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## **Our Mission**

Is to develop and provide ministry educational programs to individuals whom God has called into His service as full-time, bi-vocational, or lay- servants; to seek such programs on the cutting edge of ministry and technology; and to deliver the curriculum to the students in a way that equips leaders to be instruments of blessing in their churches and communities.

## **Our Purpose**

- To consistently develop and distribute high quality Bible courses for the teaching and training of Christian leaders throughout the world.
- To provide training to workers throughout the world who, for various reasons, are limited in their ability to attend a traditional Bible School.
- To empower churches to become centers of ministry training, community development training and outreach.
- To help plant churches nationally; internationally; and partner with pastors, churches, and organizations.
- To enrich our fellowship among the IFCA and affiliated ministries throughout the world.

## ***IFCA Discipleship Institute***

*is designed to be accessible wherever you are: whether you are a new Christian, or you have grown up in the church; whether you have never completed high-school, or you have completed a degree; whether you are in the city, or in the far corners of the earth. We believe IFCA – DI can offer every student an educational program that will give him or her the equipping needed to make them fruitful ministers of the gospel.*



## What is IFCA DI?

We utilize multiple content delivery methods including, online, live-streaming, and localized classes to deliver ministry training content. Students taking classes with IFCA-DI can earn certificates as well as a two-year diplomas with concentrations in Pastoral Ministries & Biblical Counseling.

We strongly believe that the growing church needs strong, capable, and Christ-like leaders. We include numerous courses which focus on all aspects of Biblical leadership and development.

*“BE DILIGENT TO PRESENT YOURSELF APPROVED TO GOD, A WORKER WHO DOES NOT NEED TO BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH.”*

*2 TIMOTHY 2:15*



## Who Are We?

Our DI teachers are accomplished, educated leaders throughout the country who are leaders among the IFCA denomination or who have been endorsed by the movement. They are all evangelical and Spirit-filled men and woman with extensive experience outside of the classroom and in it.

The DI curriculum is taught by people who have also been missionaries, pastors, and organizational leaders; who have planted churches and affected countless lives. In their teaching, our Professors bring their extensive personal experience, as well as their wealth of knowledge and wisdom, in an effort to pass it on to the next generation of Christian leaders and workers.

# TWO-YEAR DIPLOMA – BIBLICAL STUDIES

*(Concentration)*

## Pastoral Ministries

Basics of Living in Christ

O.T. Survey

N.T. Survey

Life of Christ

IFCA History, Constitution & Doctrine

Introduction to Systematic Theology

The Book of Acts

Holy Spirit Theology

The Book of Romans

Spiritual Ethics

Theology of God

Evangelism from a Biblical Perspective

Prayer: Leadership Available to God

Hearing the Voice of God

Ministers Finances

Introduction to Biblical Counseling

The Spirit Life

The Prophetic

Biblical Authority of Healing &  
Deliverance

Fivefold Ministry Gifts

# TWO-YEAR DIPLOMA – BIBLICAL STUDIES

*(Concentration)*

## Biblical Counseling

O.T. Survey

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Introduction to Ethics in Counseling

The Spirit Life

The Prophetic

Biblical Authority of Healing &  
Deliverance

Cognitive Therapy

Marriage & Family Counseling

Counseling Children & Adolescent

Conflict Resolution

Grief & Trauma Counseling

Counseling Abuse & Addictive Behavior

Counseling Victims of Abuse

Counseling Practicum

# **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

## ***BIBLE COURSES:***

### **OT Survey**

This core course will give the student a topical understanding of the Old Testament; to provide a general understanding of the purpose and theme of each of those books.

### **NT Survey**

This core course is designed to provide an overview of the 27 books of the New Testament including the context of the writings, the main characters, and how each book connects with one another, as well as the Old Testament.

### **The Life of Christ**

This course explores the life of Christ described in the four gospels. Studying both chronological events and important themes, students will be able to recount the major aspects of Jesus' life and ministry. The course will stress the redemptive work of Christ.

