

TENNESSEE VALLEY MINISTRY INSTITUTE



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*Featuring affordable and short-term
certificate and diploma programs in:*

**LIFE COACHING
CHRISTIAN COUNSELING**

*Live and interactive instruction is
offered via the following formats:*

**ONLINE VIDEO
ON-SITE TRAINING**



2024 ACADEMIC CATALOG

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THE SHORT-TERM SOLUTION FOR AN ELITE EDUCATION IN PRACTICAL MINISTRY OFFERING AFFORDABLE CERTIFIED PROGRAMS IN CHRISTIAN COUNSELING AND LIFE COACHING

Greetings in Christ,

I am deeply grateful that you are considering [Tennessee Valley Ministry Institute](#) as an option for your pursuit of a quality and affordable short-term model in Christian education. Consistent with our pursuit of academic excellence, we currently offer certificate and diploma programs in the areas of Christian Counseling and Christian Coaching, along with several other curriculum options in development which are scheduled for release in 2025.

Our programs feature online classes (evening and weekend options) taught via live video, which allows you to interact in real-time with your instructor and fellow students. Our faculty possesses the professional experience and educational credentials to provide you with competent training. In addition to online instruction, we offer a live option in the Summer in cities across the nation.



Tennessee Valley Ministry Institute is unique as it provides a vastly affordable alternative to a university education, along with the ability to fulfill a student's academic and professional goals within the shortest period possible. This is achieved through challenging, rewarding instruction that does not compromise academic quality or integrity. In addition, we are pleased to offer a tuition assistance option, allowing you to complete any program with absolutely no out-of-pocket expense!

A significantly unique component of our programs is that we feature courses that provide intensive training that is generally reserved for an entire undergraduate, or even graduate, level education at a traditional university. This effectively allows our graduates to [enter vocational ministry in as little as one week](#) (and without incurring debt) rather than endure the substantial time commitment and financial investment a typical educational model demands. As a matter of fact, we are so confident in our curricula, that upon completion of the Christian Counseling or Life Coaching diploma program, we are pleased to offer graduates employment opportunities with our sister organization, the [North America Christian Counselors Association](#).

Regardless of which option you select, you'll find the information necessary throughout the following pages to become enrolled as a student. You're also welcome to contact our helpful admissions team with any inquiries. Finally, I am pleased to maintain an "open door" policy for all students in order to assist with challenges or concerns that may exist. If you are a church or non-profit organization interested in hosting our one day Christian Counseling certificate program, then I invite you to reach out directly by calling (931) 266-8483 or sending an email to: TVMI@tennvalley.org.

Thank you again for considering the opportunity to enroll in one of our concise, biblically sound, highly effective, and incredibly affordable certified programs. May God richly bless you as you continue to pursue His direction and calling upon your life.

In His Service,

Lance Flood, Ph.D.

President & CEO

Tennessee Valley Ministries

MISSION & VALUES STATEMENT



MISSION

Tennessee Valley Ministry Institute provides unique educational opportunities that equip adults who have been called into practical ministry areas. This is accomplished by providing superior instruction taught by both academically and professionally qualified leaders within their field of discipline utilizing a program model that is both short-term and affordable.

VALUES

Whether through our academic achievements, spiritual growth, personal development, professional pursuits, or relational interactions, it is the primary goal of the entire faculty, staff, and student body of TVMI to model the core attributes of:

- Excellence
- Discipleship
- Evangelism
- Stewardship
- Integrity

VISION

In humble response to God's direction and provision, Tennessee Valley Ministry Institute seeks to be an innovative leader in providing a Christ-centered education in various fields of practical ministry within an educational setting which is both short-term and cost-effective. Our core purpose shall always remain to provide an academically and biblically sound education, at an affordable cost to students, which will develop servant leaders in their churches and community who are professionally equipped to help meet the spiritual and emotional needs of others.

2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR



The following pages provide information about our [online certificate and diploma programs only](#). If you would like information on the [live version](#) of our basic level Christian Counseling certificate program which is offered during the Summer months in select cities across North America, please refer to page 15. For detailed information, be sure to visit us at: www.tennvalley.org/pccplive.

Each certificate program is offered virtually two times each year, with each student having the option of meeting for a total of three nights during the week at 2-3 hour intervals (Cohort A) **or** for one 8 hour session which is offered on a Saturday (Cohort B.)



Upon completing each program level, students will receive an attractive certificate of completion, embossed with the TVMI seal and suitable for framing, along with a folder which features the school logo emblazoned on the front.

Each program level builds on the previous and are designed to be completed in order. For details on prerequisites, please refer to the Course Descriptions section. As stated, each program has two registration options, as shown below.

