable, notes, loans, and other amounts, are paid in full.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Northwest Christian College offers several financial aid programs for students enrolled at least half-time (4 credits per semester) in graduate degree programs. Loans are the primary source of aid for graduate students. There are also a very limited number of part-time positions available through the Work-Study program.

Students may apply for assistance by submitting a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The information provided on the FAFSA is evaluated by the U.S. Department of Education to ascertain the student's eligibility to participate in federal programs and to establish how much the student is expected to contribute toward his/her education expenses. The latter figure, expected contribution, is used for calculating need-based aid. The difference between the student's expected contribution and cost of the program is the "need" that need-based aid attempts to fill.

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All aid available to graduate students (except alternative loans) requires submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to be considered. Copies of the paper FAFSA are available in the Financial Aid Office while the electronic version is found at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The electronic version provides a faster and more reliable means of submitting the FAFSA. NCC's federal school code is 003208 and must be entered in the appropriate section of the FAFSA to ensure that the Financial Aid Office receives your information from the U.S. Department of Education.

Financial aid is awarded for one academic year at a time corresponding to the period between July 1 and June 30. The curriculum for graduate degree programs generally span all or part of two academic years. Hence, a FAFSA must be submitted for each academic year in which the student is enrolled. The student must be enrolled at least half-time in order to receive aid. To remain aid eligible, students must maintain a minimum 3.00 grade point average (GPA) and satisfactorily complete all classes attempted each term. Failure to do so may result in financial aid probation or disqualification.

Application Deadline

Northwest Christian College does not impose a deadline for financial aid applications from graduate students. However, it is advantageous for students to apply as early as possible.

Loans Based Upon Financial Need

Two separate student loan programs are available to graduate students on the basis of need.

1. Subsidized Stafford Loans are federally backed and accrue no interest to the student (paid by federal government) while he/she is in school and six months, thereafter, at which time repayment begins.
2. Perkins Loans are awarded to students with exceptional need from funds made available to NCC from the federal government. Funding is extremely limited.

NOTE: The table below provides additional information regarding loan limits and interest rates for both loan programs.

Non-need Loans

Two types of loan programs are available to graduate students regardless of need.

1. The Unsubsidized Stafford Loan is the most common of all loans and is identical in every respect to the Subsidized Stafford Loan noted above, except that interest does accrue while the student is in school and eligibility does not depend on need. While need is not a factor, the FAFSA must still be submitted in order to qualify. Students qualifying for a Subsidized Stafford Loan may also receive an Unsubsidized Stafford Loan provided the total combined amount does not exceed \$18,500 per year or the annual cost of attendance.
2. Alternative loans, also known as private loans, are available from the private lending organizations (Wells Fargo, Citibank, etc.) to help students pay for graduate school. Alternative loans are credit-based without respect to financial need. Information and applications for many such loans are kept on hand in the Financial Aid Office and are available upon request. Students are also encouraged to check for educational loan programs offered through their personal lending institution.

Graduate Loan Limits and Interest Rates

	<i>Annual Loan Limit</i>	<i>Interest Rate</i>
Subsidized Stafford Loan	\$8,500	Fixed at 6.8%
Unsubsidized Stafford Loan	\$18,500	Fixed at 6.8%
Perkins Loan	Determined by funds available	Fixed; 5.00%

The maximum Stafford Loan proceeds available in one year is \$18,500 whether as unsubsidized alone or as a combination of subsidized and unsubsidized.

Work Study

A very limited number of part-time jobs may be available to graduate students who demonstrate financial need. These jobs are offered through either the Federal Work-Study program or the Northwest Christian College Work-Study program. Positions pay Oregon's minimum wage for an eleven-hour work-week (fall and spring semesters only) with total maximum earnings possible of \$2,550 per year. Eligible students are not guaranteed a particular position but are assisted to compete for jobs available in the library, maintenance department, administrative offices and faculty offices.

Veterans Benefits

Northwest Christian College is recognized as an approved graduate school for training of veterans. Students eligible for V.A. assistance should contact the registrar at NCC for program requirements and coordination of V.A. benefits.

Questions

Please do not hesitate to contact the Financial Aid Office. Call toll-free at (877) 463-6622, extension 291 or local (541) 684-7291. E-mail questions may be sent to finaid@nwcc.edu. The Financial Aid Office is located in the Martha Goodrich Administration Building at the corner of 11th & Alder. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment.

ACADEMIC POLICIES

NOTE: Students are subject to academic requirements and academic policies described in the College Catalog as well as to other published academic rules and regulations in effect at the time of their initial admission or readmission to Northwest Christian College. When significant changes are adopted in the academic policies and requirements after their admission, students have the option of completing their degree under either the old or the new requirements within the degree time limit.

Program Admission

All NCC graduate students apply for admission through the Office of Admissions, complying with the application procedures and admission policies of the specific graduate program for which they are applying. Provision is made for students who meet the majority, but not all, of the program's admission requirements to be admitted provisionally. Students admitted provisionally must earn at least a B- average in the first 6 semester credits of the program to convert to full admission status and remain enrolled.

Full-Time Status

Full-time status in the graduate program requires enrollment of at least 6 semester hours per term of the department's offerings for that term. Full-time enrollment is the basis for determining financial aid eligibility and international students' continuous legal stay in the United States.

Academic Advising

All graduate students are assigned a faculty advisor whose role is to provide information and assistance for optimal performance and achievement in the program. Students should consult with their faculty advisor at least once each term to review academic progress. Faculty advisors are also available for consultation about students' personal, professional, and career development as necessary.

Academic Grievance Policy

Please refer to the on-line Student Handbook for information on the current grievance policy located at www.nwcc.edu/studentdev/handbook.pdf.

Academic Progress

Graduate students must maintain at least a B- average throughout their master's studies. Cumulative GPA is calculated on all courses taken, at NCC or elsewhere, to satisfy specific requirements of the graduate program. Courses in which a C+ or lower is earned are not accepted for graduate credit, but are factored into calculation of cumulative GPA. Grades of P (Pass) or N (No pass) are not computed in cumulative GPA. Courses in which C+ or lower or N is earned must be repeated at current tuition rates.

Students receiving a grade of C+ or lower in a graduate course, but maintaining a minimum B- average, will automatically undergo retention review by the dean or program chair, in consultation with the professor issuing the course grade. This review may result in probationary status for one semester, during which time the student must achieve a B- average in coursework in the subsequent term. Failure to do so will result in academic disqualification.

When a student falls below a B- average, or more than 4 credit hours of F or N grades appear on a student's transcript, the dean or program chair will notify the student of academic disqualification. In either case, academic disqualification will result in termination from the program unless the student petitions the Academic Council for academic probation. This petition must articulate clear and compelling reasons to expect improved academic performance and a plan of assistance developed with the faculty advisor for completing the remainder of the curriculum. Petitions of academic probation are reviewed by the Academic Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting, after which the dean or program chair will communicate the Council's decision in writing to the student. Students failing to meet the terms of an academic probation plan of assistance are automatically disqualified from continuing in the program.

Grading and Exam Policies

Dishonesty (Academic) and Plagiarism

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Northwest Christian College seeks to promote academic honesty within the College community. Such honesty is fundamental to the principles of the Christian tradition and education. To foster among the students a spirit of honest intellectual inquiry, the following practices are unacceptable:

1. Cheating in its various forms, whether copying another student's work, allowing your own work to be copied, using unauthorized aids on an examination, fabricating lab or research data, or submitting as your own another person's work.
2. Denying other students access to academic information whether in the classroom, laboratory, or library.
3. Destroying, altering, or tampering with other students' work to impede their academic progress.
4. Plagiarizing is presenting as your own the words or ideas of another person. Students who plagiarize frequently do so unknowingly. As a guard against plagiarism, learn how to document your sources.

For paraphrasing or using direct quotes, see *The Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th ed.).

Students who knowingly violate the principles of academic honesty will be subjected to disciplinary action. Depending on the nature of the offense, the student's grade or credit earned may be affected. In serious cases, the student may be suspended or expelled. Please note, Northwest Christian College is more concerned with promoting academic honesty than punishing academic dishonesty.

Graduate Grading System

Grades for graduate studies are designated as follows:

A	Excellent
B	Very good work, above average performance
C	Below average performance
D	Inferior
P	B- or better
N	C+ or worse
AUD	Audit; no credit awarded
F	Failure
I	Incomplete
X	No basis for grade

Grade points for letter grades are as follows:

A	4.0
A-	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B-	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C-	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1.0
D-	0.7

W The grade of "W" is given for withdrawal before the 3rd session of a course for any reason or withdrawal at any time while doing passing work.

