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*1 Timothy 1:5*



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# A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Park Valley College is an exciting opportunity for anyone that desires to deepen their relationship with God, grow in their knowledge of the Bible or who wants prepare for Christian ministry. Our programs are designed to challenge you spiritually, through concentrated study of God’s word, with practical application for the church and community. Our goal is to develop a Biblical foundation in each student that transcends the classroom and impacts eternity.



*Paul Wilke*

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# ABOUT PARK VALLEY COLLEGE

Park Valley College is a ministry of Park Valley Church. We are dedicated to preparing our students for Christian ministry in the local church. Park Valley College offers a non-accredited Certificate in Christian Ministry, Lay Counseling and Cross-Cultural Evangelism. Credits are transferable to Liberty University.

Park Valley College exists to develop servant leaders with a Biblical foundation that transcends the classroom and impacts eternity. Our programs are designed to challenge you spiritually through concentrated study of God's word and practical application in the church and community. Students may choose from three tracks of study—Christian Ministry, Lay Counseling and Cross-Cultural Evangelism.

## OUR MISSION

"The purpose of my instruction is that all believers would be filled with love..." *1 Timothy 1:5*

## OUR STUDENTS

Students of Park Valley College represent a variety of demographics including; professionals that desire a deeper understanding of the Bible, church leaders, teachers that want to better communicate the truth of God's Word, and individuals that are called into full-time ministry.

*Park Valley College is a religious institution exempt from state regulation and oversight in the Commonwealth of Virginia.*

# WHAT WE BELIEVE

## ABOUT GOD

God is the Creator and Ruler of the universe. He has eternally existed in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and are one God.

*Genesis 1:1,26,27; 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14*

## ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is co-equal with the Father. Jesus lived a sinless human life and offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all by dying on the cross. He arose from the dead after three days to demonstrate His power over sin and death. He ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again to earth to reign as King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

*Matthew 1:22,23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-5; John 14:10-30; Hebrews 4:14,15; 1 Corinthians 15:3,4; Romans 1:3,4; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13*

## **ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The Holy Spirit is co-equal with the Father and the Son as God. He is present in the world to make mankind aware of our need for Jesus Christ. He also lives in every Christian from the moment of salvation. He provides the Christian with power for living, understanding of Spiritual truth, and guidance in doing what is right. The Christian seeks to live under His control daily. *2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7-13; John 14:16,17; Acts 1:8; I Corinthians 2:12; Ephesians 1:13*

## **ABOUT MANKIND**

We are all made in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character. We are the supreme object of God's creation. Although mankind has tremendous potential for good, we are separated from God by our sinful condition. *Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a; Romans 3:23; Romans 5:12; Isaiah 59:1,2*

## **ABOUT ETERNITY**

We all were created to exist forever. We will either be eternally separated from God by sin or in union with God through forgiveness and salvation. The place of eternal separation from God is called Hell. Heaven is the place of eternal union and eternal life with God. *Luke 16:22-24; John 3:16; Romans 6:23; Revelation 20:15; (Hell); Matthew 25:41; Revelation 21:27 (Heaven)*

## **ABOUT SALVATION**

Salvation is a gift from God to mankind. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or by good works. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can we be saved from sin's penalty. Eternal life begins the moment we receive Jesus Christ into our life by faith. *Acts 16:30, 31; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8, 9; John 14:6; John 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26*

## **ABOUT ETERNAL SECURITY**

Because God gives us eternal life through Jesus Christ, the believer is secure in the salvation for eternity. Salvation is maintained by the grace and power of God, not by the self-effort of the Christian. It is the grace and keeping power of God that gives this security. *John 10:29; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 10:10, 14; I Peter 1:3-5*

## **ABOUT THE BIBLE**

The Bible is God's Word to all mankind. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is truth without any mixture of error. *2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20, 21; 2 Timothy 1:13; Psalm 119:105, 160, 12:6; Proverbs 30:5*

# ACADEMICS

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for Park Valley College should possess a valid high school diploma. Applicants should also profess to faith in Jesus Christ and a commitment to the local church. To apply for the program, please visit [www.parkvalleycollege.com](http://www.parkvalleycollege.com).

## FINANCIAL

Application Fee .....	\$40
Tuition .....	\$2,400
In addition to your Certificate with transferable credits to Liberty University tuition includes all classes, books, materials, retreat, and other activities.	
Down Payment .....	\$395
Due within 30 days of acceptance	
<i>Payment plan available. 5% discount if paid in full upon acceptance</i>	

## TIME COMMITMENT

- 3 hours class time every Tuesday
- 4-5 hours weekly study
- 2 hours ministry at Weekend Services
- Participation in auxiliary opportunities including: retreat, a trip to the Museum of the Bible, and participation in a one-weekend workshop
- Required attendance at weekend retreat

## GRADE SCALE

A = 90-100   B = 80-89   C = 70-79   D = 60-69   F = 0-59  
Students enrolled in the certificate programs must maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA to receive credit for a course.

## ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to be regular in attendance and to be punctual. A student is allowed a total of four (4) unexcused absences within the forty weeks of classes. An unexcused absence will refer to any absence that has not been submitted in writing one of the college directors. When a student exceeds four unexcused absences, the student will be placed penalized one-half a grade point average in the final grade.

## WITHDRAWAL

A student is considered “withdrawn” when he or she voluntarily resigns all rights and privileges as a student of Park Valley College via written notice or fails to attend four consecutive classes without written notification to a director excusing their absence. When a student withdraws, he or she will not be refunded any previous payments. Upon withdrawal, the student will make a final payment.

“When I felt God calling me to ministry I wasn't really sure what that looked like. I had a full-time job, I was serving, I was reading my Bible and devotions, but the call still felt very broad and not clearly defined. Park Valley College changed that. Park Valley College provided structure and focus that helped me realize God's purpose for my life.”

*Troy, Pastor*

# COURSE OVERVIEW

A Certificate in Christian Ministry, Lay Counseling or Cross-Cultural Evangelism will be awarded to students who graduate from Park Valley College. Credits are transferable to Liberty University.

**THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY** track of study is designed to prepare students to lead and serve in the ministry of the local church professionally or as a lay leader. Includes 20 credit hours.

**THE LAY COUNSELING** track of study is designed to prepare students to serve as lay helpers within the ministry of the local church. Includes 21 credit hours.

**THE CROSS-CULTURAL EVANGELISM** track of study will require a cross-cultural ministry experience through one of Park Valley Church's missions trip or other approved similar opportunity. Trips may include foreign and domestic experience.



## 1 Academics

The academic experience at Park Valley College includes 30 required credit hours for Ministry students, 21 for Lay Counseling and Cross-Cultural Evangelism students. All students will also participate in an appropriate practicum.

## 2 Ministry

An integral part of the program is each student's involvement in ministry. Throughout the year, students will experience a variety of ministry opportunities selected according to their spiritual gifts and heart for ministry. During the final months, students will select an appropriate area of ministry to serve in a leadership capacity for their practicum.

## 3 Discipleship

Real transformation takes place in the context of relationships. For this reason, all students will be actively engaged in discipleship groups called cohorts where they will be challenged and encouraged to become more like Jesus.

## CLASS SCHEDULE

Week	Discipleship 6:30-7:30pm	Lay Counseling 7:30-9:30pm	Ministry 7:30-9:30pm	Cross-Cultural Evangelism 7:30-9:30pm
Week 1	Self Leadership			
Week 2	Self Leadership			
Week 3	Discipleship	Introduction to Christian Counseling	Bible Doctrine	Bible Doctrine
Week 4				
Week 5				
Week 6				
Week 7				
Week 8				
Week 9				
Week 10	Servant Leadership			
Week 11	Servant Leadership			
Week 12	Servant Leadership			
Week 13	Bible Survey	Techniques in Counseling	Bible Doctrine	Bible Doctrine
Week 14				
Week 15				
Week 16				
Week 17				
Week 18				
Week 19				
Week 20	Building at Team			
Week 21	Building at Team			
Week 22	Bible Survey	Christian Counseling with Specific Populations	Practical Ministry Skills	Introduction to Cross-Cultural Evangelism
Week 23				
Week 24				
Week 25			Church Business	Intercultural Communication and Engagement
Week 26				
Week 27				
Week 28	Developing Leaders			
Week 29	Developing Leaders			
Week 30	Developing Leaders			
Week 31	Bible Survey	CHRistian Counseling for Children, Adolescents, Marriage, and Family	Evangelism	Cultural Anthropology
Week 32				
Week 33				
Week 34				
Week 35			Communicating Effectively	Practical Preparation for Cross-Cultural Evangelism
Week 36				
Week 37				
Week 38				
	Graduation			

## CHRISTIAN MINISTRY PRACTICUM

The Christian Ministry Practicum affords students the opportunity to work closely in ministry for an extended period of time. Each practicum is uniquely designed for each student based on their giftedness and calling.

## LAY COUNSELING PRACTICUM

The practicum provides students with a beginning practical experience in a lay counseling setting with varied clientele. The student will provide individual, marriage, and/or family Lay Helper sessions and/or co-lead a ministry Connect Group. Practicum includes direct client or co-leading hours, individual supervisions via a licensed professional counselor, and case presentations. During this time students will use the techniques, ethics, and theories learned in previous courses.

## CROSS-CULTURAL EVANGELISM PRACTICUM

The practicum will provide a cross-cultural ministry experience working with an approved missionary or missionary organization.

“When my husband signed both of us up for classes I found the thought of going back to college in my 50's very daunting, but I am so glad that he did! The classes brought us closer together as we spent time studying God's Word, listening to lectures, and fellowshiping with other Christians.