There are additional programs currently in the curriculum development stage, and set for release in the Spring of 2025.

STUDENTS HAVE THE OPTION OF MEETING THREE EVENINGS PER WEEK FOR A TOTAL OF 8 HOURS (COHORT A) OR AN 8 HOUR SESSION ON SATURDAY (COHORT B). COURSE TIMES FOR EACH OPTION ARE PROVIDED BELOW.

SUNDAY (Cohort A)	TUESDAY (Cohort A)	THURSDAY (Cohort A)	SATURDAY (Cohort B)
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm CST	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm CST	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm CST	8:00 am - 4:00 pm CST

2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Thursday, March 21	Registration Deadline for Spring Classes
Sunday, March 24	Cohort A Spring Certificate Programs Begin
Saturday, April 6	Cohort B Spring Certificate Programs Begin
Saturday, April 13	Spring Certificate Programs End
Saturday, April 20	Spring Certificate Graduation Packets Mailed
Saturday, May 4	Live Certificate Program Events Begin *
Saturday, August 24	Live Certificate Program Events End
Thursday, September 5	Registration Deadline for Fall Classes
Sunday, September 8	Cohort A Fall Diploma Programs Begin
Saturday, September 14	Cohort B Fall Diploma Programs Begin
Sunday, September 29	Cohort A Fall Certificate Programs Begin
Saturday, October 5	Cohort B Fall Certificate Programs Begin
Saturday, October 12	Fall Certificate Programs End
Saturday, October 19	Fall Certificate Graduation Packets Mailed
Saturday, November 2	Fall Diploma Programs End
Saturday, November 9	Fall Diploma Graduation Packets Mailed

* The Christian Counseling Certificate Program is presented by Dr. Flood in select cities throughout the Summer and follows the **Cohort B** schedule. For registration details, please visit www.tennvalley.org/pccplive. If your church would like information on receiving a contribution for hosting a regional conference, contact Dr. Heather Genz, Associate VP of Tennessee Valley Ministries, at (931) 266-8483 or email: Heather@tennvalley.org.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION



Please note that an application is not required to complete any certificate or diploma program offered through Tennessee Valley Ministry Institute. Students are permitted to register for any program without engaging in a selective admissions process. However, prior to enrollment, each prospective student should agree to possessing the following minimum requirements:

- Be at least 18 years of age at the time of attending classes
- Feel personally called into a ministry involving pastoral care, counseling, and/or coaching
- Affirm our Statement of Faith located online at: www.tennvalley.org/sof.html
- Have already obtained a high school diploma or GED prior to the start of the program, OR
- Be able to read, write, and comprehend at the level of a high school graduate

If you have specific questions concerning the admission and registration process, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our admissions team by submitting an email with your questions to: Admissions@tennvalley.org.

COST OF ATTENDANCE



CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

PROGRAM OF STUDY	PROGRAM DURATION	PROGRAM TUITION
Christian Counseling (In person only)	8 clock hours (1.0 CEU)	\$399 \$199 (50% discount)
Christian Counseling	16 clock hours (2.0 CEU)	\$799 \$399 (50% discount)
Life Coaching	16 clock hours (2.0 CEU)	\$799 \$399 (50% discount)

DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

PROGRAM OF STUDY	PROGRAM DURATION	PROGRAM TUITION
Christian Counseling	64 clock hours (8.0 CEU)	\$3,350 \$1,499 (50% discount + \$200 off)
Life Coaching	64 clock hours (8.0 CEU)	\$3,350 \$1,499 (50% discount + \$200 off)

FINANCIAL POLICIES

- Please be aware that all tuition payments are non-refundable.
- Students may elect a **one-time transfer** to a later course offering at no additional expense.
- Live certificate (8 hours) graduates receive a **\$200 discount** on a transfer to the diploma program. *
- Online certificate (16 hours) graduates receive a **\$400 discount** on a transfer to the diploma program. *
- Churches registering 10 or more members for any program receive an additional **10% group discount**. *
- Tuition assistance and payment plan options are provided on the following page.
- Registration deadline is 72 hours prior to the start of any course or program, live or online.

* Please call (931) 266-8483 or email: Admissions@tennvalley.org to register for any of these options.

TUITION ASSISTANCE



Tennessee Valley Ministry Institute offers an effective fundraiser for all students who are seeking assistance with tuition for any of our course or program offerings. Our **Adopt-A-Number** tuition fundraiser allows you to share your customized card with friends and family and ask for their sponsorship.