### **Book of Acts**

The book of Acts is an undergraduate level course designed to acquaint the student with an overview of the content of the Acts of the Apostles.

### **Book of Romans**

To introduce the student to the theological themes of the book of Romans; to relate those teachings to the rest of Paul's writings and the overall context of Scripture; to examine the teachings of the book in light of the student's own doctrinal background.

## ***HISTORY COURSES:***

### **IFCA History, Constitution, & Doctrine**

This core course will study the History, Constitution, and Doctrine of IFCA movements and how it relates to the Italian Pentecostal Movement in the United States whose roots are imbedded in a larger revival movement – the Pentecostal outpouring of the Holy Spirit in America at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

### **Hebraic Roots**

This core course introduces the Hebraic roots of Christianity and searches the scriptures on God's covenant relationship with Israel.

### **Church History**

This course will study the six main eras of the church history, including key figures from each eras, the most important details, most important archaeological discoveries/ inventions, and key people who shaped the church.

## ***MINISTRY COURSES:***

### **Biblical Leadership**

This course teaches the theory of true Christian leadership by the life of Christ. Historical and current church leaders' lives will be discussed as well.

### **Marriage And The Family**

This course shows the practical challenges faced by ministers as they focus on balancing the relationship between ministry and family. This course will also help the student in discovering the call of God on their life.

### **Prayer: Leadership Available to God**

This course teaches the student the art of listening in prayer. Learn how to discern the voice of God. Journaling will also be taught as a method on how to record the spontaneous flow of the Lord.

### **Fivefold Ministry Gifts**

This class examines each of the five gifts and the role they play in building of the Kingdom of God.

### **Divine Healing**

This course teaches the importance of praying for the sick. Students will learn to interview, pray and provide after care for those in need of healing.

### **The Prophetic**

This is a study of the importance of the prophetic ministry. Students will be trained using many different types of activation exercises. The class studies prophetic etiquette as well as pitfalls to the prophetic.

### **Growth, Church Planting, and Evangelism**

This course examines the call of the local church to reach its community and the world. The study focuses on different evangelism methods.

### **Spiritual Ethics**

This course teaches God's Law code, the ten commandments, Solomon's ethics in the book of Proverbs; Jesus teaching on Kingdom ethics from the Sermon on the mount, and finally the ethics of Paul. Ultimately to develop Spirit led ethics.

### **M301 Ministers Finances**

This course teaches the practical aspects of the minister's personal finances. Planning for today as well as the future of your family.

### **Introduction to Missions**

In this course students learn the importance of mission, the mandate of missions, and the ministry of mission. Discovering practical ways in which they can plan missions and plant churches.

### **Church Business Administration**

This course will study the philosophy and principles of business administration in relationship to ministry objectives and assignments. This course will study the practical responsibilities of those engaged in ministry including building a team, staff meetings, financial reporting, accountability, board meetings, business

meetings, documentation of paper work, insurance policies, maintenance of facilities, and a variety of other practical materials that must be addressed regularly in ministry.

### **M306 Worship Leadership**

This course introduces the student to what worship is, and how it is implemented in the local church. We will discuss the importance of communicating through worship, practical ways to lead on the platform, the role of the worship leader, and the relationship of worship leader with the church and its pastor.

### **M308 Evangelism from a Biblical Perspective**

This course provides an overview of the Biblical basis for the study of evangelism. Biblical References are largely emphasized, while doctrinal foundations though not ignored, provide only the framework for Biblical evidences.

### **Church Planting**

This course will study methods and procedures for church plants. The class will help the student develop his vision for growth, maturity, and relationship. Each student will be required to lay out a plan for a new work.

### **Developing Pastoral Skills**

To introduce to the pastor specific skills he will need to minister to, and bring freedom to, those members of his congregation who are hurting and dysfunctional.

### **Group Dynamics**

This course examines the structure of small groups. Students will learn how to start groups, develop meeting formats, handle relationships issues, and raise up new leaders and groups.

