

IBCC Credential Type

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN PROFESSIONAL & PASTORAL COUNSELORS

Board Certified Biblical Counselor (BCBC)

Basic Requirements:

- **Identify** and **practice** as a lay Christian counselor – small group facilitators, church-based lay counselors, hospice workers, registered nurses, bachelor level social workers, substance abuse counselors, group home workers, etc., who are **engaged in significant counseling/caregiving ministry**.
- Be able to document at least **one year of experience** in counseling-related activities or lay caregiving **and** be in an **active relationship** with someone who provides oversight and accountability.
- A minimum of **90 contact hours** of education/training in counseling and/or caregiving related to the incorporation of biblical principles and counseling skills with theory, knowledge, and practice.
- Maintain at least **20 Continuing Education contact hours** every two years related to the incorporation of biblical principles and counseling skills with theory, knowledge and practice.

Board Certified Pastoral Counselor (BCPC)

Basic Requirements:

- Minimum of a **Bachelor's degree** from a regionally accredited college or university, **ordination**, religious licensure, and/or certification from a recognized entity – pastoral counselors with state sanction, national certification, denominational recognition, and/or religious licensure.
- **Identify** and **practice** as a Christian counselor – pastors, chaplains, associate/assistant pastors, youth ministers, pastoral counselors, etc., who are engaged in significant counseling ministry in church, para-church settings, Bible colleges and seminaries, and pastoral counseling agencies.
- Be able to document a minimum of **one year of experience** in counseling-related activities and caregiving.
- A minimum of **60 contact hours** of education/training in counseling and/or caregiving related to the incorporation of biblical principles and counseling skills with theory, knowledge, and practice.
- Maintain at least **20 Continuing Education contact hours** every two years related to the incorporation of biblical principles and counseling skills with theory, knowledge and practice.

Board Certified Christian Counselor (BCCC)

Basic Requirements:

- An earned master's or doctorate degree in counseling or a related mental health field from a regionally or nationally accredited college or university **OR** those with an earned bachelor's degree meeting the same criteria above may qualify **IF** they also hold a valid and current mental health license or certification to practice at the state level.

- **Identify** and practice as a Christian caregiver – non-licensed, pre-licensed, or restricted-licensed individuals who have a registration, certification, or state sanction of some kind in allied professional, counseling, and/or teaching roles and who incorporate biblical principles and counseling skills with clinical theory, knowledge, and practice.
- A minimum of **60 contact hours** of education/training in counseling and/or caregiving related to the incorporation of biblical principles and counseling skills with clinical theory, knowledge, and practice.
- Maintain at least **20 Continuing Education contact hours** every two years related to the incorporation of biblical principles and counseling skills with clinical theory, knowledge and practice.

Board Certified Professional Christian Counselor (BCPCC)

Basic Requirements:

- An earned master's or doctorate degree in counseling or a related mental health field from a regionally or nationally accredited college or university.
- Have a **master's or doctoral level license** issued by one of the 50 states, territories, or Canadian provinces, as a **fully independent** mental health practitioner (not requiring any clinical supervision) – licensed psychologists, professional counselors, mental health counselors, marriage & family therapists, clinical social workers, clinical nurse specialists/practitioners, substance abuse providers, and psychiatrists.
- **Identify** and **practice** as a Christian caregiver – fully licensed mental health professionals who incorporate biblical principles and counseling skills with clinical theory, knowledge, and practice.
- A minimum of **60 contact hours** of education/training in counseling and/or caregiving related to the incorporation of biblical principles and counseling skills with clinical theory, knowledge, and practice.
- Maintain at least **20 Continuing Education contact hours** every two years related to the incorporation of biblical principles and counseling skills with clinical theory, knowledge and practice.

BCPPC Specialist

Certified Sexual Addiction Specialist (CCSA)

Addiction and Recovery Specialist (CARS)

Certified Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Specialist (CPTSDS)

Basic Requirements:

- **45 hours** of training in the specialty for which you are applying, 15 of which need to be Biblically-based training or Christian integration.
- A minimum of **75 hours** of documentable experience directly related to the specialty training for which you are applying.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN LIFE COACHING

Certified Christian Life Coach (CCLC)

Basic Requirements:

- **Identify** and practice as a Christian Coach. This refers to independently practicing life coaches who incorporate biblical principles and coaching skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and professional practice.
- Completion of a minimum of **24 educational hours/CEs** of specialized life coach training related to the incorporation of biblical principles and coaching skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and professional practice.
- Once the credential is awarded, maintain at least **12 CEs** every two years related to the incorporation of biblical principles and coaching skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and practice.

Certified Advanced Christian Life Coach (CACLIC)

Basic Requirements:

- **Identify** and practice as a Christian Coach. This refers to independently practicing life coaches who incorporate biblical principles and coaching skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and professional practice and are involved in the practice of Christian Coaching.
- Completion of a minimum of **36 educational hours/CEs** of specialized life coach training related to the incorporation of biblical principles and coaching skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and professional practice.
- Once the credential is awarded, maintain at least **12 CEs** every two years related to the incorporation of biblical principles and coaching skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and practice.