WF The grade of "WF" is given for withdrawal after the 3rd session of a course while doing failing work.

Incomplete grades are given on a very limited basis. One may be awarded by a faculty member if a student has a major emergency or illness during the course, but not because a student has not had time to complete the course assignments. If a student has an emergency, it is the student's responsibility to discuss the issue with the professor as soon as possible to request an Incomplete grade. It is that faculty member's decision whether or not to award the Incomplete.

Students who do receive an Incomplete grade must complete the necessary work to remove that grade within 30 days of the end of the course in which the grade was received. (See specific program requirements for Incomplete policies regarding master's thesis.) Any exceptions must be requested by written petition to the course professor and the dean or program chair. Any Incomplete grade at the end of the allotted time is permanently recorded as the grade earned at the end of the course. The course must then be repeated and the tuition paid again at the current tuition rate.

A student with more than one "I" grade will not be allowed to enroll in the next term of the program. All Incompletes must be satisfied before a student will be allowed to register for thesis credits. Students may not graduate with an "I" on their record.

Late Papers and Assignments

Each instructor sets policies regarding papers and other class assignments turned in late. Professors reserve the right to set penalties including lowering of grades as well as rejection of late papers.

Graduation

Commencement/Graduation Activities

The main commencement activities are held in May, at the end of spring semester. An additional graduation ceremony is held in December at the end of fall semester. Participants in commencement must complete all graduation requirements prior to commencement.

Graduation Application

Students planning to graduate are required to file a formal application for graduation with the Registrar's Office 30 days prior to the beginning of the semester in which they wish to graduate (by December 1 for the May ceremony and August 1 for the December ceremony). Until the student has been given preliminary clearance, he/she should not make any graduation plans.

Residency Requirements/Transfer Credit Limit

Candidates for master's degrees may transfer a maximum of 10 semester (15 quarter) credit hours of regular graduate work completed at another accredited institution provided that:

1. The work satisfies the requirements of a specific course or practicum experience in NCC's curriculum, with the approval of the course instructor and dean or program chair of the department.
2. Grades of A, B, or P were earned in these courses.
3. The courses were completed within 5 years of the expected program completion date.
4. Graduate credits earned through correspondence and televised programs are not acceptable, unless approved as an on-line version of a regular institutional offering.
5. The College does not grant graduate credit for prior learning experience nor accept graduate credit earned through prior learning at another institution as transfer credit.

Time Limit

All work toward a master's degree, including transfer credits, must be completed within 5 years from the date of initial matriculation. This time limit includes any on-leave time the student may have been granted.

Called to Active Service Duty

Should a student enrolled at NCC be called to active service duty, he/she should report to the Registrar's Office. The registrar will back the student out of the classes he/she is registered for and refund the student's fees 100 percent (working in conjunction with Financial Aid if appropriate). Questions regarding this policy may be directed to the office of the vice president for academic affairs.

Continuous Enrollment and On-Leave Status

Graduate students are expected to maintain continuous enrollment in the program to optimize development of knowledge and skills cultivated in the curriculum and important peer relationships with members of the cohort group. However, the College recognizes that circumstances occasionally require that students take a leave-of-absence. At NCC, such leave cannot exceed 3 years. Students granted on-leave status are required to pay a Continuous Enrollment Fee equivalent to one credit of graduate tuition each term.

In the event that a leave of absence from the program is necessary, graduate students must consult first with their faculty advisor to develop a letter of request for the leave. This letter must articulate the duration of the requested leave, the reason for on-leave status, and a plan for completing the remainder of the curriculum. Requests for on-leave status are reviewed by the Academic Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting, after which the dean or program chair will communicate the Council's decision in writing to the student.

Students granted a leave of absence who fail to return to the program within the specified timeline must reapply to the program, complying with application procedures and admission criteria in effect at that time. At the time of reapplication, the student on leave may be denied admission back into the program.

Thesis-Only Students with Outstanding Balance

Students who have an outstanding balance with the College may not register for credits. Such students who have not completed their thesis in the time allotted therefore cannot register for the one credit of Master's Thesis that enables them to maintain continuous enrollment in their program. Unless a payment plan is arranged through the Business Office, those students will be administratively dropped from their respective program. To complete their degree, they must then reapply for admission and, upon acceptance, complete the current program requirements.

Modification of Academic Requirements

Students may petition the College for exemption from and/or modification of academic requirements of their master's program. Graduate students should first consult with their faculty advisor to develop a letter of request for the exemption. This letter must articulate a rationale for the request and a plan for completing a modified curriculum. Students are reminded that factors of expense and personal convenience alone are not generally considered valid reasons for exemptions from or modification of the planned program. Letters of request are reviewed by the Academic Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting, after which the dean or program chair will communicate the Council's decision in writing to the student.

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

Code of Conduct

Northwest Christian College, with a foundation in the Christian faith, is committed to holistic student development in the context of our vision, mission, and values. We have established services, policies, and community guidelines that will foster a living-learning environment consistent with our values.

Nearly everyone must adapt his or her lifestyle to some degree in consideration of other individuals or groups. We believe all students have the right at all times to study, sleep and live in an atmosphere of mutual respect. It is therefore important to understand what is expected of you while a member of the Northwest Christian College community. Standards were designed to allow for the freedom and flexibility of the individual and to ensure the rights and privileges of the community as a whole. You may not agree with, or fully understand, some facets of the College's behavioral expectations. However, by enrolling as a student at Northwest Christian College, you agree to live according to the expectations outlined here. Non-matriculated students admitted to special programs are also expected to maintain these standards. Any questions regarding these statements should be directed to the vice president for student development & enrollment and dean of students.

Policies and standards for conduct shall apply to conduct that occurs on the College premises, at College-sponsored activities, and off campus when a student's conduct could adversely affect the College community and/or the pursuit of its objectives. Each student shall be responsible for his or her conduct from the time of application for admission through the actual awarding of a degree, even though conduct may occur before classes begin or after classes end, as well as during the academic year and between the terms of actual enrollment (and even if their conduct is not discovered until after a degree is awarded). NCC reserves the right to interpret policy and to apply the intent of the policy judiciously, depending upon circumstances. College policy ensures individual responsibility and an environment that contributes to a learning community. Failure to abide by the policies and procedures as outlined by the Student Handbook may result in disciplinary action and sanctions. Each student associated with Northwest Christian College is expected to be familiar with and to follow all policies and procedures established by the College.

For a complete listing of policies, judicial affairs, and grievance procedures please refer to the Student Handbook posted online at <https://www.nwcc.edu/studentdev/handbook.pdf>; hard copies are available by request in the Student Development Office, 684-7345.

Bookstore

Fall-Spring Semester Hours:

Monday through Thursday 7:30a.m. to 8:00p.m.

Friday 7:30a.m. to 4:00p.m.

Saturday 10:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.

Summer Semester Hours:

Monday through Thursday 12:00p.m. to 8:00p.m.

Friday 12:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.

Saturday 10:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.

The Bookstore observes all campus holidays.

Contact Information:

Phone: (541) 684-7270

Fax: (541) 684-7324

Email: solterbj@nwcc.edu

The NCC Bookstore provides the required textbooks for each class. Additional items include gifts, imprinted clothing, candy, snacks, and drinks.

Return Policy:

Refunds for textbooks purchased for the current semester are available during the first 2 weeks of each semester (dates are posted at the Bookstore). Books must be in the same condition as when purchased (no highlighting/marks of any kind if purchased new) and accompanied by the original receipts. After the first 2 weeks of classes, returns will **ONLY** be accepted with a signed drop slip and a receipt. Signed drop slip returns will be allowed for the first 30 days of the semester. Non-text merchandise is returnable, with original receipt within 30 days of the purchase date. Merchandise must be in re-sellable condition when returned.

Textbook Buyback:

Textbooks are bought back at the Bookstore at the end of each semester. During finals week of each semester we buy back books that are adopted for the next semester at 50% of the price paid for the text book; non-adopted textbooks are bought back at the current Nebraska Buyer's Guide prices - 0-30% of the new price. (Damaged and heavily marked in books might not be bought back.)

