

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,

I. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initia	_ 	
Home address		City	State	Zip Code
Cell Phone	Home Phone	Emai	il Address	
Marital Status (please	check one):			
\square Single \square Dating	\square Engaged \square Ma	rried 🗌 Divorced	☐ Separated	Widowed
Occupation:				
Present Employer		Position/Title	2	
Address		City	State	Zip Code
How long at current ic	b: years	months		
Grace Bible Church	nvolvement			
Do you attend:	p: 🗌 Yes 🗌 No Fro	oguono <i>u</i> :		
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Sunday Morning Serv	ice:	Frequency:	_	
Sunday Evening Servi	ce: 🗌 Yes 🗎 No F	requency:	-	
Care Groups:	s ☐ No Frequency: _	What Care	Group do you at	tend?
What other ministries	are you involved in/hov	w else do you participa	ate at Grace Bible	e Church?
BACKGROUND INI	ORMATION			
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Do you speak any lan	guage(s) Utiler tilali Engl	ish (including America	ıı sığıı Lalığuage	; :

Populations with which yo	ou have prior experience (please check all that apply):	
		Adults \square Elderly \square Couples	☐ Families
List the most recent acade		•	Completed
Year	Academic/Training II	nstitution/Area of Study	Completed
Affiliations/Memberships	with any counseling grou	os/organizations:	o If yes, please list:
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moving	violations in a vehicle? Yes No			
If yes, please explain (in detail) the charges, the circumstances surrounding the charges, and the adjudication of the case (use an extra sheet of paper if necessary):				
Profession of Faith: I profess to be a true believer in Jesus Christ – the Son of God – who gave Himself a sacrifice for the sins of the world, was buried, and rose again on the third day. I believe that His sacrifice atoned for my sins and by believing in His finished work on the cross I have forgiveness of sins and eternal life.				
☐ Yes	□ No □ Unsure (please explain):			
	Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability.			
1.	When you hear the term "counseling," what comes to your mind?			
2.	How would you define the term biblical counseling?			
3.	What is the difference between discipleship and counseling?			
4.	What responsibility or role should the Church play in helping people who need counseling?			

5.	. Who is qualified to counsel other people who are struggli	ing with problems in their life?			
6.	. What specific qualities are necessary for a person to be co	ompetent to counsel?			
7.	. What questions do you have regarding counseling in gene	eral, or biblical counseling in particular?			
I, inform	, hereby affirm by mation I have provided is true, accurate, and with full self-di	my signature that all of the sclosure.			
Applica	cant's name				
Applica	cant's signature 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.					