Certified Master Christian Life Coach (CMCLC)

Basic Requirements:

- **Identify** and practice as a Christian Coach. This refers to independently practicing life coaches who incorporate biblical principles and coaching skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and who are involved in a significant professional practice of Christian Coaching.
- Completion of a minimum of **60 educational hours/CEs** of specialized life coach training related to the incorporation of biblical principles and coaching skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and professional practice.
- Be able to document **at least one year of experience** in coaching related activities with clients or in the training/equipping of others on coaching topics.
- Once the credential is awarded, maintain at least **12 CEs** every two years related to the incorporation of biblical principles and coaching skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and practice.

Certified Professional Christian Life Coach (CPCLC)

Basic Requirements:

- **Identify** and practice as a Christian Coach. This refers to independently practicing life coaches who incorporate biblical principles and coaching skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and who are involved in a significant professional practice of Christian Coaching.
- Completion of a minimum of **200 educational hours/CEs** of specialized life coach training related to the incorporation of biblical principles and coaching skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and professional practice.
- Be able to document at **least two years of experience** in coaching related activities with clients or in the training/equipping of others on coaching topics.
- Once the credential is awarded, maintain at least **12 CEs** every two years related to the incorporation of biblical principles and coaching skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and practice.

BCLC Specialist

Certified Crisis Pregnancy Life Coaching Specialist (CCPLC)

- Completion of the 24 lesson **Crisis Pregnancy Coach & Counselor Training Program**

Certified James C. Dobson Life Coach Specialist (3 specific areas) (CJDLC)

- **2 Dobson Courses** to achieve the **Life Coach Specialist Certification**
- **3 Dobson Courses** to achieve the **Advanced Life Coach Specialist Certification**
- **5 Dobson Courses** to achieve the **Master Life Coach Specialist Certification**

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN CRISIS AND TRAUMA RESPONSE

Board Certified First Responder (BCFR)

Basic Requirements:

- **Identify** and **practice** as a Christian Crisis and Trauma Responder. This refers to practicing crisis and trauma responders who incorporate biblical principles and intervention skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and professional practice.
- Completion of a minimum of **24 educational hours/CEs** of specialized crisis response training related to the incorporation of biblical principles and intervention skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and professional practice. Must include basic/foundational crisis response concepts and content.
- Demonstrate CISM-related experience: a minimum of **25** hours of which at least **10** hours must consist of **formal experience** (e.g., actual debriefing, defusing, crisis intervention, etc.).
- Once the credential is awarded, maintain at least **15 CEs** every two years related to the incorporation of biblical principles and crisis response skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and practice.

Board Certified Crisis Response Specialist (BCCRS)

Basic Requirements:

- **Identify and practice** as a Christian Crisis and Trauma Responder. This refers to practicing crisis and trauma responders who incorporate biblical principles and intervention skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and professional practice.
- Completion of a minimum of **60 educational hours/CEs** of specialized crisis response training related to the incorporation of biblical principles and intervention skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and professional practice. Must include basic/foundational crisis response concepts and content.
- Demonstrate CISM-related experience: a minimum of **50** hours of which at least **25** hours must consist of **formal experience** (e.g., actual debriefing, defusing, crisis intervention, etc.).
- Once the credential is awarded, maintain at least **15 CEs** every two years related to the incorporation of biblical principles and crisis response skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and practice.

Board Certified Crisis Response Chaplain (BCCRC)

Basic Requirements:

- **Identify and practice** as a Christian Crisis and Trauma Responder and **primarily in a chaplain/pastoral role**. This refers to practicing crisis and trauma responders who incorporate biblical principles and intervention skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and professional practice.
- **Ordination, religious licensure, and/or certification** from a recognized entity – pastors and chaplains with state sanction, national certification, denominational recognition, and/or religious licensure.
- Completion of a minimum of **60 educational hours/CEs** of specialized crisis response training related to the incorporation of biblical principles and intervention skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and professional practice. Must include basic/foundational crisis response concepts and content.
- Demonstrate CISM-related experience: a minimum of **50** hours of which at least **25** hours must consist of **formal experience** (e.g., actual debriefing, defusing, crisis intervention, etc.).
- Once the credential is awarded, maintain at least **15 CEs** every two years related to the incorporation of biblical principles and crisis response skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and practice.

Board Certified Crisis Response Therapist (BCCRT)

Basic Requirements:

- **Identify and practice** as a Christian Crisis and Trauma Responder and **primarily in a mental health professional role**. This refers to practicing crisis and trauma responders who incorporate biblical principles and intervention skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and professional practice.

- An **earned master's or doctorate degree** in counseling or a related mental health field from a regionally or nationally accredited college or university.
- Completion of a minimum of **60 educational hours/CEs** of specialized crisis response training related to the incorporation of biblical principles and intervention skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and professional practice. Must include basic/foundational crisis response concepts and content.
- Demonstrate CISM-related experience: a minimum of **50** hours of which at least **25** hours must consist of **formal experience** (e.g., actual debriefing, defusing, crisis intervention, etc.).
- Once the credential is awarded, maintain at least **15 CEs** every two years related to the incorporation of biblical principles and crisis response skills with appropriate theory, knowledge, and practice.