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CHRISTIAN COUNSELING & CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

*Called to Serve. Equipped to Care. Commissioned to Bring Hope.***PROGRAM****40 credit hours****DURATION****Self-paced • Average 1 year****DELIVERY****Online through SAMSB.com****TUITION****USD 1,800**

An integrated online program presented through the partnership of the International Circle of Faith (ICOF) and Seminari Alkitab Media Sabda Biblika–The International University (SAMSB-TIU), preparing Christian ministers and leaders for compassionate counseling and responsible chaplaincy service.

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A Calling to Serve Beyond the Church Walls

Chaplaincy is more than holding a ministry title or carrying official identification. It is the ministry of being compassionately present, listening attentively, offering biblically grounded spiritual care, and bringing hope to people facing some of life's most difficult moments.

The ICOF–SAMSB–TIU Christian Counseling and Chaplaincy Program equips Christian ministers and leaders to serve in a biblical, compassionate, ethical, culturally sensitive, and responsible manner. The program combines substantial preparation in Christian counseling with specialized chaplaincy training for ministry in diverse institutional and community settings.

Participants learn to accompany individuals and families experiencing crisis, grief, illness, loss, conflict, trauma, loneliness, displacement, and other pressures of life. They are also trained to respect confidentiality, informed consent, professional boundaries, institutional policies, and the limits of their role.

Serving in Diverse Contexts

- Hospitals, hospices, and healthcare facilities.
- Prisons and correctional institutions.
- Schools and educational environments.
- Businesses, workplaces, and marketplace settings.
- Churches, communities, and social-service ministries.
- Ministry among military members, security personnel, first responders, and public-service professionals, subject to institutional authorization.
- Disaster-response, humanitarian, and emergency settings.
- Spiritual care for individuals and families experiencing crisis, illness, grief, conflict, trauma, or loss.

Program Structure and Duration

The integrated program consists of 40 credit hours delivered through a flexible online learning model.

Component	Curriculum	Credits	Delivery
Part I	13-Course Christian Counseling Program	36	Online, self-paced
Part II	ICOF Chaplaincy Training Course	4	Online, self-paced
Total	Integrated Christian Counseling and Chaplaincy Program	40	Average: 1 year

Because the program is self-paced, completion time may vary according to each participant's prior learning, study schedule, academic progress, and fulfillment of program requirements. The expected average completion period is approximately one year.

IMPORTANT Credit hours describe the academic scope of the program; they should not be interpreted merely as clock hours of instruction.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program, participants should be able to:

- Provide biblically grounded, compassionate, ethical, and responsible spiritual and pastoral support to people experiencing crisis, grief, illness, loss, conflict, or significant life pressures.
- Demonstrate attentive listening, empathy, appropriate spiritual assessment, and the ministry of presence.
- Offer prayer, Scripture, and Christian counsel with wisdom, sensitivity, and appropriate consent.
- Apply ethical standards concerning confidentiality, documentation, accountability, professional boundaries, and conflicts of interest.
- Recognize warning signs of severe emotional distress, self-harm or suicide risk, abuse, trafficking, medical emergencies, and other situations requiring urgent intervention.
- Recognize the limits of chaplaincy and counseling training and make appropriate referrals to licensed professionals, emergency services, institutional authorities, or other qualified providers.
- Serve respectfully in secular, institutional, multicultural, and multifaith environments without manipulation or coercion.
- Develop a responsible plan for chaplaincy service that includes accountability, supervision, personal safety, institutional authorization, and continuing education.

Core Areas of Formation and Training

Biblical and Theological Foundations. The calling, character, mission, and responsibilities of Christian counselors and chaplains.

Christian Counseling. Biblical, theological, pastoral, ethical, and practical foundations for accompanying individuals and families through personal and relational challenges.

Crisis, Grief, and Loss. Foundational care for people experiencing bereavement, illness, trauma, disaster, displacement, or major life transitions.