As a sponsor, they will select one or more numbers. When doing so, they agree to contribute an amount equal to the number(s) chosen. For example, if they select numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4, the total donation is \$10.00 (\$1.00+\$2.00+\$3.00+\$4.00=\$10.00). Once a number's been claimed, it will be covered with an X.

- Get the first **20** numbers, and over **100%** of the tuition for our 8 hour LIVE Christian Counseling certificate is raised!
- Get the first **28** numbers, and over **100%** of the tuition for either of our 16 hour ONLINE certificates is raised!
- Get all **50** numbers, and nearly **100%** of the tuition for either of our 64 hour (8 week) diploma programs is raised!

Be sure and email: Admissions@tennvalley.org to request your custom card and take advantage of this opportunity today!

PAYMENT PLANS

For those who don't wish to participate in the tuition assistance program, but would like a payment extension, we're pleased to offer an **interest-free installment plan** for each of our diploma programs. (No payment plans are available for certificate programs.) Please be aware that no graduation packets will be awarded until the student's account balance has been paid in full.

DIPLOMA PROGRAM	INSTALLMENT AMOUNTS
Christian Counseling	5 equal installments of \$299 each are to be paid utilizing the following schedule: Upon registering for classes, the first day of classes, and three subsequent payments made in consecutive, bi-weekly intervals. Call 931.266.8483 to register.
Life Coaching	5 equal installments of \$299 each are to be paid utilizing the following schedule: Upon registering for classes, the first day of classes, and three subsequent payments made in consecutive, bi-weekly intervals. Call 931.266.8483 to register.

INSTRUCTIONAL INFORMATION



GRADING POLICY

Each student is graded on a Pass or Fail basis. This is weighted and determined upon the following criteria:

- Class Participation (25% of final grade)
- Discussion Board (25% of final grade)
- Comprehensive Examination (50% of final grade)

The class participation grade is determined by a student's engagement with the instructor and fellow students, as well as clinical skills practice offered in the Christian Counseling and Life Coaching diploma programs. This features students functioning in the roles of counselor, client, and observer. (Executive Leadership students complete a final project focusing on practical applications of concepts learned.) The comprehensive examination is an online, open-book test featuring both true/false and multiple choice questions. Questions are selected from course guide notes and contain Bible questions and those related to the student's major.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Due to the intensive nature of our program, it is imperative students be present and punctual for all online sessions to graduate. If illness (or another emergency) precludes a student from attending a class, then reasonable accommodations can be provided. Generally, make up classes can be taken at another scheduled offering during the academic year. However, no student will be eligible to receive their certificate and/or diploma until all academic requirements have been fulfilled.

TRANSFER POLICY

Due to the intensive format of our courses, we don't accept transfer credit from other institutions. Graduates receive a continuing education unit for completing the live Christian Counseling course, 2 CEU for online certificates and 8 CEU for diploma programs.

PROGRAMS OF STUDY

We currently offer online certificate and diploma programs in the disciplines of Christian Counseling and Christian Coaching. We also offer a live certificate program in Christian Counseling which is offered in various cities throughout the Summer. Detailed course descriptions are located on page 16 of the academic catalog. We're also excited to announce that there are several [new programs](#) in the curriculum development phase which are scheduled to be released in the Spring of 2025!

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS



CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

8 CLOCK HOURS • 1.0 CEU • LIVE VERSION

This is “the original” Christian Counseling program, having been consistently taught at congregations across North America for nearly an entire decade. It features an intensive 8 hour course introducing students to a variety of concepts in counseling and prepares the graduate for an entry level counseling role within a church setting, or simply to advance into our diploma program.

[CCOU 101 - Principles of Christian Counseling I](#)



CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

16 CLOCK HOURS • 2.0 CEU • ONLINE VERSION

This program includes the original 8 hour course, plus an additional 8 hours of training to take you to the next level! It prepares the graduate for an entry level position in counseling ministry at their church, or as a stepping stone into our diploma program!

1) [CCOU 101 - Principles of Christian Counseling I](#)

2) [CCOU 102 - Principles of Christian Counseling II](#)



LIFE COACHING CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

16 CLOCK HOURS • 2.0 CEU • ONLINE VERSION

This sixteen hour program introduces the student to various concepts in this exciting new career opportunity! Graduates will be prepared to enter a variety of roles in coaching ministry, or directly transfer into our Life Coaching diploma program.

1) [LICO 101 - Principles of Life Coaching I](#)

2) [LICO 102 - Principles of Life Coaching II](#)

DIPLOMA PROGRAMS



CHRISTIAN COUNSELING DIPLOMA PROGRAM

64 CLOCK HOURS • 8.0 CEU • ONLINE VERSION

The Christian Counseling diploma program prepares students to meet the needs of a diverse client population with equally diverse issues. Some career opportunities for graduates include a full time role as a counseling pastor, starting a 501(c)3 nonprofit ministry, or even employment with the North America Christian Counselors Association as an certified online counselor.

