



# GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

## Grace Counseling Ministry

### Lay Counselor Application

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in serving at Grace Bible Church (GBC) as a lay counselor with Grace Counseling Ministry (GCM). Walking with hurting, confused, and broken people while they look for help and answers is a ministry in which every Christian must be involved. However, sometimes those people need help from more experienced and trained Christians – this is why GCM exists. We want to provide the best encouragement, help, and biblical wisdom we can to those in our congregation and surrounding community.

This ministry is vital to the mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual health of the people around us, as we know that walking with God is the only way to live a successful life and best bring Him glory. Therefore, we ask that you take this ministry with great seriousness and conviction. Please consider some of the requirements we ask of our lay counselors before you commit to this ministry and the people we are serving. As a lay counselor, the following will be asked of you:

- Initial training for all new lay counselors
- Required reading and ongoing training/education
- Ongoing supervision
- Counseling sessions that may take place in the evenings and/or on the weekends
- Documentation for all counseling sessions

We sincerely appreciate and are thankful for your interest in this vital ministry. Please fill out the attached application to begin the process of becoming a lay counselor in Grace Counseling Ministry.

In Christ,



**Have you ever provided counseling/caregiving on a professional or ministry basis?**

Yes  No If yes, please briefly describe your experience (when, where, in what capacity):

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**Populations with which you have prior experience (please check all that apply):**

Children  Adolescents  College-age  Adults  Elderly  Couples  Families

**List the most recent academic/ministry training programs you have attended:**

Year	Academic/Training Institution/Area of Study	Completed

**Affiliations/Memberships with any counseling groups/organizations:**  Yes  No If yes, please list:

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**Availability (check all that apply):**

Daytime  Evenings  Weekends

**Areas of counseling/ministry experience (please check all that apply):**

- ADD/ADHD
- Addictions
- Adoption Issues
- Alcoholism
- Anger Management
- Anxiety
- Bipolar Disorder
- Career Counseling
- Child Abuse
- Chronic Pain
- Conflict Resolution
- Crisis Intervention
- Cutting/Self-Injury
- Depression
- Dissociation
- Divorce Recovery
- Domestic Violence
- Eating Disorders
- Financial Issues
- Gender Identity Issues
- Grief and Loss
- Infidelity
- Learning Disabilities
- Marital Conflict
- Mediation
- Missionary Issues
- Obsessions / Compulsions
- Occult/Cults
- Parenting Issues
- Pastors/Ministers
- Personality Disorders
- Phobias
- Post-Abortion
- Post Traumatic Stress
- Pregnancy Issues
- Premarital
- Rape Recovery
- Sexual Abuse
- Sexual Addiction
- Sexual Dysfunction
- Singles
- Spiritual Warfare
- Stress and Burnout
- Suicide

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_



5. Who is qualified to counsel other people who are struggling with problems in their life?

6. What specific qualities are necessary for a person to be competent to counsel?

7. What questions do you have regarding counseling in general, or biblical counseling in particular?

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby affirm by my signature that all of the information I have provided is true, accurate, and with full self-disclosure.

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Applicant's name

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Applicant's signature

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Date

*Thank you again for your heart and willingness to serve at Grace Bible Church in this way. Please turn this application in to one of our pastors. Your application will be reviewed and you will be contacted in a timely manner to complete the rest of the screening process.*