Campus Ministries (<http://www.nwcc.edu/studentdev/ministries/>)

Campus Ministries exists to foster and support Christian spiritual development of the students and entire Northwest Christian College campus community. To facilitate the purpose Campus Ministries offers:

- Twice a week chapels that aspire to build community, enable worship, and foster Christlikeness.
- Discipleship Small Groups

- Varied small groups of students meet weekly to encourage accountability to the Lord Jesus Christ - to walk as He walked, to build community, and to provide a safe, nurturing place to face our struggles in becoming more like Jesus.
- Pastoral care when students sense a need for a safe place for encouragement, direction, affirmation, belonging, becoming, prayer, and nurturing in the Christian faith. The campus pastor and his staff want to serve the student body of NCC to become whole in Christ.
- To help students connect with a local church during their years at NCC. Though campus ministries provides pastoral oversight and care, NCC is not a church. Students are encouraged to become active in a local church.

Career Development

Career Planning

In partnership with the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE), the Career Development Center offers the following services to students and alumni: individual career counseling and planning; assessments and interest inventories; internship and career-related volunteer opportunities; employment information; graduate school assistance; resume, cover letter, and interviewing preparation; and job search seminars and workshops. Resources are also made available in the Kellenberger Library on campus and on the College's website (www.nwcc.edu).

Employment Services

Students interested in general employment in the Eugene-Springfield area may access online job postings by visiting the College's website (www.nwcc.edu/studentdev/career) or by consulting the Career Development Center, located on the second floor of the Morse Event Center.

Counseling Services (http://www.nwcc.edu/grad/counseling_professional/services.html)

Mental health counseling services, offered by Professional Counseling graduate students, are available to all NCC students. Each student may receive ten free sessions with a counselor per year. After ten sessions are completed, students are offered counseling services at a low cost. Students interested in counseling should call 349-7471 to schedule a brief intake appointment.

Disability Services

NCC does not discriminate against qualified individuals with a disability in admission or access to its programs or activities. Prospective and admitted students who need information about programs, services and accommodations should contact the Student Development Office. The vice president for student development or his/her designee is the disability officer for Northwest Christian College. For a complete explanation of disability services, please see the Disability Services Handbook available in the Student Development Office.

Fitness Center, Morse Event Center (<http://www.nwcc.edu/athletics/mec/privileges.html>)

The Fitness Center meets student's fitness needs. The center offers a variety of cardio, weight, and strength training equipment to meet physical health needs. Hours of operation are extensive during the school year. These hours will be posted and supervised.

Food Services

Sodexo is our food service provider and works with individual students who have special dietary requirements.

Health Services

NCC employs a campus nurse. The nurse's office is located on the first floor of Burke-Griffeth, between the Banquet Room and the Rug Room. For office hours and more information please call 684-7345. All records and patient information will remain confidential in accordance with HIPAA. The nurse can address initial health needs, coordinate further services off-campus, and provide health recommendations to individual students.

Unless covered by a family or individual policy, all full-time students and all students living in campus housing must subscribe to NCC's student insurance policy. The policy is primarily a hospitalization and accident policy. Questions about the policy or claims for insurance benefits are handled by Guarantee Trust Life Insurance company (1-800-452-4772 or www.associatedinsuranceplans.com/nwcc.htm). Claim forms are available in Student Services.

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Intercollegiate Athletics

Northwest Christian College is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). The Beacons will be a full participating member of the Cascade Collegiate Conference in 2007-2008. NCC offers eight opportunities for collegiate athletics participation.

Fall Sports:

Men's Cross Country, Soccer
Women's Cross Country, Soccer, Volleyball

Winter Sports:

Men's Basketball
Women's Basketball

Spring Sports:
Women's Softball

Men's and Women's Golf will begin in 2007-2008.

Student Activities

Student Activities focuses on enriching the co-curricular life of students especially in the area of Christian community development. We offer a broad array of programs aimed at fostering an environment of learning and belonging. Current offerings which serve this end include the following:

- Beacon Nights: A free weekly program that gives students exciting events to participate in on Friday nights at 9pm.
- Signature events including Mr. Beacon Competition, Beacon Madness, Midnight Breakfasts, Homecoming events, Spring Formal, Family Weekend, concerts, Coffee House concerts, Class Film Competition, etc.
- A competitive Intramural program offer both league and non-league play in the areas of dodge ball, volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, flag football, open gym, etc.
- Cultural programs engaging in local arts--everything from the Eugene Saturday Market to Andrew Lloyd Weber shows at the Hult Center or in Portland--as well local international events such as the Eugene Asian Celebration and Fiesta Latina.
- Educational programs aimed at promoting justice on earth including emphasis weeks and diversity months.
- Outdoor activities including rafting, skiing, coast trips, and hikes.

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GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Program Chairs: Dr. Michael Kennedy, Dr. Paula Belcher, Ms. Vivian Moen

In a commitment to academic excellence, Northwest Christian College offers master's degree programs in:

1. Business Administration (MBA)
2. Professional Counseling
3. School Counseling

Coursework in all graduate programs is offered in sequential courses that meet one evening per week for 5 weeks with one all-day Saturday class. Classes are small, discussion-oriented, and presented from a Christian perspective. Practica and internship experiences in addition to coursework are part of the counseling programs. MBA students' program culminates with a master's thesis. Professional counseling students complete their program by either writing a master's thesis or taking an Advanced Practicum.

Application Process

Students should consult the application requirements for the specific graduate program for which they are applying. For application materials and information on individual programs, contact the Office of Admissions.

All programs have an early admissions deadline of March 15. Completed applications are then reviewed by the admissions committee of each program. Qualified applicants are notified by April 15. Applications may be accepted until July 1 on a space-available basis.

In some cases, a provisional admission may be granted. In such cases, a full admission into the program must be secured by the time the student has completed 6 credit hours in graduate level courses. Students with provisional admission status must earn a B- average or higher by the time they have completed 6 credits to secure full admission. Students admitted provisionally who earn below a B- average by the time they have completed 6 credits are automatically disqualified from the program.

At the time of application, prospective students may submit copies of unofficial transcripts of undergraduate work or copies of unofficial admissions test scores (MAT, GRE, GMAT, CBEST, PPST). However, a student will not be fully admitted into the program until official test score results or official transcripts from all undergraduate coursework are received and evaluated. Failure to have official test scores and/or official transcripts submitted by the first term of graduate work will result in the student being disqualified from the program. Those persons disqualified from a graduate program must reapply to be admitted to the program in a future year, complying with application procedures and admission criteria in effect at that time.

For additional information, or to schedule a visit, please contact:

Admissions
Northwest Christian College
828 East 11th Avenue
Eugene, OR 97401-3745
541-684-7201
Toll free: 1-877-INFO-NCC
admissions@nwcc.edu

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING (MA)

Program Chair: Dr. Paula Belcher

The Master of Arts in Professional Counseling Program trains students in the art and science of counseling within a Christian frame of reference. In this program, students gain a solid foundation of counseling skills, procedures, and theories based on current research. Building upon that base, students develop a theoretical orientation to counseling that matches their own personality and value system. The program is Board-approved by the Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists for those persons desiring to become Licensed Professional Counselors.

Students are encouraged to individualize their graduate study experience through choices of topics on papers and presentations within the required coursework and through choice of internship site and topic of master's thesis. Thus, students gain a balance between a broad perspective of counseling and a "specialization" in an area of interest.

The 48-credit curriculum is 2 years long. Required coursework in counseling theories and foundations is integrated with applied clinical experience. Students begin their clinical experience at the College's on-site Counseling Center during their second semester, scheduling clients and supervision as their schedules allow. The capstone of the program is a two-semester, 12-credit internship in the second year when students work about 16 hours a week in a counseling agency in the community. Students also complete a master's thesis in their final term of study or an Advanced Clinical Practicum the following academic year.

Program Objectives

Upon completion of the Master of Arts in Professional Counseling Program, candidates will be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the theories and foundations of counseling and human behavior.
2. Verbalize a personal theoretical orientation to counseling.
3. Conduct an initial client assessment.
4. Formulate a treatment plan for brief counseling.
5. Deliver supervised counseling services to individuals and groups and document a minimum of 600 clock hours of supervised clinical experience, including 100 hours of clinical supervision .
6. Model professional ethical practices and adhere to legal requirements for counselors.
7. Demonstrate an awareness of current social issues affecting clients, including substance abuse, crime and violence, homelessness and unemployment, child and elder abuse, and sexual abuse.
8. Demonstrate an awareness of spiritual issues affecting clients, including guilt, forgiveness, and value conflicts.
9. Demonstrate tolerance and respect for differences among people and be able to work with a variety of individuals from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds.
10. Collaborate with community networks and referral resources to establish continuity of care for clients.
11. Demonstrate a knowledge of basic statistical methods and content of the literature on counseling research and conduct library research by writing a comprehensive thesis on a topic related to counseling.
12. Develop and exhibit a professional identity as a counselor.