*Betty Jo, Preschool Teacher*

# COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

## **BIBLE SURVEY** (3 credit hours)

Students will explore the Bible chronologically learning the themes, key people, events, dates, and historical context of the Bible and how it is one seamless story. They will develop an understanding of the inspiration of God's Word and how Jesus fulfilled all prophecy before surveying His earthly life and ministry as recorded in the four gospels.

## **BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP** (3 credit hours)

This course explores the topic of leadership from a biblical and theological perspective. Essential biblical principles bearing on the purpose and character of leadership will be examined.

## **DISCIPLESHIP** (3 credit hours)

As a small group, students will study closely with their cohort to build on the foundation of their faith, understand their personal value to God and purpose in His Kingdom.

## **BIBLE DOCTRINE** (3 credit hours)

This course will give a concise introduction to the nature, history, and methodology of theology while providing a helpful stimulus in understanding the relationship between the practice of one's faith and the belief context into which that practice fits.

## **PRACTICAL MINISTRY SKILLS** (2 credit hours)

This course will introduce students to the actual duties Pastors are called to do in the normal course of their ministry. Students will learn from the Pastors of Park Valley Church and then be given an opportunity to practice these techniques. The knowledge a Pastor needs to baptize, to offer pastoral counseling, to perform a wedding, a funeral, to teach and to work with special needs communities, to conduct outreach and mission opportunities as well as hospital visitation, bereavement and crisis management will all be taught.

## **COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY** (2 credit hours)

Everyone wants to be more effective when they communicate! This class will implement some of Rick Warren's principles as well as the little known "salt" principle. Everyone will be able to walk away a better communicator.... whether publicly or privately.

## **EVANGELISM** (2 credit hours)

An in-depth study of the evangelistic imperative and various methods of personal witnessing; with a focus on the theology of all facets of evangelism. We will discuss the various methods of approach, the motives, and the meaning of evangelism. Particular emphasis is given to follow-up, discipleship, and memorizing Scripture.

## **CHURCH BUSINESS AND FINANCE** (2 credit hours)

Church Business and Finance guides students through the process of developing a business plan for a church including budgeting, staffing, and human resources.

## INTRO TO CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

*(3 credit hours)*

In Introduction to Christian Counseling, students will learn the importance of building empathic counseling relationships modeling overall wellness and a continuous growth in their own personal walk with Christ. In addition, students will gain knowledge of assessment methods, theories, treatment interventions, ethical procedures, and various modalities of counseling. At the conclusion of the course, students will have a solid foundation of the fundamentals of Christian Counseling and be prepared to take the next step toward their specific calling whether it be professional counseling, pastoral counseling, lay counseling ministry or life coaching.

## TECHNIQUES IN COUNSELING *(3 credit hours)*

This course provides education and training in counseling skills used including intake assessment, empathic listening, using Christian spiritual interventions, treatment planning and utilizing community/church resources, and crisis intervention skills.

“As a working mom, I wasn't sure I could fit in a class but God showed me it was the best investment of my time. One of the things that I cherish the most after taking a Park Valley college class is the relationships and the bonds I formed with my classmates as we grew in faith together.”

*Kim, Government Sub-Contractor*

## CHRISTIAN COUNSELING FOR CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS, MARRIAGE, AND FAMILY

*(3 credit hours)*

This course exams the developmental and psychological needs of children and the transitions of adolescence. Counseling theories and creative interventions are explored to use with children and adolescent population. In addition, students will learn the importance of the family system and ways to successfully counsel in parental and family sessions. Emphasis on strong Christian marriages, ways to counsel, and intervene in couples counseling will be explored with the training of specific techniques for these populations.

## CHRISTIAN COUNSELING WITH SPECIFIC POPULATIONS *(3 credit hours)*

This course is designed to help explore through biblical truths the common presenting issues that lay counselors will encounter during lay counseling. These include but are not limited to grief and loss, anxiety, depression, relational conflict, career issues, spiritual direction, stress management, assessing addictions, assisting in trauma recovery, and personal growth and development.

“I learned fundamental biblical truths as well as practical ways to live out a fuller Christian life. Above all, the professors demonstrated that faith in Jesus Christ is the ultimate truth this world needs.”

*Jason, Engineer*

## **INTRO TO CROSS-CULTURAL EVANGELISM**

*(3 credit hours)*

This course is an introduction to understanding the history, principles and foundations of global missions. Additionally, this course lays the groundwork for an intercultural ministry and provides principles for engaging the current global environment.

## **INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT** *(3 credit hours)*

This course will take a close look at behaviors and core values of the North American culture, identify areas where these values are barriers to effective intercultural communication and explore principles for effective engagement in another culture.

## **CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY** *(3 credit hours)*

This course will study systems of human behavior and thought for the purpose of improving understanding of people and their relationships. Several case studies will be used to illustrate these systems.

## **PRACTICAL PREPARATION FOR CROSS-CULTURAL EVANGELISM** *(3 credit hours)*

This course will help guide potential global workers through the process of pursuing intercultural missions opportunities.



# APPLY NOW!



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