

## Educational Goals and Objectives for Master of Arts in Counseling Degree Mental Health Program 02/01/06

Mission Statements	Program Intended Educational Outcomes	Means of Program Assessment		Use of Results
<p><u>College Mission Statement:</u> Lancaster Bible College exists for the purpose of educating Christian men and women to live according to a Biblical worldview and to serve through professional Christian ministries.</p> <p><u>Departmental Mission Statement:</u> This degree program will provide training that will give entry-level qualifications for mental health counseling opportunities, state licensure and professional certification.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To equip the student with the theoretical orientation that is necessary for assessment of the client's learning, motivation and character development, (a, b).</li> <li>2. To provide educational training to enhance the prospective counselor's clinical skill necessary for individual and group therapy, (a, b, d).</li> <li>3. To create within the student the ability to conduct critical thinking skills to evaluate theory and practice from a Biblical perspective, (b, c).</li> <li>4. To provide an emphasis on application of information and knowledge by means of supervised counseling experiences (a, b).</li> <li>5. To develop the student's knowledge of the foundational elements in counseling theory and research to prepare students for further study, (c, d).</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The students' evaluation by the field supervisors during MH 601/602 Counseling Practicum and Internship will indicate above average development of mental health counseling skills.</li> <li>b. The students' completion of Capstone courses will indicate that students will have developed research capability and ability to diagnose, assess, evaluate, and counsel.</li> <li>c. 80% of surveyed alumni students will indicate within 5 years of graduation—an opportunity to engage in a vocation/ministry in mental health counseling.</li> <li>d. 80% of surveyed alumni within 5 years of their graduation will pass the NCE or state licensure exam.</li> </ol>	<p>A and B – Students are doing above average in field services as indicated by grades received without an exception. Some struggles were noted for minority students and foreign students mainly with technical writing style as observed with Capstone courses. Training in using and finding literature through Library have succeeded.</p> <p>C and D – Survey not completed.</p>	<p>Curriculum modifications will be implemented to give early alert to students with writing difficulty. Mentoring will be established early.</p>