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| 1) | BIBL 101 - Survey of the Bible | 2) | THEO 101 - Systematic Theology |
| 3) | EVAN 101 - Foundations of Personal Evangelism | 4) | PSYC 101 - General Psychology |
| 5) | PSYC 102 - Developmental Psychology | 6) | CCOU 101 - Principles of Christian Counseling I |
| 7) | CCOU 102 - Principles of Christian Counseling II | 8) | CCOU 103 - Principles of Christian Counseling III |
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LIFE COACHING DIPLOMA PROGRAM

64 CLOCK HOURS • 8.0 CEU • ONLINE VERSION

The Life Coaching diploma program is an intensive study of an exciting vocational ministry opportunity that is rapidly growing in population! The course introduces a variety of client scenarios such as: career coaching, financial coaching, relationship coaching, and much more! Graduates are prepared for careers as certified coaches with the NACCA, or even their own independent practice.

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| 3) | EVAN 101 - Foundations of Personal Evangelism | 4) | PSYC 101 - General Psychology |
| 5) | PSYC 102 - Developmental Psychology | 6) | LICO 101 - Principles of Life Coaching I |
| 7) | LICO 102 - Principles of Life Coaching II | 8) | LICO 103 - Principles of Life Coaching III |
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COMING SOON

We are currently in the curriculum development stage for the following subject matter which is scheduled for release in 2025. Students will be able to select either the certificate or diploma option for each of these new online programs.



CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

ONLINE PROGRAM FEATURES



The features for all online programs have been listed in the comparison chart below. Students will receive one continuing education unit for each 8 hour course successfully accomplished.

Each course contains a total of six units, each with its own subject-related content. All certificate (live or online) and diploma programs possess the same academic requirements for all graduates.

In addition to class lectures and Q&A, other requirements include class participation, discussion boards, skills practice, and a comprehensive, open book, final examination featuring a combination of true/false and multiple choice questions in the areas of Bible and the student's major.

LIVE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM	ONLINE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS	ONLINE DIPLOMA PROGRAMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All lectures / Q&A sessions (8 hrs) Course Guide (Paper copy) 1.0 Continuing Education Unit Attractive Certificate of Completion GRADUATION BONUS: One year of professional membership in the North America Christian Counselors Association 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All lectures / Q&A sessions (16 hrs) Course Guide (PDF format) 2.0 Continuing Education Units Attractive Certificate of Completion GRADUATION BONUS: NACCA membership PLUS a Tennessee Valley Ministry Institute alumni t-shirt (Sizes S-3XL) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All lectures / Q&A sessions (64 hrs) Course Guide (PDF format) 8.0 Continuing Education Units Attractive Diploma GRADUATION BONUS: NACCA membership, Tennessee Valley Ministry Institute t-shirt, PLUS an Amazon Kindle tablet
\$399 \$199 (50% off)	\$799 \$399 (50% off)	\$3,350 \$1,499 (55% off)



Churches, do you have at least ten members interested in completing one of our programs? Send your entire team with our group discount!

Call **931.266.8483** to reserve seats. If you'd like information on how your to receive a generous contribution simply by hosting our live one day program for your region, contact **Dr. Heather Genz** at the number listed above.

COURSE SCHEDULE

SPRING, 2024 ONLINE CLASSES

COURSE DATE(S)	COURSE TITLE	COURSE INSTRUCTOR	COURSE TIMES
March 24, 26, & 28	Principles of Life Coaching I	D. Flood, MA, MS	6p-8p (Su); 6p-9p (Tu & Th)
April 6	Principles of Life Coaching I	D. Flood, MA, MS	8a-4p (Sa)
April 7, 9, & 11	Principles of Life Coaching II	D. Flood, MA, MS	6p-8p (Su); 6p-9p (Tu & Th)
April 13	Principles of Life Coaching II	D. Flood, MA, MS	8a-4p (Sa)
April 14, 16, & 18	Principles of Christian Counseling I	L. Flood, PhD	6p-8p (Su); 6p-9p (Tu & Th)
April 20	Principles of Christian Counseling I	L. Flood, PhD	8a-4p (Sa)
April 21, 23, & 25	Principles of Christian Counseling II	L. Flood, PhD	6p-8p (Su); 6p-9p (Tu & Th)
April 27	Principles of Christian Counseling II	L. Flood, PhD	8a-4p (Sa)