### **Church Policies and Procedures**

The class will walk the student through the process of developing a church organization manual that will involve the following: 1.) A church constitution (or similar document); 2.) An organizational structure and personnel policy and procedures that implement the mission and purpose of the church; 3.) The

administrative policy and procedures for the general administration and operation of the church.

### **Ministry Research & Writing Project**

This course is to provide the student with an opportunity to examine the fundamentals of research and writing from a practical and professional perspective, as a foundational step in preparation for completing his/her Degree.

## ***THEOLOGY COURSES:***

### **T101 Introduction to Systematic Theology**

The purpose of this core course is to introduce and expose the student to a basic study of Christian doctrine within a coherent framework; to enable the student to identify and describe key doctrinal issues.

### **Holy Spirit Theology**

This is a study of the biblical basis for operating in spiritual gifts. This core course will help students to provide sound doctrine and theological proofs that the gifts are still valid for the church today.

### **Introduction to Christian Apologetics**

Understanding the Truth of the Christian Faith and its relationship to reason. This core class deals with sharing the truth of Christian Theism and the reasonableness of taking the step of faith in God and His revelation, the Bible. It deals with logical proofs for the existence of God and the Biblical connection to such proof (Heb. 11:6; Romans 1:18-20).

### **Research & Writing Project**

The purpose of this course is to present the student with an opportunity to demonstrate the ability to do research and writing at the college level in a Biblical context.

## ***COUNSELING COURSES:***

### **Introduction to Biblical Counseling**

This course will study biblical ways to address crisis situations that will occur in ministry and to minister to those in need in a sensitive and caring manner.

### **Marriage and Family Counseling**

This course will introduce the student to a biblical approach to Marriage and Family counseling so that the student will acquire the basic knowledge of the biblical concepts of family roles and interpersonal relationships.

### **Introduction to Ethics in Counseling**

This course will study various responsibilities of the minister in regard to confidentiality, legal issues, drawing healthy boundaries, moral responsibilities, and ethical dilemmas that the biblical counselor will encounter.

### **Conflict Resolution**

Students will learn how to mediate disputes and reconcile people. They will also learn how to deescalate clients when they are out of control.

### **Grief and Trauma Counseling**

This course will address responses of people in life issues such as death, addictions, rape/sexual abuse, suicide prevention, domestic violence, and other real-life traumas that will be encountered in ministry.

### **Counseling Victims of Abuse**

This course will study the proper ways to minister to those who have gone through abuse; whether it is sexual, verbal, emotional, or physical. The counselor will be given information to better understand the abused and given techniques to help bring the person to a place of spiritual, emotional, and physical wholeness.

### **Counseling Abuse and Addictive Behavior**

This course will study the warning signs of abuse, the emotions of the abused, ways to speak to those who have been abused, the cycle of abuse, and ways to equip the abuser to end the cycle of abuse. The student will also study the various patterns of addiction, the cycle of addiction, how to break the addiction pattern, tools for recovery, and teaching addicts how to stay free.

### **Counseling Children and Adolescent Issues**

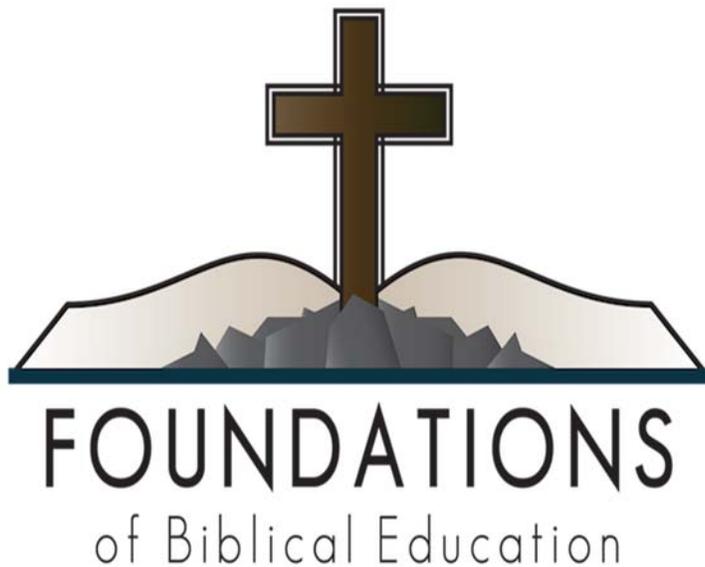
This course will study the issues that face children and adolescents including suicide, changes in family life, drugs and alcohol, relationship issues, sexual issues, abuse, eating disorders, and self-image. The counselor will learn how to address those in need of counseling with biblical methods for bringing healing.