Admission Requirements

In order for an application to be considered for the Professional Counseling Program, the following materials must be submitted:

1. An application for admission, accompanied by a non-refundable \$50 application fee.
2. Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate coursework showing a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited 4-year college or university, with a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0.
3. An official test score report from the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) documenting a minimum combined score of 1000 (verbal and quantitative) or the Miller Analogy Test (MAT) documenting a scaled score of 400. Test scores must be within the last 5 years.
4. A statement of purpose of two to three pages (double-spaced) showing skills in written communication, articulating interest in counseling as a profession, and demonstrating maturity to work in a counseling setting.
5. A resume documenting education and experience in psychology, mental health, or related fields.
6. A personal interview with the Admissions Committee.
7. A minimum score of 550 on the TOEFL (213 on the computer TOEFL) for applicants from non-English speaking countries.

Master's Thesis

Professional Counseling students register for two thesis courses COUN 690 (2 credits) and COUN 691 (1 credit) in their final summer. A Pass grade for COUN 690 requires that students complete their thesis proposal, documented by a signed form from their thesis committee and the Program Chair. If the proposal or the thesis is not completed at the end of summer semester, students earn an Incomplete in COUN 690 and have until the end of fall semester to complete it and remove the Incomplete. If they complete the entire thesis process, they earn a Pass for COUN 690 and for COUN 691. If they complete their proposal but do not complete the entire thesis

process by the end of fall semester, they earn a Pass for COUN 690 and a No Pass for COUN 691 and must reregister for COUN 691 for 1 credit at the current tuition rate spring semester and every additional semester until the thesis is completed. If they do not complete their proposal by the end of fall semester, they earn a No Pass for COUN 690 and for COUN 691 and must reregister for both courses (3 credits total) at the current tuition rate spring semester and every additional term until the thesis is completed. (Once they complete their proposal, they earn a Pass for COUN 690, but must continue to register for COUN 691 for 1 credit each term until the thesis is completed.)

Any No Pass grades for thesis remain on the transcript.

Students who have an outstanding balance with the College may not register for credits. Such students who have not completed their thesis in the time allotted therefore cannot register for the one credit of Master's Thesis that enables them to maintain continuous enrollment in their program. Unless a payment plan is arranged through the Business Office, those students will be administratively dropped from their respective program. To complete their degree, they must then reapply for admission and, upon acceptance, complete the current program requirements.

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING (MA)

Academic Calendar

Requirements for Professional Counseling48

YEAR ONE

Semester 1 7

- COUN 500 Graduate Seminar 1
- COUN 520 Theories of Counseling 2
- COUN 530 Counseling Skills and Procedures 2
- COUN 540 Ethical and Legal Issues in Counseling..... 2

Semester 2 8

- COUN 581 Clinical Practicum I..... 2
- COUN 550 Counseling Strategies and Treatment 2
- COUN 560 Crisis Intervention..... 2
- COUN 510 Developmental Counseling Across the Lifespan . 2
- Professional Issues Forum 0

Session 3 (Summer)..... 8

- COUN 582 Clinical Practicum II 2
- COUN 610 Counseling Research 2
- COUN 580 Counseling Diverse Populations 2
- COUN 590 Social and Spiritual Issues in Counseling 2

YEAR TWO

Semester 4 10

- COUN 660 Developmental Counseling 2
- COUN 570 Group Counseling 2
- COUN 630 Introduction to Family Systems..... 2
- COUN 685 Clinical Internship..... 4

Semester 5 8

- COUN 620 Substance Abuse Issues 2
- COUN 650 Individual Appraisal..... 2
- COUN 685 Clinical Internship..... 4

Session 6 (Summer)..... 7

- COUN 685 Clinical Internship..... 4
- COUN 690 Master's Thesis 3

OR

Session 6 (Fall)..... 3

- COUN 681 Advanced Clinical Practicum..... 3

NOTE: Each semester is 15 weeks with sequential 5-week courses except for Practica and Internship.

SCHOOL COUNSELING (MA)

Program Chair: Ms. Vivian Moen

NCC offers a master of arts degree in school counseling, training students on a faith-oriented campus to become successful school counselors in K-12 public or private schools. The program is accredited by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) in conjunction with the Oregon Educational Act for the 21st Century. Together with a Christian frame of reference and Christian faculty, this program provides students with a solid foundation of counseling skills and theories to promote the academic, social, and emotional development of children based on current research. Building upon that base, students learn to develop a comprehensive school counseling program and a professional identity as a school counselor that reflects their values of the welfare of children, quality of academic performance, and safety in schools.

Additionally, students individualize their own program through choices of topics on papers and presentations in their required coursework and through choice of authorization level (early childhood/elementary or middle level/high school) and internship site.

Program Objectives

Upon completion of the Master of Arts in School Counseling Program, candidates will be able to:

1. Develop and implement plans that promote social and emotional development.
2. Establish programs appropriate for group, individual, and family counseling.
3. Demonstrate interpersonal communication skills, working with others, and communicating with community members.
4. Practice and promote group process, crisis resolution, anger management, and violence prevention.
5. Demonstrate ethical standards and knowledge of legal frameworks unique to counseling.
6. Collaborate with social service agencies providing services to students and families.
7. Support school-to-work transition and career planning.
8. Assist with curriculum coordination as it relates to guidance activities.
9. Understand student assessment as it relates to academic, career counseling, and personal/social development.
10. Assist with goal setting, learning skills, and the development of self-directed learners.
11. Support and develop plans that respect difference and promote communication among diverse groups.
12. Collaborate with school staff, families, and community members to meet individual student needs.
13. Assist staff to understand the needs of all students.
14. Demonstrate effective counseling techniques for individuals and small groups.

Admission Requirements

In order for an application to be considered for the School Counseling Program, the following materials must be submitted:

1. An application for admission, accompanied by a non-refundable \$50 application fee.
2. Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate coursework showing a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited four-year college or university, with a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0, including the prerequisite courses listed below.*
3. An official test score report for either the Praxis I-Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) or the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST).
4. A statement of purpose of two to three pages (double-spaced) showing skills in written communication, articulating interest in counseling as a profession, and demonstrating maturity to work in a counseling setting.
5. A resume documenting education and teaching experience and/or alternative experience working with school-age children.**
6. A recommendation from a professional reference, preferably a supervisor in an educational setting or another setting working with children. Two additional letters of recommendation, one professional and one personal.
7. A personal interview with the Admissions Committee.
8. A minimum score of 550 on the TOEFL (213 on the computer TOEFL) for applicants from non-English speaking countries.

*One prerequisite course is required for admission to the program. Students need not have taken this prerequisite at the time of application. However, a student will not be fully admitted until documentation of successful completion of this course is received.

**Admission to Track I requires documentation of 2 years of successful licensure teaching experience. Persons who do not meet the Track I teaching requirement may be admitted as students in Track II, requiring additional prerequisite education courses, 200-hour classroom practicum and 8 additional internship credits.

SCHOOL COUNSELING (MA)

Required Prerequisite Course*:

PSY 320 Human Development or an equivalent upper division course in human development and behavior.

**This courses may be taken concurrently in the first term of coursework.*

Recommended Prerequisite Courses:

1. PSY 380 Theories of Personality
2. PSY 420 Abnormal Psychology
3. MATH 310 Statistics

Academic Calendar

Requirements for School Counseling Track I36

YEAR ONE

***Semester 1* 7**

- SCOUN 500 Graduate Seminar 1 ..
- SCOUN 520 Theories of Counseling 2
- SCOUN 530 Counseling Skills and Procedures 2
- SCOUN 540 Ethical and Legal Issues in Counseling..... 2

***Semester 2* 6**

- SCOUN 505/510 Child & Adolescent Development 2
- SCOUN 560 Crisis Intervention..... 2
- SCOUN 570 Group Counseling 2

***Session 3 (Summer)*..... 6**

- SCOUN 580 Counseling Diverse Populations 2
- SCOUN 590 Social and Spiritual Issues in Counseling 2
- SCOUN 680 Educational Research & Assessment..... 2

YEAR TWO

***Semester 4* 4**

- SCOUN 660/665 Career Development and Counseling 2
- SCOUN 630 Introduction to Family Systems..... 2

***Semester 5* 7**

- SCOUN 620 Substance Abuse Issues 2
- SCOUN 650/655 Individual Appraisal..... 2
- SCOUN 670/675 Academic Intervention..... 2
- SCOUN 685 Collaboration and Leadership Capstone ... 1

***Session 6 (Summer)*..... 6**

- SCOUN 695 School Counseling Internship 6 ..