FALL, 2024 ONLINE CLASSES

COURSE DATE(S)	COURSE TITLE	COURSE INSTRUCTOR	COURSE TIMES
September 8, 10, & 12	Survey of the Bible	L. Flood, PhD	6p-8p (Su); 6p-9p (Tu & Th)
September 14	Survey of the Bible	L. Flood, PhD	8a-4p (Sa)
September 15, 17, & 19	Systematic Theology	L. Flood, PhD	6p-8p (Su); 6p-9p (Tu & Th)
September 21	Systematic Theology	L. Flood, PhD	8a-4p (Sa)
September 22, 24, & 26	Foundations of Personal Evangelism	L. Flood, PhD	6p-8p (Su); 6p-9p (Tu & Th)
September 28	Foundations of Personal Evangelism	L. Flood, PhD	8a-4p (Sa)
September 29; Oct 1 & 3	General Psychology	D. Flood, MA, MS	6p-8p (Su); 6p-9p (Tu & Th)
October 5	General Psychology	D. Flood, MA, MS	8a-4p (Sa)
October 6, 8, & 10	Developmental Psychology	D. Flood, MA, MS	6p-8p (Su); 6p-9p (Tu & Th)
October 12	Developmental Psychology	D. Flood, MA, MS	8a-4p (Sa)
October 13, 15, & 17	Principles of Christian Counseling I Principles of Life Coaching I	L. Flood, PhD D. Flood, MA, MS	6p-8p (Su); 6p-9p (Tu & Th)

October 19	Principles of Christian Counseling I Principles of Christian Coaching I	L. Flood, PhD D. Flood, MA, MS	8a-4p (Sa)
October 20, 22, & 24	Principles of Christian Counseling II Principles of Christian Coaching II	L. Flood, PhD D. Flood, MA, MS	6p-8p (Su); 6p-9p (Tu & Th)
October 26	Principles of Christian Counseling II Principles of Christian Coaching II	L. Flood, PhD D. Flood, MA, MS	8a-4p (Sa)
October 27, 29, & 31	Principles of Christian Counseling III Principles of Christian Coaching III	L. Flood, PhD D. Flood, MA, MS	6p-8p (Su); 6p-9p (Tu & Th)
November 2	Principles of Christian Counseling III Principles of Christian Coaching III	L. Flood, PhD D. Flood, MA, MS	8a-4p (Sa)

LIVE PROGRAM FEATURES



In addition to the same lectures/Q&A provided in the online version of this course, the intensive training you receive in our live program also features the following at no additional cost:

- Lunch & Refreshments
- Clinical Skills Practice
- Worship Event Featuring FULL PARDON

If you'd like to receive more information, including a detailed itinerary, please visit: www.tennvalley.org/pccplive.



INTERESTED IN HOSTING OUR LIVE PROGRAM?



Would you like information on how your church can receive a **generous contribution** by hosting Dr. Lance Flood for a one day **regional conference**?

Or perhaps you'd prefer an **on-site training** exclusively for your church staff and volunteers? If so, please contact Dr. Heather Genz at 931.266-8483.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

BIBL 101 **Survey of the Bible**

This course is required for all diploma programs and introduces students to the Holy Bible, equipping them with a sound working understanding of the content, structure, settings, and themes of both Old and New Testaments. It is designed to help students heighten their awareness of the Bible generally, as well as provide insights into the major theological issues it addresses.

CCOU 101 **Principles of Christian Counseling I**

The first course in Christian Counseling features the following six units: Introduction to Christian Counseling, Counseling Models & Techniques, Legal Issues in Counseling, Ethical Considerations in Counseling, and Individual Client Issues and Treatment I & II. In addition, students will begin clinical skills practice, allowing them to serve in the roles of counselor, client, and observer.

CCOU 102 **Principles of Christian Counseling II**

This course will introduce the student to counseling diverse populations and features the each of the following units: Marriage & Family Counseling I & II, Counseling Children & Adolescents, Techniques of Group Counseling, and Foundations of Multicultural Counseling. Students will also continue their clinical skills practice during this phase.

CCOU 103 **Principles of Christian Counseling III**

The advanced portion in Christian counseling introduces helpful information when it comes to beginning and operating a 501(c)3 nonprofit. The units include: Addiction & Recovery Counseling I & II, Clinical Counseling Issues I & II, Integration of Psychology & Theology, and Executive Leadership in Counseling Ministry. Students will conclude their clinical skills training during this course.

EVAN 101 **Foundations of Personal Evangelism**

This course is required of all diploma program students and is designed to equip the student in the basic skills and principles of sharing the gospel one-on-one with another individual through evangelism, prayer, and discipleship. Particular focus is given to an evangelistic method which utilizes the principle of, "law to the proud and grace to the humble."