### **Grief, Trauma, and Depression Counseling**

This course will study the cause and effects of trauma, the commonalities, the responses of those hurting, tools for healing, and the response of the counselor in the counseling setting.

### **Counseling Practicum**

This course will serve as the counseling program capstone for the student who has completed all of the other academic requirements for the Biblical Counseling program.



### ***Strong Bible Foundation***

Beyond ministerial and leadership training at its core, the IFCA-DI Curriculum is biblically focused. We believe in a strong foundation built on the Word of God using appropriate hermeneutical interpretation. We include Old and New Testament Survey courses, as well as courses on The Book of Introduction to Systematic Theology, The Spirit Life, Theology of God, The Prophetic, Biblical Authority of Healing & Deliverance, Fivefold Ministry Gifts

## **OUR CREDIBILITY**

IFCA, founded in 1927, is an affiliate member of the National Association of Evangelicals, an alliance of 70 evangelical church bodies representing more than 15 million members.

### ***IFCA - DI is in a relationship with the following:***

- Berean School of the Bible
- Bridges for Peace Institute of Israel Studies, Jerusalem Israel
- Ebenezer Mission Theological Seminary
- HarvestNet Institute
- IFCA Bible College & Theological Seminary
- Kilimanjaro Bible College
- Master's International School of Divinity
- SUM Bible College & Theological Seminary
- West Coast Bible College & Seminary
- IFCA DISTRICT Churches

## About Institutional Credibility

Distance learning is the fastest growing edge of adult higher education, and the most widely preferred method of study for individuals serving in Christian ministry. Most schools are now offering degree programs through distance education. However, with the popularity and acceptance of distance education, there are also abuses by college degree mills and substandard programs promoting inexpensive degrees for very little work (such as reading a few popular books and writing brief reports).

Therefore, many individuals and ministry leaders are skeptical of distance education schools that are not accredited. This is understandable but unfortunate. The truth is, there are high quality unaccredited schools that are of exceptionally good quality. These institutions may offer advantages that accredited schools cannot.

High quality unaccredited schools are usually unaccredited for one of the following reasons: #1 They do not accept government funding and therefore do not need to be accredited; #2 They are currently working toward accreditation (which can take up to 5-10 years). #3 They wish to keep their tuition as low as possible so that they can serve a wider group of students; #4 They have objections to some of the accreditation restrictions. Of course, degree mills and substandard schools often quote the same reasons as a motive to cover unethical and even illegal money making schemes.

On the other hand, high quality unaccredited schools which exercise academic excellence are often recognized by other institutions. If the school is so recognized, then prospective students, current students, graduates, and ministry leaders have good reason to be accepting and respectful of credits and degrees earned at these institutions. IFCA – DI will be such a program.

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*We've been asked the question, "Does a Diploma from IFCA Discipleship Institute have credibility?" In short, the answer is absolutely! In assessing the credibility of any institution, we suggest that you review the experience and education of the members of the organization. A ministry diploma from IFCA-DI has been recognized by many churches and ministries and we are constantly seeing new ways to gain relationships, memberships, and affiliations which will only enhance our credibility.*



## **PROFESSORS AT IFCA – DI**

*We can confidently say that our professors are trained and equipped to teach the students of IFCA Discipleship Institute. We have provided a list of all the universities and colleges that the professors have received their credentials.*