NOTE: Each semester is 15 weeks with sequential courses except for Internship.

SCHOOL COUNSELING (MA)

Requirements for School Counseling Track I (Licensure Only)30

YEAR ONE

Semester 1	7
SCOUN 500 Graduate Seminar	1 . .
SCOUN 520 Theories of Counseling	2
SCOUN 530 Counseling Skills and Procedures	2
SCOUN 540 Ethical and Legal Issues in Counseling.	2
Semester 2	4
SCOUN 505/510 Child & Adolescent Development	2
SCOUN 570 Group Counseling	2
Session 3 (Summer)	4
SCOUN 590 Social and Spiritual Issues in Counseling	2
SCOUN 680 Educational Research & Assessment.	2

YEAR TWO

Semester 4	2
SCOUN 660/665 Career Development and Counseling	2
Semester 5	7
SCOUN 650/655 Individual Appraisal.	2
SCOUN 620 Substance Abuse Issues	2
SCOUN 670/675 Academic Intervention.	2
SCOUN 685 Collaboration and Leadership Capstone	1
Session 6 (Summer)	6
SCOUN 695 School Counseling Internship	6 . .

NOTE: Each semester is 15 weeks with sequential courses except for Internship.

SCHOOL COUNSELING (MA)

Requirements for School Counseling Track II 48

YEAR ONE

Semester 1 9

SCOUN 500	Graduate Seminar	1
SCOUN 520	Theories of Counseling	2
SCOUN 530	Counseling Skills and Procedures	2
SCOUN 540	Ethical and Legal Issues in Counseling	2
SCOUN 515	Curriculum Instruction & Classroom Mgmt.	2

Semester 2 10

SCOUN 516	Work Sample Support	1
SCOUN 517	Student Teaching Practicum	3
SCOUN 505/510	Child & Adolescent Development	2
SCOUN 560	Crisis Intervention	2
SCOUN 570	Group Counseling	2

Session 3 (Summer) 6

SCOUN 580	Counseling Diverse Populations	2
SCOUN 590	Social and Spiritual Issues in Counseling	2
SCOUN 680	Educational Research & Assessment	2

YEAR TWO

Semester 4 4

SCOUN 660/665	Career Development and Counseling	2
SCOUN 630	Introduction to Family Systems	2

Semester 5 7

SCOUN 620	Substance Abuse Issues	2
SCOUN 650/655	Individual Appraisal	2
SCOUN 670/675	Academic Intervention	2
SCOUN 685	Collaboration and Leadership Capstone	1

Session 6 (Summer) 12

SCOUN 695	School Counseling Internship	12
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NOTE: Each semester is 15 weeks with sequential courses except for Student Teaching Practicum and Internship.

SCHOOL COUNSELING (MA)

Requirements for School Counseling Track II (Licensure Only)

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YEAR ONE

Semester 1 9

SCOUN 500	Graduate Seminar	1
SCOUN 520	Theories of Counseling	2
SCOUN 530	Counseling Skills and Procedures	2
SCOUN 540	Ethical and Legal Issues in Counseling	2
SCOUN 515	Curriculum Instruction & Classroom Mgmt.	2

Semester 2 6

SCOUN 516	Work Sample Support	1
SCOUN 517	Student Teaching Practicum	3
SCOUN 505/510	Child & Adolescent Development	2

Session 3 (Summer) 4

SCOUN 590	Social and Spiritual Issues in Counseling	2
SCOUN 680	Educational Research & Assessment	2

YEAR TWO

Semester 4 2

SCOUN 660/665	Career Development and Counseling	2
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Semester 5 7

SCOUN 620	Substance Abuse Issues	2
SCOUN 650/655	Individual Appraisal	2
SCOUN 670/675	Academic Intervention	2
SCOUN 685	Collaboration and Leadership Capstone	1

Session 6 (Summer) 12

SCOUN 695	School Counseling Internship	12
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NOTE: Each semester is 15 weeks with sequential courses except for Student Teaching Practicum and Internship.

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)

Program Chair: Dr. Michael Kennedy

The purpose of the Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program is to assist students in the study and integration of business administration theory and practice in an organization. This study and integration is done within the context of Christian ethics and values. The 24-month, evening course program is designed for working adults at the entry to mid-level of management who want to expand their knowledge, skills, and abilities in business to complement their working experiences and to expand their career opportunities.

The program is primarily oriented towards people with an undergraduate degree in either management or business administration. However, it is designed so that, with appropriate prerequisites, a student with an undergraduate degree in another discipline should be able to complete the program successfully.

The 36-credit curriculum consists of a one-credit graduate seminar, 16 two-credit courses, plus a three-credit thesis. Courses are offered in a business administration core, supporting management coursework, Christian foundations, and capstone coursework. The business administration core includes management theory and practice, management information systems, quantitative methods, marketing management, financial management, financial accounting, managerial economics, communication in organizations, and entrepreneurship. Supporting studies include group dynamics in organizations, management of human resources, global management, and operations and service management. The Christian foundations courses include Christian ethics in business and Christian leadership and service. In general, the courses use a case-based, team-oriented approach to learning.

In addition to the business administration core and supporting coursework, students complete two capstone requirements—a strategic management course and a research-oriented thesis.

Program Objectives

The MBA Program seeks to achieve the following objectives:

1. Students will acquire a comprehensive knowledge of the core principles and concepts of business administration in the following functional areas: general management theory and practice, management information systems, quantitative methods, marketing, finance, entrepreneurship, accounting, economics, and organizational communications.
2. Students will acquire knowledge and skills in the supporting management studies of group dynamics, human resource management, global management and marketing, and operations and service management.
3. Students will acquire knowledge and an understanding of Christian ethics in management as well as the role of Christian leadership and service.
4. Students will integrate all aspects of their learning, understanding, knowledge, and skills concerning business in a capstone series including strategic management and a comprehensive research-oriented thesis.
5. Students will become acquainted with the current trends in management, the leading sources of business information, current publications, and other available resources, both in text and on the Internet.
6. Students will develop an understanding of ethical issues in business administration and management and will bring the Christian faith and values to bear on business processes.

Admission Requirements

In order for an application to be considered for the MBA Program, the following materials must be submitted:

1. An application for admission, accompanied by a non-refundable \$50 application fee.
2. Official transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate coursework showing a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited four-year college or university, with a minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.0, including the prerequisite courses: Statistics and Business Law.*
3. An official test score report from the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) documenting a minimum combined score of 1000 (verbal and quantitative), the GMAT documenting minimum score of 500, or the Miller Analogy Test (MAT) documenting a raw score of 50. Test scores must be within the last 5 years.
4. A 500-word essay (double-spaced) showing skills in written communication, addressing how an MBA relates to personal and professional goals.
5. A resume detailing business/management experience.
6. A personal interview with the Admissions Committee.
7. A minimum score of 550 on the TOEFL (213 on the computer TOEFL) for applicants from non-English speaking countries.

Master's Thesis

MBA students register for two thesis courses, BUS 690 in Semester 4 and BUS 691 in their final summer. A Pass grade for BUS 690 requires that students complete their thesis proposal, documented by a signed form from their thesis committee and the Program Chair. If the proposal is not completed at the end of BUS 690, students earn an Incomplete in BUS 690 and have 30 days from the end of the course to complete it and remove the Incomplete. If they complete their proposal, a Pass grade in BUS 690, but do not complete their entire thesis process by the end of the summer term, they receive an Incomplete in BUS 691 and have until the end of fall term to complete

their thesis. If they do not complete their thesis by the end of fall term, they must reregister for BUS 691 for 1 credit at the current tuition rate spring semester and every additional semester until the thesis is completed. Students who receive an Incomplete grade in BUS 690 and do not complete the proposal to remove the Incomplete receive a No Pass grade for BUS 690 and must reregister for BUS 690 and BUS 691 in the summer. (Once they complete their proposal, they earn a Pass grade for BUS 690).

