

Marriage Specialization Exam | Study Guide

When you are prepared to take the exam, please Complete the [Application for Counseling Specialization Exam Access](#). This information will include the following:

- ❑ The year you became a certified member/counselor with ACBC
- ❑ The name of the ACBC Certified Training Center where you received your specialization training and instruction
- ❑ The name of the Director of the ACBC Certified Training Center where you received your specialization training and instruction
- ❑ The titles of the lectures along with the name(s) of the instructor(s) for each lecture

NOTE: the entirety of the required core training must be provided by an ACBC Certified Member and at least 67% of that training must be provided by a member who has earned the Marriage Counseling Specialization.

- ❑ The titles of the required books you have read including the total number of pages you have completed for each book. (This should equal to 700 pages in total)

Access to the exam will not be granted until you have answered each of these questions to the satisfaction of the Director of Training Center Certification.

Once the above information has been validated, you will be granted access to the exam.

The Reconciliation Specialization Exam contains two parts:

Part 1 | Multiple Choice and True/False Questions

- Closed Note / Book / Bible
- Online Format

Part 2 | Short Answer Counseling Case Studies

- Closed Note / Book
- Open Bible
- Word Document Format

NOTE: There is a \$50.00 fee associated with Part 2.

Key Passages and Concepts

Be conversant on the following key passages related to the theology of marriage, sex, gender roles, and typical problems in marriage counseling. By “conversant” we mean that you understand the basic principle(s) within the passage and how each passage fits within the biblical model of marriage counseling.

- Genesis 1-3
- Deuteronomy 6:4-9
- Proverbs 5-6
- Matthew 5:31-32; 7:3-5; 15:18-20; 19: 1-12; 22:23-33
- Mark 10:12, 45
- Luke 16:18
- John 12:1-5
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 7:1-40; 10:31
- 2 Corinthians 8-9
- Ephesians 4:26; 5:5, 22-23; 6:1-4
- Philippians 2:1-11
- Colossians 3:17, 21
- Hebrews 13:4
- 1 Peter 3:1-7

Be prepared to answer detailed questions regarding the following passages:

- Genesis 1-3
- Ephesians 5:22-33
- 1 Corinthians 7:1-40

Understand the purposes of marriage and sex.

Understand the various positions and supporting arguments for divorce and remarriage.

Understand the various positions and supporting arguments for gender roles.

Understand the nature and practical outworking of biblical submission and leadership in marriage.

Be prepared to help a married couple grow in service to one another.

Understand how to identify, prioritize, and biblically address multiple and acute problems in a marriage counseling case.