Ministry of Presence. Attentive listening, empathy, calm presence, appropriate spiritual assessment, prayer, and pastoral support.

Trauma-Informed Spiritual Care. Care that recognizes the effects of trauma and seeks to avoid harm, pressure, shame, or retraumatization.

Ethics and Professional Boundaries. Confidentiality, informed consent, accountability, documentation, relational boundaries, conflicts of interest, and institutional policies.

Risk Awareness and Referral. Recognition of suicide risk, abuse, trafficking, severe distress, and medical emergencies, including when referral or emergency intervention is required.

Ministry in Diverse Settings. Adaptation of spiritual care to healthcare, corrections, education, workplaces, communities, emergencies, and multicultural or multifaith environments.

Responsible Chaplaincy Deployment. Planning for authorization, supervision, accountability, safety, continuing education, and sustainable service.

Online Learning through SAMSB.com

Registered participants receive access to a dedicated online course area through SAMSB.com. The learning portal supports a structured, self-paced pathway in which participants can:

- Access program instructions and available learning materials.
- Download and study the official ICOF Chaplaincy Training Manual.
- Download, complete, and upload the required assessment form.
- Complete required quizzes, tests, or examinations.
- Write and submit the required essay through the designated assignment area.
- Complete Christian Counseling coursework and other assigned learning activities.
- Monitor progress through each stage of the program.

USE OF MATERIALS Digital manuals and course materials are provided solely for the personal educational use of registered participants. They may not be copied, reproduced, uploaded, shared, sold, or distributed without authorization.

Program Completion Process

1. **Registration and Course Access.** Register for the program and receive access credentials for the learning portal at SAMSB.com.
2. **Christian Counseling Coursework.** Complete the 13-course, 36-credit-hour Christian Counseling component and all required learning activities.
3. **Chaplaincy Manual and Training.** Study the official ICOF Chaplaincy Training Manual and complete the 4-credit-hour Chaplaincy Training course.
4. **Assessment Form.** Complete the official assessment form fully, accurately, and honestly, then submit it through the designated upload area.
5. **Required Test or Examination.** Complete and pass the required assessment or examination in accordance with current program standards.
6. **Essay Submission.** Write and submit the required essay according to the assigned topic, structure, academic-integrity standards, and submission instructions.
7. **Review and Approval.** Complete any additional academic, ethical, administrative, verification, or credentialing requirements established by SAMSB-TIU and ICOF.
8. **Completion and Continuing Development.** Receive the applicable certificate or credential after approval and remain informed about future training and development opportunities.

COMPLETION STANDARD Registration or payment does not guarantee graduation, certification, credentialing, directory registration, or issuance of identification materials. All applicable requirements must be completed successfully.

Who Should Enroll?

The program is designed for mature Christian believers who sense a calling to counseling, pastoral care, chaplaincy, or service among people in vulnerable and challenging situations, including:

- Pastors, church ministers, missionaries, and evangelists.
- Ministry leaders and leaders of Christian organizations.
- Christian counselors, pastoral caregivers, prayer ministers, and care-team leaders.
- Healthcare professionals who feel called to provide appropriate spiritual care.
- Educators, mentors, workplace leaders, and community volunteers.
- First responders, veterans, and public-service professionals.

- Those serving in hospitals, hospices, prisons, schools, workplaces, communities, disaster response, or humanitarian ministry.
- Believers exploring a responsible calling to chaplaincy in diverse contexts of life.

Ordination is not necessarily required to begin the program. Admission and continuation remain subject to applicable ICOF and SAMSB-TIU requirements. Participants should demonstrate Christian faith, spiritual maturity, teachability, integrity, respect for people from diverse backgrounds, and commitment to ethical ministry.

