PTC510 Dynamics of Biblical Change (3)
Through a first-hand understanding of progressive sanctification, students learn to connect biblical truth to case study realities and life details. Topics covered include the nature of idolatry and faith; the relationship between motive and action; the way Christ's past, present, and future grace intersects with and affects how people live their daily lives; and the interplay of suffering and other situational factors with a person's actions and reactions. Mr. Powlison.

PTC520 Counseling in the Local Church (2)
This course shows you how to make everyday relationships more consciously biblical and helps you to apply biblical counseling principles in many settings. It seeks to help you discern where you could serve as a biblical counselor. Its purpose is to build a thoroughly biblical understanding of the local church as a ministering community where everyone plays a part. Students are helped to find their place in ministry within the context of the local church and to help others do the same. This class emphasizes the importance of both public and private ministry of the Word of God and how they interrelate. Topics include a biblical foundation for private ministry of the Word; the role of community and relationships in the process of sanctification; developing a practical ecclesiology; and developing an eye for ministry opportunities such as conflict resolution, evangelism, and church discipline. Prereq., PT505 or PTC510 Dynamics of Biblical Change. Mr. Lane.

PTC530 Helping Relationships (2)
This course seeks to help students develop a functional biblical counseling worldview. Students are taught to understand the importance of heart change as a methodological goal and to develop an understanding of the role of Scripture in biblical counseling. Topics covered include how to build a counseling relationship, how to gather and interpret data, how to function as an agent of repentance, and how to guide and assist others as they seek to apply change in daily life. Prereq., PT505 or PTC510 Dynamics of Biblical Change. Mr. Welch.

PTC610 Counseling Problems and Procedures: Topics in Biblical Counseling (3)
This course seeks to identify the essential features of biblical counseling and the current counseling issues that are apparent in the church. Students are taught to appreciate Scripture's depth as it addresses common problems such as suffering, anger, and anxiety. Students are also taught to move towards people with any type of struggle in a way that is helpful and Christ-centered. Topics include abuse, guilt and legalism, fear, anger, bipolar, schizophrenia, anorexia and bulimia, and addictions. Prereq., PT505 or PTC510 Dynamics of Biblical Change. Mr. Welch.

PTC710 Theology and Secular Psychology (3)
This course teaches students how to understand psychologists' observations, theories, and practices, and how to engage them critically, humbly, and lovingly. Students are taught to reinterpret through a redemptive gaze the things psychologists see most clearly and care about most deeply. The class will seek to understand where biblical counseling fits in our cultural context, both within the evangelical church and within the surrounding mental health system. Topics covered include the skills of reinterpretation and redemptive interaction, historical overview of the biblical counseling and the evangelical psychotherapy movements, the lay of the land in contemporary counseling; assessment of motivation theories and self-esteem theory; and primary source readings from a half dozen representative psychologists, ranging from high culture to self-help. Prereq., PT505 or PTC510 Dynamics of Biblical Change. Mr. Powlison.