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Our Mission

The IFCA Discipleship Institute exists to develop and provide ministry educational materials to the Church of Jesus Christ. The educational materials available through the IFCA Discipleship Institute are designed to be used in a broad range of discipleship settings, including: Sunday School classes, small group gatherings, and Bible studies. The Institute also offers a diploma program to train leaders or for churches that want to offer a structured discipleship experience.

Our Purpose

- To consistently develop and distribute high quality Bible courses for the teaching and training of God's people.
- To empower churches to become centers of ministry training, community development training, and outreach.
- To enrich our fellowship among the IFCA and affiliated ministries throughout the world.

The Institute utilizes flexible content delivery methods to remove barriers to discipleship training. Students taking classes with IFCA-DI can earn a two-year diploma with concentrations in Pastoral Ministries or Christian 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.

Diploma Programs

The IFCA Discipleship Institute diploma programs are designed to provide students with a structured approach to discipleship. The diploma programs are ideal for Christian leaders who feel they need additional training for ministry.

The Institute has two diploma programs in biblical studies. One has a concentration on pastoral ministry, the other in Christian counselling.

PASTORAL MINISTRIES CONCENTRATION

Homiletics	Perspective
O.T. Survey	Prayer: Leadership Available to God
N.T. Survey	Hearing the Voice of God
Life of Christ	Ministers Finances
IFCA History, Constitution & Doctrine	Understanding People from a Christian Counseling Perspective
Introduction to Theology	The Spirit Life
Holy Spirit Theology	The Prophetic
A course on a book in the New Testament	Biblical Authority of Healing & Deliverance
Spiritual Ethics	Fivefold Ministry Gifts
Theology of God	Basics of Living in Christ
Evangelism from a Biblical	

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CONCENTRATION

O.T. Survey	Biblical Authority of Healing & Deliverance
N.T. Survey	Introduction to Christian Counseling
Life of Christ	Cognitive Behavior Counseling
IFCA History, Constitution & Doctrine	Marriage & Family Counseling
Introduction to Theology	Congregational Social Work
Fivefold Ministry Gifts	Conflict Resolution
Hearing the Voice of God	Grief & Trauma Counseling
Introduction to Ethics in Christian Counseling	Counseling Substance Abuse & Addictive Behavior (Parts A & B)
Ministers Finances	Counseling Victims of Abuse
The Prophetic	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.

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 20th Century.

MINISTRY COURSES:

Homiletics

This course teaches the basic elements of preaching by examining traditional and contemporary approaches to sermon preparation and delivery. While this course focuses on the fundamental principles of homiletics, it also encourages the student to consider their own personal style and distinctive manner for relaying gospel truths.

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.

Biblical Authority of Healing and Deliverance

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

Hearing the Voice of God

This course teaches students how to discern the voice of God from a biblical perspective.

The Basics of Living in Christ

This core course will study some of the basics of Christian Doctrine. The purpose is simply to lay a proper basic foundation of truth upon which deeper understanding can be built upon.

The Spirit Life

This course teaches a general overview of the doctrines and ministries of the Holy Spirit. It is designed to develop an interaction with the student and the Spirit through the truth and application of God's Word. The purpose is to apply the theology with a real experience to discover the person and work of the Spirit within the believer's life.

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.

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.

Ministers Finances

This course teaches the practical aspects of the minister's personal finances.

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.

Understanding People from a Christian Counseling Perspective

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.

THEOLOGY COURSES:

Introduction to 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.

Theology of God

The purpose of this course is to examine the attributes of God. Theology is the systematic study of the existence and nature of the divine and its relationship to and influence upon other beings.

COUNSELING COURSES:

Introduction to Christian 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 Christian 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 Christian 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 Substance 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.

Congregational Social Work

The focus of this course helps students move through the history of the church in how they help their members dating back to the 1800s to the present. It looks at Non-religious agencies and the church in social work. What are the challenges to the churches in helping members and looking at when is it necessary to restructure their programs? The book also shares many experiences from social workers who have been engaged with congregations and the effectiveness of their work

Cognitive Behavior Counseling

This course gives an overview of how to integrate Christianity into psychotherapy and that this is an accessible, informative, and practical resource for mental health practitioners and pastoral counselors. The ultimate goal of this book is to provide Christian clients struggling with depression the means to an effective psychological treatment that supports their faith in a divine source of peace and healing.

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 Christian Counseling program.

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 part of the IFCA – DI. you can be confident that your education goals and stewardship is glorifying God.

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- DIPLOMA	\$75
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*Pricing does not include any shipping and handling fees.



