



Issues in Counseling II (TH772) Course Syllabus

I. Learning outcomes for TH772

Issues in Counseling II will afford students a well-rounded understanding of addiction from a biblical perspective.

II. Required Reading:

Heath Lambert, *Finally Free: Fighting for Purity with the Power of Grace*, (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2013).

Mark E. Shaw, *The Heart of Addiction: A Biblical Perspective*, (Minneapolis: Focus Pub., 2008).

Mark E. Shaw, *Relapse: Biblical Prevention Strategies*, (Minneapolis: Focus Pub., 2011).

Ed Welch, *Addictions: A Banquet in the Grave: Finding Hope in the Power of the Gospel*, (Phillipsburg: P & R, 2001).

Ed Welch, *Blame it On the Brain: Distinguishing Chemical Imbalances, Brain Disorders, and Disobedience*, (Phillipsburg: P & R, 1998).

III. Lectures

Keith Palmer, [*Basic Principles, Procedures, and Strategies for Counseling Addictions*](#).

David Powlison, 2006, [*Escape to Reality*](#).

Mark Driscoll, 2008, [*Death By Love: Addiction and Atonement*](#).

Jeff Durbin, 2017, [*Overcoming Addiction*](#).

Ruth Potee, 2017, [*The Physiology of Addiction*](#).

Charles Hodges, [*How the Physiology of Addiction Complicates Counseling*](#).

Mark Shaw, [*Understanding Temptation: The War Within Your Heart*](#).

Mark Shaw, [*Biblical Insights Into Addiction*](#).

Ed Welch, [*Hear the Addict's Story, Retell the Addict's Story*](#).



IV. Assignments

Written assignments should be turned in together at the close of a course.

1. **Write a two to three page (double-spaced) reflection paper any chapter in *Blame it On the Brain*.** A reflection paper identifies the subject(s) under consideration and gives a summarization of your reaction to the material with evidence from the material to support your suppositions. Reflection papers answer the questions “Did you agree with the claims of the author?,” “What did you learn?,” “What misconceptions did you have that the author helped you correct?” Footnote all citations. For further help consult [How to Write a Reflection Paper](#).
2. **Write a fifteen to twenty page (double-spaced) research paper which critiques the twelve step methodology of Alcoholics Anonymous.** This paper should articulate a clear thesis that rests upon sound biblical and theological argumentation and that addresses the strongest counterarguments to the thesis. Cite at least five sources other than the assigned reading. Refrain from relying upon secondary or internet sources. Provide a cover page, bibliography, and footnote all citations. Be sure to utilize Kate L. Turabian, *A Manual for Writers of Research Papers, Theses, and Dissertations*, 9th Ed., (Chicago: Univ. of Chicago Press, 2018) for pagination/citation questions.