LICO 101 **Principles of Life Coaching I**

This course will introduce the student to the field of professional life coaching from a Christian worldview, with special attention given to various coaching theories, practice, skills, and an overview of the various specialties found within the field. Students will also learn the importance of self-care practices as a professional life coach.

LICO 102 **Principles of Life Coaching II**

The continuation of this course will further discuss the attributes of professional coaching from a Christian worldview along with client assessment models and an examination of common client issues that the student may encounter as a life coach. Some areas examined include: career coaching, financial coaching, and relationship coaching.

LICO 103 **Principles of Life Coaching III**

During this final course in life coaching, students will focus on clinical skills practice, taking turns in the roles of client, life coach, and observer. Understanding limitations in establishing client goals is addressed, as is the subject of executive leadership within a life coaching ministry, along with practical information on how to begin your own 501(c)3 nonprofit life coaching ministry.

PSYC 101 General Psychology

A systematic survey of the field of psychology, covering important general principles in the topics of psychological development, sensory processes, perception, motivation, emotion, learning, thinking, intelligence, aptitudes, social problems, consciousness, wellness, memory, personality, research methods, as well as a brief overview into the field of abnormal psychology.

PSYC 102 Developmental Psychology

This course is designed to examine theory and research on human development across the lifespan from conception to death. It will emphasize the physical, cognitive, social, emotional, and cultural variables which influence human development. Various theories concerning stages of development will be addressed.

THEO 101 Systematic Theology

This course is an overview of Bible doctrine which has been designed to introduce the student to each of the major areas of systematic theology, and includes the following: prolegomena, bibliology, theology proper, Christology, pneumatology, angelology, satanology, demonology, soteriology, hamartiology, anthropology, ecclesiology, and eschatology.



The above photo features some recent graduates at a church in Detroit, Michigan who successfully completed our live, one day Christian Counseling certificate program. There is no doubt that God will use them in a mighty way to impact both members in their church and throughout their local community. That is what the mission of Tennessee Valley Ministry Institute is all about.

After completing our program, what do you suppose can God do with **YOU**?

GRADUATE TESTIMONIALS



Below are a few testimonials submitted by students who completed our LIVE, one day Christian Counseling Certificate Program.

“I hold a master's degree in the area of counseling and have always been interested in Christian counseling but questioned the validity of any training program that wasn't offered by a regionally accredited college or university. I am extremely pleased with the soundness of this program and highly recommend it to anyone seeking to counsel.” **Gayla Holmes; Norwich, CT**

“I majored in Psychology in college, and was trained as a social worker. I later spent eighteen years working with students. In one day, I learned more practical information than all the other training combined. I was given information in a manner I can utilize in order to help a broad range of clients. I'm so grateful for the opportunity.” **Jane Peterson; Decatur, AL**

“This intensive class is well-equipped class to prepare anyone in this field. Although I hold a Ph.D. in Christian Counseling, I had realized that I learned important new information beneficial to any serious counselor.” **Leonardo Guerrero; Fuquay-Varina, NC**

“The training was very in-depth. I also appreciated the Q&A sessions to help clarify many points. I found the course to be more practical and informational than any of the counseling classes I took in seminary!” **Elbern Latorilla; Toronto, ON**

“As a licensed professional counselor, I found Dr. Flood has a unique ability to convey difficult subject matter in a clear way. His use of humor and personal anecdotes made the time fly by.” **Ronda Thorington; Hartford, CT**

“Incredible program! I loved the biblical references how to effectively provide counseling. I also appreciated the sections on legal and ethical considerations, and the severe consequences that occurs when they're not observed.” **Steven Engstrand, Boston, MA**

“This course was incredibly valuable for me as I serve as a chaplain. It's helpful for anyone inclined to hear people's stories and meet them wherever they are in their growth process. The information is a great tool to have.” **Kim Darnell; Nashville, TN**

“I work as the children's director at our church. This was exactly what I was looking for. I see a multitude of hurts and issues and this gave a much better understanding how to minister to children & families more effectively.” **Melanie Norman; Knoxville, TN**

"So much great information! Wonderful reminder that God's word is powerful, we all need Jesus and we live in a broken world. Perfect balance of biblical truth with the acknowledgment mental illness exists." [Jessica Herman; Bristol, VA](#)

"The course will definitely enhance my counseling skills. I gained an abundance of knowledge relevant in helping me as a pastor who deals with many pressing issues. Dr. Flood's ability in answering questions was superb." [Matthew Thomas; Philadelphia, PA](#)