Tuition and Included Benefits

Total program tuition: USD 1,800

The tuition covers the integrated Christian Counseling and Chaplaincy Program, online learning access, applicable program assessments, and the following certificates, identification materials, and benefits for participants who successfully complete all relevant academic, ethical, administrative, and credentialing requirements:

- Christian Counseling Certificate from SAMSB-TIU.
- Official ICOF program completion certificate, subject to ICOF approval and current credentialing requirements.
- Professional shield-style ICOF chaplain badge.
- Deluxe leather belt clip with chain; it may also be worn around the neck where appropriate.
- Custom ICOF chaplain lanyard.
- Official ICOF chaplain identification card.
- Online directory listing with a verification link for registered chaplains.
- Updates concerning future ICOF functions, training, and continuing-development opportunities.

PLEASE CONFIRM BEFORE ENROLLMENT Any shipping method, delivery timetable, customs duty, import tax, replacement fee, renewal fee, or country-specific charge should be confirmed with the program representative. Requirements and included items are governed by current program policies.

Certificates and ICOF Credentialing

Christian Counseling Certificate

Participants who successfully complete the 36-credit-hour Christian Counseling component and satisfy the applicable academic requirements will receive a Christian Counseling Certificate from SAMSB-TIU.

Chaplaincy Completion and Registration

Participants who successfully complete the 4-credit-hour Chaplaincy Training course, pass the required ICOF assessment or examination, submit the required essay, complete the assessment process, and satisfy all applicable ethical, administrative, payment, verification, conduct, and registration requirements may proceed to ICOF chaplain certification and registration in accordance with current ICOF policies.

Directory listing, identification materials, continuing status, and any renewal requirements are administered under ICOF's applicable policies and may require continued compliance with standards of conduct and other current requirements.

Professional Scope and Important Disclaimer

The program provides Christian counseling education, chaplaincy training, and ministry preparation. Certificates, badges, identification cards, lanyards, directory listings, and related materials document successful completion or registration within the applicable program process. They do not, by themselves, confer:

- Police powers, law-enforcement authority, government office, military rank, or governmental employment.
- Professional clinical licensure, medical licensure, psychological licensure, or authorization to practice a regulated profession.
- Guaranteed employment, compensation, institutional placement, or government recognition.
- Automatic or unrestricted access to hospitals, hospices, prisons, schools, military facilities, disaster zones, crime scenes, secure areas, or other controlled institutions.

Chaplains and program graduates must comply with all applicable laws, safeguarding standards, background-check requirements, institutional policies, professional regulations, and authorization procedures in the country and setting where they serve. They must represent their qualifications accurately, remain within the limits of their training, obtain appropriate consent, protect confidentiality within legal and safety limits, and refer individuals to qualified professionals or emergency services when necessary.

IDENTIFICATION MATERIALS The official ICOF badge and identification card are ministry identification materials. They must never be displayed or used in a manner that suggests police, government, military, medical, or other authority that the bearer does not legally possess.

Biblical Foundation

The program is taught from a Christian perspective and is grounded in the biblical calling to comfort, listen, bear burdens, serve people in need, and communicate Christian hope with gentleness and respect. Foundational passages include Isaiah 61:1–3; Luke 4:18–19; Matthew 25:35–40; Romans 12:15; 2 Corinthians 1:3–4; Galatians 6:2; James 1:19; and 1 Peter 3:15.

Information and Assistance

For information concerning registration, curriculum, assessments, the training manual, examinations, essay requirements, tuition, certification, credentialing, identification materials, shipping, or access to the course portal, please contact:

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About the International Circle of Faith

The International Circle of Faith is an international Christian ministry network that equips ministers to work together, build meaningful connections, and make a positive impact through church ministry, education, humanitarian service, healthcare, community outreach, and chaplaincy.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Called to Serve. Equipped to Care. Commissioned to Bring Hope.

The world needs Christian servants who are prepared not only to speak, but also to be present; who do not merely offer advice, but genuinely listen; and who bring comfort, responsible care, practical support, and hope to people in need.

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE 40 credit hours • Online and self-paced • Average completion: 1 year • Tuition: USD 1,800

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