Any No Pass grades for thesis remain on the transcript.

Students who have an outstanding balance with the College may not register for credits. Such students who have not completed their thesis in the time allotted therefore cannot register for the one credit Master's Thesis that enables them to maintain continuous enrollment in their program. Unless a payment plan is arranged through the Business Office, those students will be administratively dropped from their respective program. To complete their degree, they must then reapply for admission and, upon acceptance, complete the current program requirements.

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)

Required Prerequisite Courses:

1. Statistics**
2. Business Law**

** NCC offers non-credit seminars in these subject areas that may be used to fulfill prerequisite course requirements. Contact the Department of Business and Management for specific dates for each seminar.

Recommended Prerequisite Courses:

1. Management
2. Marketing
3. Finance
4. Economics
5. Accounting

Academic Calendar

Requirements for MBA36

YEAR ONE

Semester 1 7

BUS 500	Graduate Seminar	1
BUS 510	Management Theory and Practice	2
BUS 530	Marketing Management	2
BUS 515	Group Dynamics in Organizations	2

Semester 2 6

BUS 580	Quantitative Methods	2
BUS 570	Christian Ethics in Business	2
COMM 580	Communication in Organizations	2

Session 3 (Summer)..... 6

BUS 560	Management Information Systems	2
ECON 555	Managerial Economics	2
BUS 615	Management of Human Resources	2

YEAR TWO

Semester 4 6

BUS 619	Global Management	2
BUS 610	Operations and Service Management	2
BUS 690	Thesis	2

Semester 5 6

ACTG 543	Managerial Accounting	2
BUS 550	Financial Management	2
BUS 675	Christian Leadership and Service	2

Session 6 (Summer)..... 5

BUS 507	Entrepreneurship	2
BUS 699	Strategic Management	2
BUS 691	Thesis	1

NOTE: Each semester is 15 weeks with sequential courses.

GRADUATE PROGRAM COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ACCOUNTING

ACTG 543 Managerial Accounting (2) This course examines the development, presentation, and interpretation of cost information for management decision making, budgeting, and control. Emphasis is placed on understanding financial reports that are the final product of the system--what they do and do not tell stakeholders about the business. Accounting principles, conventions, and concepts underlying financial reporting are examined with the objective of developing the ability to read, comprehend, and perform a basic analysis of financial statements.

BUSINESS

BUS 500 Graduate Seminar (1) This course is an introduction to graduate study in business administration. It orients students to the MBA Program and provides them with the skills, knowledge, and understanding necessary to write graduate-level papers. The writing instruction focuses on APA manuscript style and methods for strengthening academic writing. Because good writing reflects clear, logical, and critical thinking, this course is aimed at developing students' ability to frame an idea in a clear, succinct fashion and integrate support for that idea with current research literature. Development of effective time management, good self-care, and spiritual growth throughout graduate study and a career in business administration will be emphasized.

BUS 510 Management Theory and Practice (2) This course provides an introduction to the program as well as research methods in management. It explores the connections between the theory and practice of management in the planning, organizing, leading, and controlling functions of management.

BUS 507 Entrepreneurship (2) This course provides the opportunity for exposure and in-depth examination of the topic of entrepreneurship. The number of small business start-ups continues to grow. This course allows students to consider the requirements for a start-up and to evaluate the various types of business start-ups available.

BUS 515 Group Dynamics in Organizations (2) This course examines the knowledge, attitudes, and behavior of individuals and groups within organizations. The ramifications of behavior patterns and their influence on organizational success will also be explored. The relationship of group dynamics to management of teams will be emphasized in this course.

BUS 530 Marketing Management (2) This course examines marketing principles and practices for promoting and managing an organization. Topics include consumer behavior, market analysis, supply and demand, and the strategic role of marketing.

BUS 550 Financial Management (2) Examines the role and use of financial support systems to maximize organizational value and effectiveness. Budgeting concerns, as well as planning and control systems, will be explored, along with analysis of financial ratios and financial statements.

BUS 560 Management Information Systems (2) Emphasis in this course is on the managerial aspects of information systems and technology. The use of information systems for business operations, managerial decision making, and strategic advantage will be examined. In addition, global and ethical issues will be explored.

BUS 570 Christian Ethics in Business (2) This course explores the role of ethics and ethical behavior in organizations. Special emphasis is placed on Christian values and ethics and the part they play in guiding managers and leaders in everyday matters.

BUS 580 Quantitative Methods (2) This course focuses on the quantitative tools that managers need in order to facilitate decision making. These include decision analysis, linear programming, transportation methods, network models, waiting line models, and simulation.

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BUS 610 Operations and Service Management (2) Operational aspects of both manufacturing and service organizations will be explored in this course. Issues to be examined include strategy, production processes, technology, capacity planning, facility location and layout, production planning systems, and quality management. Specific quantitative tools will also be examined, including quality control, forecasting, inventory methods, and project management.

BUS 615 Management of Human Resources (2) The policies and practices related to managing people in organizations will be examined in this course. Special emphasis will be placed on planning, staffing, development, compensation, and evaluation of these practices.

BUS 619 Global Management (2) This course explores issues dealing with managing organizations in a global context. Special topics to be examined include the economic, legal-political, and sociocultural environments as well as ethical issues.

BUS 675 Christian Leadership and Service (2) This course focuses on leadership and service from a Christian perspective. Particular emphasis is placed on examining various leadership styles and their effectiveness and application in an organizational environment.

BUS 690/691 Thesis (3) The thesis is an in-depth, research-oriented activity that allows a student to explore an area of interest. Students are expected to integrate aspects of their coursework into this thesis and to demonstrate their ability to conduct library research on a chosen topic and to produce a paper commensurate with graduate level study. This work is completed in students' final term of study and presented to a committee of faculty for review in an open forum for all faculty and students.

BUS 699 Strategic Management (2) This course will effectively be the capstone course of the program. It will integrate all management-related aspects of an organization. Specifically, it will focus on the strategic and long-range issues managers must deal with in order to achieve competitive advantage.

COMMUNICATION

COMM 580 Communication in Organizations (2) This course focuses on how people communicate within and between organizations. Special emphasis will be placed on proficient listening, framing ideas clearly, and conflict resolution. Managers spend more time listening than in any other business activity. Influencing others to accept the communicator's intended meaning over other competing possibilities is a significant skill for business leaders.

COUNSELING

COUN 500 Graduate Seminar (1) This course is an introduction to graduate study in the field of counseling. It orients students to the Counseling Program and provides them with the skills, knowledge, and understanding necessary to write graduate-level papers. The writing instruction focuses on APA manuscript style and methods for strengthening academic writing. Because good writing reflects clear, logical, and critical thinking, this course is aimed at developing students' ability to frame an idea in a clear, succinct fashion and integrate support for that idea with current research literature. Development of effective time management, good self-care, and spiritual growth throughout graduate study and a career in counseling is emphasized.

COUN 510 Developmental Counseling Across the Lifespan (2) This course focuses on counseling intervention strategies from the perspective of lifespan development. It emphasizes preventive techniques useful in counseling normally developing persons from childhood through old age. Research regarding factors affecting development, such as divorce, daycare, exposure to violence, identity formation, retirement, and other transitions are explored.

COUN 520 Theories of Counseling (2) This course introduces students to theories of counseling from a historical-chronological perspective. Specific orientations include psychoanalytic, Adlerian, person-centered, humanistic-existential, and a variety of cognitive-behavioral approaches to counseling. As students are exposed to these models, they are encouraged to incorporate their faith and their values about the human change process with these theories in order to begin to define their own theoretical orientation to counseling.

COUN 530 Counseling Skills and Procedures (2) Students' preparation for practica experience begins with this course. Students learn the basic microskills of counseling, including attending behavior, listening and structuring skills, and reflecting skills, and practice those skills in simulated counseling sessions built around role-plays. Students integrate knowledge from the Theories of Counseling course and develop a personal theory of counseling and a conception of how the skills fit into that model.

COUN 540 Ethical and Legal Issues in Counseling (2) This course is designed to expose students to the myriad of ethical issues that surface in counseling settings as well as legal requirements of counselors. Topics include privacy and confidentiality, duty to warn, abuse reporting procedures, licensure and certification, school law, boundaries in therapeutic relationships, and counselor health and welfare.