"This program has reminded me why I want to do this work. The methodology taught is broad and helpful. I am grateful for the knowledge of combining biblical principles with new skills to help others overcome struggles." [Stephanie Johnson; Atlanta, GA](#)

"I can't say enough about this program! Dr. Flood took time to disseminate information in an incredibly relatable way. He also shared personal experiences that had us laughing at times and impacted emotionally at others." [Randy Turner; Chattanooga, TN](#)

"This course provided valuable information and was presented in a way that was easily relatable and understandable. Questions and feedback were both encouraged and welcomed. Dr. Flood helped our entire church staff understand the need for setting boundaries, along with examples how to incorporate the material learned in class. Excellent!" [Donna Puckett; Birmingham, AL](#)

"As a professional therapist, this course was similar to the training I received in grad school, plus so much more. It gave an overview into real situations that occur in practice while maintaining a biblical worldview." [Cassandra Thomas; Escondido, CA](#)

"I thoroughly enjoyed the training we received and found the content presented with extreme clarity, despite the rather intense level of difficulty and the challenging nature of the information. I highly recommend!" [LaTisha Jones; Atlanta, GA](#)

"TVMI is a jam packed day presenting numerous counseling techniques and provides necessary information. Through this course, I gained necessary skills that will help me counsel people of different ages and backgrounds!" [Thomas McDonald; Trinidad, CO](#)

"The program is a tremendous opportunity for pastors, counselors, or anyone dealing with others. It gives tremendous insight in helping to evaluate and assist. I highly recommend those called to counsel take this invaluable course." [David Chase; Miami, FL](#)

"This program was an incredible opportunity. I'm so grateful for the information and highly recommend this training for anyone wanting to investigate further into Counseling and the impact you can make in your community." [Sandy Lee; Tampa, FL](#)

"This course was absolutely amazing! Dr. Flood is an exceptional teacher and I found the entire course life changing! I would strongly encourage anyone in a church leadership role to take full advantage of this training." [Gary Battles; Huntsville, AL](#)

"This was an on-time resource in my life and helped me to recognize in depth the importance of reaching people where they are, but having the empathy to not leave them there. I guarantee this course will light a fire under you to utilize God's Word in more effective ways to help yourself and others build better relationships all for the glory of God." [Tracy Roddy; Northglenn, CO](#)

"Dr. Flood is an excellent resource and this program was extraordinary! I appreciated all of the practical applications. If you are pursuing a ministry in biblical counseling, then I promise that this is the course is for you!" [Brett Humphrey; Gilbert, AZ](#)

"I found this training to be a phenomenal opportunity to help grow our various ministries as well as help support the mental health environment from within the church." [LaThomas Willis; Detroit, MI](#)

"This course offers many tools and techniques to assist a new counselor, and enhance the skills and knowledge of experienced counselors. This interactive course allowed us to glean from the instructor and other students." [Carol Stevenson; Atlanta, GA](#)

FACULTY & ADMINISTRATION



Lance Flood, PhD is the founder of Tennessee Valley Ministries, serving as President & CEO of each division which includes: Tennessee Valley Pastoral Counseling, Tennessee Valley Ministry Institute, and Tennessee Valley Christian Media. He is a graduate of Liberty University and holds a B.S. in Religion & Christian Counseling, M.A. in Marriage & Family Therapy, M.A. in Addictions & Recovery Counseling, and a Ph.D. in Pastoral Counseling. His doctoral dissertation was entitled, "The Implementation of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy as an Integrated Model Within a Christian Counseling Environment." He also earned a Graduate Certificate in Executive Leadership. Dr.

Flood is the President and founder of the North America Christian Counselors Association and has utilized his counseling expertise for such organizations as The 700 Club, Family Dynamics Institute, and as a chaplain for a large regional corporation. In addition to his practice, he continues to travel extensively across North America helping to develop church-based counseling teams through his certified training programs. He also possesses a background in music ministry, having released several albums and traveled with the world-renowned vocal group, Acappella. He currently performs with Full Pardon, and resides with his family in Tennessee where he also serves as the Pastor of a local church.



Deanna Flood, MA, MS serves as the Vice President and Associate Director of Tennessee Valley Ministries. In addition to an A.A. in Psychology from Central College (currently Central Christian College), she is also a graduate of Liberty University, holding a B.S. in Psychology, M.S. in Crisis and Trauma Counseling, M.A. in Addictions & Recovery Counseling, and Graduate Certificates in both Pastoral Counseling and Christian Ministry from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary. A professional member of the North America Christian Counselors Association, she is especially passionate about counseling issues which are related to women and children. In

addition to her vital roles within Tennessee Valley Ministries, she has also served as a Clinical Intern for Decatur General West Behavioral Medicine Center where she was responsible for the completion of psychosocial assessments, developing treatment plans for various diagnoses, assisting with group therapy, case management, and discharge planning. Deanna is married to Lance, and God has blessed them over their years together with five children and six grandchildren. In addition to traveling with Lance, she also enjoys spending time with their grandchildren and pets. She is currently authoring a book which focuses on coping with grief following the sudden death of their eldest child.