IFCA CREDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

CHRISTIAN WORKER

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

LICENSED PREACHER

- Introduction to Theology
- A course on a book in the New Testament
- Holy Spirit Theology
- Homiletics
- Spiritual Ethics

MINSTER 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

- Understanding People from a Christian Counseling Perspective
- The Spirit Life
- The Prophetic
- Biblical Authority of Healing & Deliverance
- Fivefold Ministry Gifts

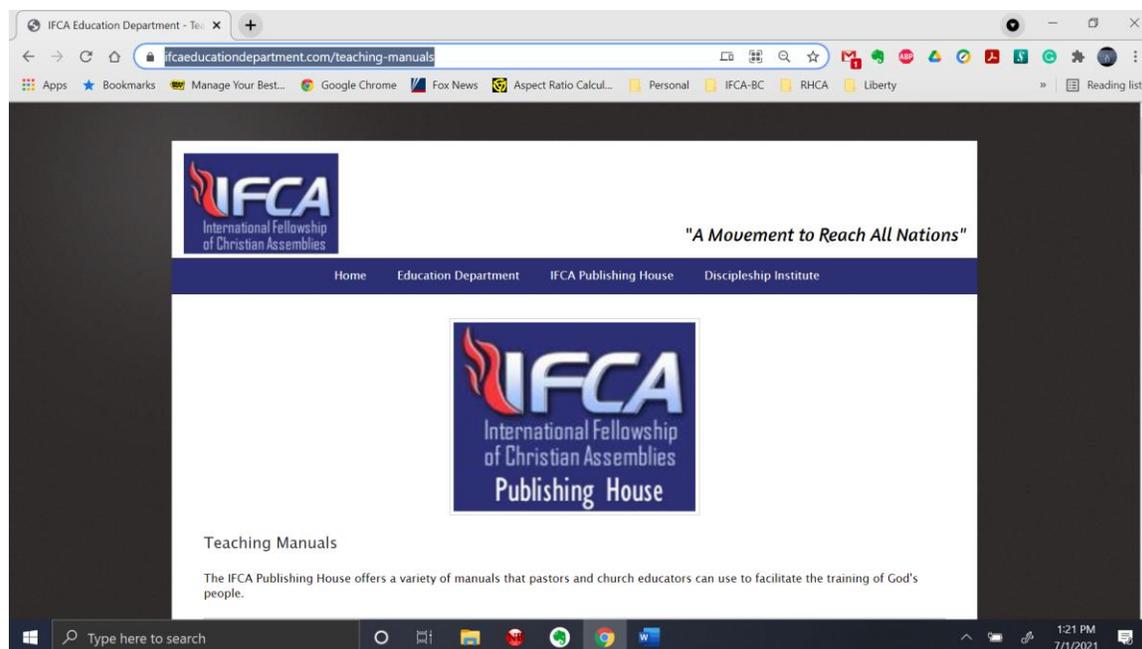
How to access and using the IFCA Discipleship Institute Materials

Accessing and using the IFCA Discipleship Institute training materials is a simple process. The materials are designed to be used in a broad range of training settings.

FOR NON-DIPLOMA STUDENTS

Churches that want to use the IFCA Discipleship Institute materials in a non-structured manner simply purchase as many training manuals required for your particular needs. The self-paced nature of the training manuals allows you to work through the information as quickly or slowly as is appropriate.

You can access the training manuals from the ifcaeducationdepartment.com web site. From there select the IFCA Publishing House link, then the [training manuals](#) link.



Once you have determined what manual is needed, select it. The training manual link will direct you to a third-party website that will produce and ship your order.

Some of the manuals require you to obtain a teacher's guide with the correct answers to the guide's questions. If you need the teacher's guide, contact the education department or order one along with the student guide.

FOR DIPLOMA STUDENTS

Diploma students work with an education department specialist to complete their diploma track program. The specialist will direct the student to a password protected web page for each course. The course pages contain the course syllabus. The syllabus describes the course and its required assignments. Assignments for each course varies. They include reading and writing assignments, listening to audio recordings, and evaluative teaching assignments designed to ensure the student grasps the course material.

Once that student has completed all the required assignments for the course, they must submit their work to the education department for evaluation.

Grading

The IFCA Discipleship Institute follows a three-tiered grading system.

- **Pass:** the student has met all the course requirements (equivalent to a B course grade).
- **High Pass:** the student has met and exceeded all course requirements (equivalent to an A course grade)
- **Low Pass:** the student has failed to meet all the course requirements but has completed enough of the requirements to pass the course (equivalent to a C course grade).

If the student does not attain at least a Low Pass grade, the department will work with the student to reach that grade level.

Completing a Course

If a student is in a diploma program or registers for the course by paying the course fee, upon successful completion of the course they will receive a certificate of completion from the education department. That certificate can be used as proof that the student successfully completed the course subject.

Graduation

Once the student has successfully completed the diploma program and paid their graduation fee, they will receive their diploma.

Getting Help

Students can receive assistance by contacting the education department. In addition to one-on-one assistance, the department can schedule meeting with groups of students using Zoom meeting software.

A Message from the Education Director



Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is a privilege to partner with you in the mission to disciple God's people. Whether you are a pastor, youth leader, small group leader, or individual with a passion to learn more, the IFCA Discipleship Institute is here to serve you.

IFCA-DI exists to promote the growth of individual believers, the growth of the local church, and the growth of God's kingdom throughout the earth. Growth is tied to the making of mature disciples of Jesus Christ. A cursory reading of the book of Acts reveals the incredible impact a group of Christ followers committed to fulfilling his call to make disciples can have on the world. The same call to make disciples, teaching them everything Christ commanded is the driving mission for IFCA-DI.

I encourage you to use the resources that IFCA-DI has made available to you and your local church. Together, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we will see the Kingdom of Christ grow and many made into committed followers of Jesus Christ.

God Bless,

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