COUN 550 Counseling Strategies and Treatment (2) In this course students gain greater familiarity with the DSM-IV as a diagnostic guide in assessing psychopathology with the goal of planning treatment as well as making the decision to know when to refer clients. Strategies for treatment based on different theoretical perspectives are presented, including psychopharmacologic treatments. Students are introduced to intake interviewing and mental status exams. They learn to diagnose common forms of mental disorders and to write a treatment plan. (Prerequisite: PSY 420 Abnormal Psychology or equivalent psychopathology course.)

COUN 560 Crisis Intervention (2) This course is intended to enable students to identify and diffuse crisis situations to minimize the possibility of clients doing harm to themselves or others. Students learn to identify suicidal ideation and intent and assess levels of potential violence in both face-to-face approaches and via telephone contact. Students learn about professional and community resources available to deal with various levels of crisis and gain an understanding about when and how to refer individuals to those resources. An introduction to critical incidence debriefing is also included in this course.

COUN 570 Group Counseling (2) This course is intended to introduce students to the ethics of group counseling, the dynamics of group process, and a variety of techniques for working with specific groups. Students practice facilitating groups in simulated sessions and gain an awareness of their own personal process in a group setting as they take part as members in those simulated group sessions. In and of itself, it is not intended to equip students to conduct counseling groups independently.

COUN 580 Counseling Diverse Populations (2) In this course, students investigate attitudes and perspectives regarding gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, and other cultural differences. Particular emphasis will be placed upon biblical, historical, and cultural perspectives and the impact current views have on the counseling relationship. Students will be encouraged to expand their points of view of diverse populations leading toward an acceptance of all persons.

COUN 581, 582 Clinical Practicum I and II (2, 2) Clinical practica experiences involve students as counselors-in-training working under close supervision of faculty supervisors. Students begin their practicum experience by seeing one to two clients from the community weekly in the program's on-site training clinic. As students demonstrate satisfactory clinical skills, they are assigned additional clients, reaching an average of three to four clients per week. Students must accrue 100 clock hours on-site in the training clinic and document a minimum of 50 client contact hours over the two terms. In addition to seeing clients and completing the necessary paperwork, students meet with their faculty supervisor 1 hour per week and in group supervision 1-1/2 hours per week. In supervision sessions, students learn to conceptualize individual cases, to consider ethical and legal implications, and to apply their foundational coursework. Students must complete two terms of practica (4 credits) prior to internship. (Prerequisites: COUN 520 Theories of Counseling; COUN 530 Counseling Skills and Procedures; COUN 540 Ethical and Legal Issues in Counseling.)

COUN 583 Clinical Practicum III (1-2) [elective] This practicum is available for students who desire to gain additional clinical experience and apply more direct client contact hours toward licensure. (Prerequisites: COUN 582 Clinical Practicum II.)

COUN 590 Social and Spiritual Issues in Counseling (2) This course allows students to investigate current social problems, such as crime and violence, homelessness and unemployment, child abuse, and sexual abuse, to broaden their cultural awareness and assist them in working with individuals and families who are coping with these kinds of issues. The challenge of dealing with spiritual issues, such as guilt, forgiveness, and value conflicts, which often arise in counseling, will be emphasized.

COUN 600 Childhood and Adolescent Mental Health (2) This course explores the etiology, symptoms, and appropriate intervention strategies for disorders of childhood and adolescence. Emphasis will be placed on methods of prevention and intervention by school counselors for school-age children at risk for maladaptive social or emotional adjustment, including anger management and prevention of violence.

COUN 610 Counseling Research (2) In this course students learn to be critical consumers of counseling research. Introductory statistical concepts, such as measures of central tendency and variability, standard scores, and hypothesis testing are reviewed. Students are introduced to basic research methodology as well as to current outcome studies. They gain familiarity with research journals in the fields of counseling and psychology and learn to conduct a literature search and compile a bibliography using APA style in preparation for writing a master's thesis.

COUN 620 Substance Abuse Issues (2) This course is designed to introduce students to issues associated with the use and abuse of drugs and alcohol. Students learn to recognize the abuse or potential abuse of substances, how to screen for the level of abuse, and where and how to refer for treatment. While it is not the intended purpose of the course to equip students for substance abuse counseling, information is presented to expose students to the impact of substance abuse on physiology, the therapeutic relationship, interpersonal relationships, functioning in work and school settings, and counseling outcome.

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COUN 650 Individual Appraisal (2) This course is an introduction to the principles of assessment, including reliability and validity of instruments, selection, administration, scoring, and interpretation of selected tests, and the ethics of the use of those instruments, especially with special populations. Types of tests explored include intelligence and general ability tests, achievement and aptitude tests, career and interest inventories, and personality measurements.

COUN 660 Career Development and Counseling (2) This course is designed to investigate the concept of career as a process that continues throughout the lifespan. Students investigate their own career paths and learn theories of career development as well as strategies and information resources to facilitate career decisions. Related topics such as career exploration with children, career and academic advising, gender roles, women and minorities in the workplace, dual career families, mid-life career changes, and retirement issues are explored.

COUN 670 Academic Intervention (2) In this course, students learn to advocate on behalf of children with special academic needs. The focus of the course is how school counselors participate in developing educational programs that enhance all students' learning. Topics covered include learning disabilities, mental retardation, giftedness, and visual, hearing, and orthopedic difficulties.

COUN 675 Educational Research and Assessment (2) This course presents basic methods of quantitative and qualitative research and program evaluation. It prepares students to be critical consumers of educational research. They learn to conduct research in an educational setting and how to assist school staff in evaluating educational programs.

COUN 680 Collaboration and Leadership Capstone (2) The School Counseling Program culminates with a course that integrates previous coursework, educational research, and internship experience into a comprehensive view of school counseling as a profession. Students examine the roles of school counselors as they relate to teachers, administrators, families, and community resources. The focus is on school counselors' roles as collaborators in the school, the district, and beyond. In this course, students develop a comprehensive plan for a successful school counseling program that promotes the welfare of children, improves academic performance, and creates safe schools.

COUN 681 Advanced Clinical Practicum (3) This practicum is intended to give students an in-depth clinical experience in their final term of study. Students see an average of 4-6 clients at the NCC Counseling Clinic under both individual and group supervision of program faculty. Students enhance their clinical skills in treatment planning, case conceptualization, and intake assessment. The course culminates in a Clinical Project in which each student writes a comprehensive paper detailing his or her theoretical orientation and views on the nature of therapeutic change, a case presentation reflecting the application of that orientation, and a 3-year plan outlining professional growth. In addition, each student presents a clinical case using videotape to program faculty and interested graduate counseling students. Students may elect to take this course in lieu of completing a master's thesis. It is completed in fall semester. (Prerequisites: COUN 685 Clinical Internship and all required coursework.)

COUN 682 Group Counseling Practicum (2) [elective] In this practicum, students apply their knowledge from previous coursework in group counseling. Students co-facilitate psychoeducational or counseling groups in the training clinic under faculty supervision. Due to the limited number of groups that may be available, this course will be limited in size. (Prerequisites: COUN 570 Group Counseling; COUN 581 Clinical Practicum I; COUN 582 Clinical Practicum II.)

COUN 685 Clinical Internship (12) Internship is the capstone of the students' training in becoming counselors. It is the experience in which the previous coursework and practica are applied in the real world of professional counseling. Students generally begin their internship in the fall semester of their second year in the program. They apply for placement at a chosen site in the community during the spring of their first year. Students spend an average of 16 hours per week over the course of their second year at their internship site. They must accrue a minimum of 500 clock hours on-site, with a minimum of 150 direct client-contact hours during that time. Students are supervised by an approved on-site supervisor, receiving 1 hour per week of individual supervision and 1 hour per week of group supervision. In the case of there being only one intern at a given site, the student receives 1-1/2 hours of individual supervision per week. Students meet with their faculty advisor once each semester during internship. (Prerequisites: COUN 581 Clinical Practicum I; COUN 582 Clinical Practicum II.)

COUN 690 Master's Thesis (3) Students' programs culminate with the writing of a comprehensive research paper on a topic related to the field of counseling, chosen in conjunction with a committee of faculty members whom they select to supervise the project. Their choice of topic reflects an area of clinical interest or work with a specific population or issue. Students are expected to integrate aspects of their coursework and clinical application into this project and to demonstrate their ability to conduct library research on a chosen topic and to produce a paper commensurate with graduate level study. This work is completed in students' final semester of study and presented to a committee of faculty for review in an open forum for all faculty and students.