Heather Genz, EdD serves as the Associate Vice President of Tennessee Valley Ministries. In her role at the Institute, Dr. Genz is also directly involved in operations for the other divisions of the ministry, including Tennessee Valley Pastoral Counseling and Tennessee Valley Christian Media. She earned a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in English from Austin Peay State University. Following which, she attended Walden University where she received her M.S. in Integrating Technology in the Classroom, along with an Ed.D. in Teacher Leadership. Her doctoral dissertation was entitled, "Education, Prevention, and Intervention of

Traditional and Electronic Bullying in Middle School." She is married to David Genz, also an education professional, and they reside with their family in Tennessee. Heather enjoys reading a good series, taking short walks, and trying new recipes.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



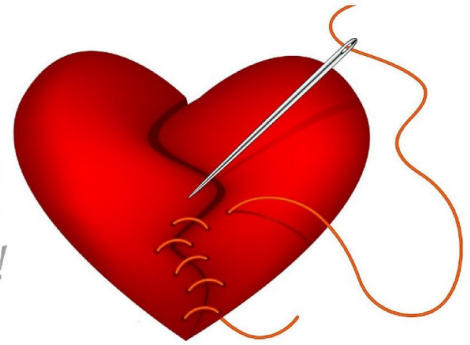
A. HOST QUESTIONS

- **What is the cost to host the one day live Christian counseling program for our church staff and other leaders in my region?**
Not only is it FREE, but we actually contribute 10% of all registrations to your church simply for hosting and aiding and helping to get the word out. For more information, please contact Dr. Heather Genz at (931) 266-8483 or email: Heather@tennvalley.org.
- **Is it possible to schedule a private event to train our church or nonprofit staff?**
Absolutely! Dr. Flood is available to present our one day certified program exclusively for your team. It can even be scheduled on a weekday. For more information, please contact Dr. Heather Genz at (931) 266-8483 or email: Heather@tennvalley.org.

B. STUDENT QUESTIONS

- **Can I still take one of your programs if I am not already involved in full time ministry?**
Yes! As a matter of fact, many churches send volunteers through our programs because they feel called to serve in pastoral care, and they are also an invaluable resource to the senior ministry staff as they remove many of the burdens pastors face when it comes to counseling, thus freeing up their time to focus on other efforts. Anyone meeting the requirements on page 7 can enroll.
- **Do you offer any type of financial aid?**
While we strive to keep the cost of our certified programs as low as possible, we appreciate there are times when it may be a financial challenge to enroll. Therefore, we're pleased to offer a successful fundraising option, as well as a convenient payment plan. Information for each of these options can be found on page 9 of the catalog.
- **Is there a difference between the online and in-person courses?**
Academically, no. However, while they're also the same cost and both allow you to interact with Dr. Flood, there are a few "perks" offered in the in-person option. This includes lunch being provided, and an afternoon worship event featuring Tennessee Valley Ministries' own, Full Pardon. Breakout sessions featuring practical skills training are now offered in our online programs, as well.

MARITAL TRIAGE



Pull Your Marriage Back From The Brink!

ABOUT THE PROGRAM



Marital Triage is a Christian-based marriage restoration program designed for couples in crisis. Our program features a cognitive-behavioral approach through eight weekly online counseling sessions along with clinical assessments, videos, and weekly homework to place your new skills into practice. Some of the common issues we can help you overcome include:

**Marital Infidelity • Toxic Communication • Pornography Addiction • Angry Outbursts
Substance Abuse • Personality Disorders • Financial Issues • Abusive Behaviors**

ABOUT THE COUNSELOR



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CLIENT TESTIMONIAL



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My wife and I were on the verge of divorce after 28 years of marriage. In fact, she had already spoken with an attorney and stated her desire to move out by the end of the month. After so much time together, I don't think either of us really wanted our relationship to end, but we could really see no other alternative with all of the constant fighting. After just two months of counseling, it's like we've fallen in love all over again! Today, I couldn't imagine living life without her. God has truly restored our marriage through this incredible ministry.

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Sessions are held online with Dr. Flood utilizing HIPAA compliant video software. Schedule your intake appointment by visiting: **tennvalley.org/marriagehelp**.