American Christian College and Seminary  
Asbury Theological Seminary  
Ashland Theological Seminary  
Assemblies of God Theological Seminary  
Berean School of the Bible  
Capella University  
Central Bible College  
Christian Life College  
Community College of Air Force  
Eastern Michigan University  
Elim Bible Institute  
Emory University  
Evangel University  
Evangelical Theological Seminary  
Geneva College  
Gordon-Cornwell Theological Seminary  
Kent State University  
Malone College  
Mohawk Valley Bible Institute  
Masters School of Divinity  
National Louis University  
Northeastern Seminary  
Nyack College  
Oral Roberts University  
Regent University  
Rhema Bible Training Center  
Roberts Wesleyan College  
Rome Bible Institute  
Southeastern University  
Southern Illinois University  
Trinity Theological Seminary  
University of Cambridge  
University of Michigan  
Valley Forge Christian College  
Western Connecticut State College  
Western Kentucky University  
Youngstown State University  
Zion Bible College



## Tuition & Fees

For the believer, we understand that God has called us to stewardship. The truth is, we are merely stewards of God's property. He can choose to entrust us to manage as much or as little as He wills. However, in every case we are never to assume ownership because: "The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein." Psalm 24:1

Consistently recognizing God's ownership can be difficult. It is easy to believe intellectually that God owns all you have but still live as if this were not true. Our society suggest an opposing view. Everything around us – the media, education, even the law – says that what you possess you own. Genuinely acknowledging God's ownership requires nothing less than a new way of thinking for many of us.

It is with this mindset that we have come up with our philosophy for tuition for IFCA – DI. Our goal is that you would receive a high quality education, but at the same time you would be investing in the advancement of the Kingdom of God. Being a part of IFCA – DI you can be confident that you're education goals and your stewardship is glorifying God.

### WHY IS THE COST OF TUITION SO LOW AT IFCA – DI?

Our state-of-the-art Institute utilizes online, live-stream, and audio based curriculum. This allows us to focus on educating students without having to pay for expensive buildings. With professors who believe in the mission, we're able to keep the costs low without sacrificing quality. The best thing: The student is able to pay on a monthly basis or make a one-time payment so you're not in debt for life!

#### **Registration Fee**

One-time Registration Fee	\$25
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#### **Student Tuition**

Per Class	\$75/Class
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#### **Graduation Fee**

Certificate (1yr.)	\$10
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2 Year- Biblical Studies DIPLOMA	\$75
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\*Pricing does not include any shipping and handling fees.



## **Requirements for IFCA Credentials**

### ***CHRISTIAN WORKER***

- Basics of Living in Christ
- Old Testament Survey
- New Testament Survey
- Life of Christ
- IFCA History, Constitution & Doctrine

### ***LICENSED PREACHER***

- Introduction to Systematic Theology
- The Book of Acts
- Holy Spirit Theology
- The Book of Romans
- Spiritual Ethics

### ***MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL***

- Theology of God
- Evangelism from a Biblical Perspective
- Prayer: Leadership Available to God
- Hearing the Voice of God
- Ministers Finances

### ***ORDAINED MINISTER***

- Introduction to Biblical Counseling
- The Spirit Life
- The Prophetic
- Biblical Authority of Healing & Deliverance
- Fivefold Ministry Gifts

## A Message from the Education Director



***Dr. Alan James Schrader***  
**IFCA Education Director**

I feel honored and blessed to serve the LORD in the Education Department of IFCA. It is sobering to think that an incredible privilege has been bestowed upon all of us, the call of God to ministry. It is marvelous to consider that a sovereign God desires to use us with all our weaknesses to advance the message of the Kingdom of God and to display His power, *“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the Excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us”* (1 Cor. 4:7). It is humbling to think we have been called for such a time as this.

If you are looking for an educational institution that will passionately equip you to do the ministry work to which God has called you, then IFCA – DI is the place for you. IFCA-Discipleship Institute will not only provide you with a theological education that is affordable, but will also provide you with Spirit-filled, excellent academic instructions, combined with practical hands-on ministry opportunities.

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