



IBCD

Counseling Observation Information

Purpose:

IBCD Counseling Observation exists to better equip believers in the area of biblical counseling. For those pursuing NANC certification, it can be used to fulfill the required 10 hour observation of a NANC certified counselor. If it is not feasible for you to personally observe a counselor, another alternative is to use the observation videos which are available for purchase from NANC.

Costs:

Standard Cost:	\$200
Supporting Church Member or Individual Supporter	\$100
Seminary Student	\$50

Payment is required before you begin. Please make checks payable to IBCD.

Weekly Commitments:

1. Counseling case(s) that you are observing

New Cases: Once you have satisfactorily completed this application, you will be notified when a new case becomes available for you to observe from beginning to end. Cases typically last 8-12 weeks; however, some counselees only come for one or two sessions. If your case ends early, you will be given another case. You will be expected to sit quietly, unless called upon by the counselor to make a contribution (ie, open or close in prayer). You should take notes (using the observation form) recording the flow of the session, homework assigned and any questions or suggestions you may have for the counselor. Also, you will be expected to pray for the counselee (s) throughout the week. If you are seeking NANC Certification, it is important to be recording your hours on the Observation Log which can be obtained from www.NANC.org.

Weekly Calls: The IBCD office is very busy on Mondays with the scheduling and facilitating of appointments. Observation is primarily your responsibility. Once you are assigned a case, you are to call the IBCD Office every Monday morning between 10-11 am to find out if your case is meeting that day. If, for some reason, you will not be able to observe that day you must let the IBCD Office know so that the counselor can be notified.

Attire & Punctuality: We seek to maintain a professional atmosphere at IBCD, so please dress appropriately when you come on Mondays. Proper dress is business casual; no jeans, flip-flops, T-shirts or tank tops. Be sure to arrive five or ten minutes before the case is scheduled to start. The counselors do not usually allow students to walk into a session after it has started.

Continuation: If your case finishes and you would like to be assigned to another, you must let the IBCD Office staff know. Students who have not completed their 10 hours will be given priority.

2. Weekly Observation Seminar

Time & Location: The class meets on Mondays at Grace Bible Church, 655 W. 11th Ave., Escondido from 6 pm -7 pm.

Attendance: You are expected to be at this meeting every week that your case is meeting. If your case is not meeting during a particular week, it is still recommended that you come to gain insight from hearing about the other cases.

By completing the following application, you are indicating that you have read the above commitments and agree to abide by them.

Recommended Resources:

During your preparation for counseling it is strongly recommended that you become familiar with the following resources that are often referred to counselees:

Adams, J. *From Forgiven to Forgiving*
Adams, J. *What Do You Do?* (pamphlet series)
Blanchard, J. *Right With God*
Kinneer, J. *How to Grow in Christ*
Mack, W. *A Homework Manual for Biblical Living #1 & #2*
Miller, J. *Repentance and the 21st Century Man*



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Counseling Observation Application

Name _____ Date: _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Home Church _____

Church Phone # _____ Pastor _____

Denomination _____

Are you a member? Yes No Years of membership _____

List ministries you are involved with in your church _____

How do you plan to use this training? _____

How did you hear about IBCD? _____

Are you seeking to be NANC certified? Yes No I don't know

Have you taken the Intro course from either IBCD or from another source? Yes No

If yes where and when? _____

If you are not a member of Grace Bible Church, you must submit a letter of recommendation from your pastor along with this application.

Confidentiality Policy:

The Board, Director and staff of the Institute for Biblical Counseling and Discipleship, hereinafter IBCD, understand that confidentiality is an important and vital aspect of the counseling relationship. To that end, IBCD and its representatives agree to carefully guard the information entrusted to them by counsees to the fullest extent possible.

Staff members and students participating in the IBCD program are expected to protect the information they receive in order to ensure the integrity of the counseling process and the privacy of the counselee. Should a counselor or student fail to protect said information, it may become necessary for them to be dismissed from service in the IBCD program.

I have read and understand the above Confidentiality Policy for IBCD and agree to be bound by its terms.

_____ signature

_____ date

Please give a brief testimony of your Christian faith (use an additional sheet if necessary)

When you are finished filling out this application, please turn it in to the IBCD office.
Payment is required before you begin your first session.
If you have any questions, please ask the IBCD staff: 760-747-9252