

Learning Aims for the Certificate of Advanced Studies

As a result of successfully completing the Certificate of Advanced Studies, students would be able to:

- 1. Identify the areas of professional growth that would advance their understanding of the field of professional counseling, specifically pastoral counseling.
- 2. Function as advanced-level clinicians with the ability to form clinical relationships with a variety of clients using advanced levels skills.
- 3. Demonstrate an advanced-level of ability to identify spiritual issues as they present themselves, to accept others' points of view concerning religious, spiritual, and faith issues and to assist clients to explore their own issues in a safe place.
- 4. Demonstrate advanced-level self-reflection through seeking opportunities to learn and grow in situations that require contemplation and deliberation of current behavior, thoughts, emotions, and beliefs especially as these areas intersect with multicultural differences.
- 5. Demonstrate ethical behavior as clinicians.