COUN 695 School Counseling Internship (Track I--4 credits; Track II--12 credits) Students apply knowledge and skills gained from previous coursework in an educational setting. Students work under supervision of a school counselor, with assistance from a faculty supervisor. They also prepare a professional portfolio that reflects their graduate experiences. Students begin their internship during fall semester of their 2nd year of study and continue into the spring semester. Students in Track I must document a minimum of 200 clock hours, averaging about 7 hours per week, during their internship. Students in Track II must document a minimum of 600 clock hours, averaging about 20 hours per week, during their internship. Faculty supervisors visit students at their assigned school at least twice during each semester. (Prerequisites: Required undergraduate education courses; 200-hour classroom practicum.)

COUNSELING SEMINARS

Professional Issues Forum [Professional Counseling Program] (noncredit required seminar) This required non-credit seminar allows students the opportunity to explore the many questions that surface in their counselor training. The course is also intended to be an opportunity to build cohesion within the student cohort by offering an informal forum to discuss common professional issues, receive feedback from others, meet professionals in the community, and relate to faculty outside a structured classroom setting. Issues such as professional appearance, continued education and supervision, licensure procedures, and career opportunities are possible topics for discussion. Students will be introduced to the process of writing a master's thesis and begin to formulate a direction and plan for their own thesis research.

ECONOMICS

ECON 555 Managerial Economics (2) Economic practices and policies as they relate to managing an organization are explored in this course. The impact of both macro- and microeconomics on the functioning of an organization, especially in a global context, will be examined.

SCHOOL COUNSELING

SCOUN 500 Graduate Seminar (1) This course is an introduction to graduate study in the field of counseling. It orients students to the Counseling Program and provides them with the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to write graduate-level papers. The writing instruction focuses on APA manuscript style and methods for strengthening academic writing. Because good writing reflects clear, logical, and critical thinking, this course is aimed at developing students' ability to frame an idea in a clear, succinct fashion and integrate support for that idea with current research literature. Development of effective time management, good self-care, and spiritual growth throughout graduate study and a career in counseling will be emphasized.

SCOUN 505/510 Child and Adolescent Development and Mental Health (2) This course examines physical, social, and cognitive development of infants, elementary school-age children, middle school-age children and adolescents, with special consideration of spiritual and moral development. Development from early childhood through adolescence as it relates to adjustment in an educational setting is emphasized, as is an emphasis on children with physiological, intellectual, and social risk factors. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills and techniques for counseling children in schools. Students will also look in-depth at mental health disorders that are common in schools and will explore how best to serve these students.

SCOUN 515 Curriculum Instruction and Classroom Management (2) The focus of this course will be an examination of curriculum development, instructional strategies and classroom management strategies for those students in Track II of the School Counseling Program. Students will learn and practice a variety of strategies for curriculum development for large and small groups that will culminate in the production of the state required work sample or unit of study. Frequently school counselors will organize school-wide programs, present individual classroom lessons, or other presentations as needed in the school setting. This course is designed to provide an opportunity for School Counseling students to study techniques in classroom management, classroom or large group transitions, learning environments, cooperative learning and assessment. In addition, school counselors work closely with administration and teachers which requires application of collaboration skills, mediation, and cooperation.

SCOUN 516 Work Sample Support (1) The focus of this course is to provide technical and instructional assistance to school counselors at the K-12 level as they develop individual work samples based upon Student Teaching Practicum placements. Each student will use the information from 515 to design and prepare the required series of lessons in preparation for Student Teaching. The students select topics aligned with the Guidance and Counseling Framework and state standards.

SCOUN 517 Student Teaching Practicum (3) The classroom practicum is an abbreviated student teaching experience offered during the second semester of the program. This supervised practicum consists of a minimum of 200 clock hours in a regular classroom in an accredited school. The experience consists of 75 clock hours of full responsibility for directing learning with a work sample illustrating the ability to foster student learning.

SCOUN 520 Theories of Counseling (2) This course introduces students to theories of counseling from a historical-chronological perspective. Specific orientations include psychoanalytic, Adlerian, person-centered, humanistic-existential, and a variety of cognitive-behavioral approaches to counseling. As students are exposed to these models, they are encouraged to incorporate their own values about the human change process and their faith with these theories in order to begin to define their own theoretical orientation to counseling.

SCOUN 530 Counseling Skills and Procedures (2) Students' preparation for practica experience begins with this course. Students learn the basic microskills of counseling, including attending behavior, listening and structuring skills, and reflecting skills, and practice those skills in simulated counseling sessions built around role-plays. Students integrate knowledge from the Theories of Counseling course and develop a personal theory of counseling and a conception of how the skills fit into that model.

SCOUN 540 Ethical and Legal Issues in Counseling (2) This course is designed to expose students to the myriad of ethical issues that surface in counseling settings as well as legal requirements of counselors. Topics include privacy and confidentiality, duty to warn, abuse reporting procedures, licensure and certification, marketing, boundaries in therapeutic relationships, and counselor health and welfare.

SCOUN 560 Crisis Intervention (2) This course is intended to enable students to identify and diffuse crisis situations to minimize the possibility of clients doing harm to themselves or others. Students learn to identify suicidal ideation and intent and assess levels of potential violence in both face-to-face approaches and via telephone contact. Students learn about professional and community resources available to deal with various levels of crisis and gain an understanding about when and how to refer individuals to those resources. An introduction to critical incidence debriefing is also included in this course.

SCOUN 570 Group Counseling (2) This course is intended to introduce students to the ethics of group counseling, the dynamics of group process, and a variety of techniques for working with specific groups. Students practice facilitating groups in simulated sessions and gain an awareness of their own personal process in a group setting as they take part as members in those simulated group sessions. In and of itself, it is not intended to equip students to conduct counseling groups independently.

SCOUN 580 Counseling Diverse Populations (2) In this course, students investigate attitudes and perspectives regarding gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, age, and other cultural differences. Particular emphasis will be placed upon biblical, historical, and cultural perspectives and the impact current views have on the counseling relationship. Students will be encouraged to expand their points of view of diverse populations leading toward successful therapeutic relationships and an acceptance of all persons.

SCOUN 590 Social and Spiritual Issues in Counseling (2) This course allows students to investigate current social problems, such as crime and violence, homelessness and unemployment, child abuse, and sexual abuse, to broaden their cultural awareness and assist them in working with individuals and families who are coping with these kinds of issues. The challenge of dealing with spiritual issues, such as guilt, forgiveness, and value conflicts, which often arise in counseling, will be emphasized.

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SCOUN 655 Individual Appraisal M.S./H.S. (2) The course is an introduction to the principles of assessment, statistical and measurement concepts including reliability and validity of instruments, process and procedures of testing and principles of communicating test results. Types of tests explored include intelligence and general ability tests, achievement and aptitude tests, behavior checklists and the ethics of the use of these instruments especially with special populations. Major emphasis will be placed on the understanding and management of the required state testing for middle and high school students. Counselors will be required to participate with other educators in review, response, and to communicate results within the school and community. Management systems for tracking student achievement will be reviewed. Knowledge of the testing cycle and reporting will be explored.

SCOUN 660/665 Career Development and Counseling ELE/ECE & M.S./H.S. (2) This course is designed to investigate the concept of career by providing an overview of the career development field and the practice of career guidance in elementary and secondary school settings. Students learn theories of career development relevant to children and adolescents, as well as strategies, information, and resources to assist with career decisions (assessment tools, technology, and labor market information). Students will investigate the concept of career as a process that continues throughout the lifespan.

SCOUN 670/675 Academic Intervention (2) This course is designed to assist school counselors with the skills, information and research necessary to advocate on behalf of adolescents with special academic needs. The focus of the course is how counselors participate in developing elementary, middle school or high school educational programs that enhance all students' learning. Topics covered include learning disabilities, emotional/behavioral disorders, mental retardation, giftedness, and visual, hearing, issues that interfere with academic success such as depression, abuse, and physical difficulties.

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SCOUN 695 School Counseling Internship (Track I—6; Track II—12) Students apply knowledge and skills gained from previous coursework in an educational setting. Students work under supervision of a school counselor, with assistance from a faculty supervisor. They also prepare a professional portfolio that reflects their graduate experiences. Students begin their internship during fall term of their second year of study and continue into the spring semester. Students in Track I must document a minimum of 200 clock hours, averaging about 7 hours per week, during their internship. Students in Track II must document a minimum of 600 clock hours, averaging about 20 hours per week, during their internship. Faculty supervisors visit students at their assigned school at least twice during each semester.

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