



Brochure 2026

Biblical counselling training

Online, self-paced training that equips believers for pastoral care, mentorship and ministry — from Foundation to B.A.T.S.

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Welcome to MyFiladelfia

Thank you for your enquiry about MyFiladelfia Biblical Counselling Institute. MyFiladelfia is a Biblically based network for pastoral care, mentorship and life skills, consisting of diverse pastoral resources. At MyFiladelfia everybody is respected – regardless of language, culture or Christian denomination.

Since 1994, MyFiladelfia has grown as an interdenominational ministry and spread her wings over the whole of South Africa and internationally. The MyFiladelfia team is passionate about the Lord Jesus Christ and believes Him to be the source of all true inner healing. MyFiladelfia equips believers to operate more effectively in their ministries and personal lives.

The MyFiladelfia value system

The work of MyFiladelfia is based on the inspired Word of God, and equipping of believers is done in dependence on His Holy Spirit. MyFiladelfia believes that Jesus Christ still heals. Trust, honesty, liability, transparency, excellence and integrity form the core of our ministry. We journey with students on the road to discipleship, encourage perseverance, facilitate restored relationships, promote spiritual growth and build partnerships in the ministry.

"It's not about religion at MyFiladelfia, it's Christianity. God has allowed me to see and know that He is moving and that He is real."

"Thank you – this was amazing. I truly love MyFiladelfia. You guys open my eyes for new things every day."

"We learnt a lot and appreciate all the effort, passion and accurate presentation. Life enriching!"

600+

Graduates

30+

Years Experience

100%

Online

What our ministry does



Pastoral counselling and life skills

MyFiladelfia focuses on aspects which unite the body of Christ and represents a great variety of denominations. Although pastoral counsellors do not diagnose or treat mental illnesses, the road of recovery is walked with fellow believers while they receive healing from His Word and through His Spirit.



Direction and mentorship

Empathic relationships are formed while believers are encouraged to believe in their Godly purpose – fulfilled through pastoral care, motivation, mentorship, unconditional love and the practical implementation of the Word of God in everyday life.



Ministry

MyFiladelfia gladly takes part in any form of service to the church and community, so that the message of the Good News of Jesus Christ can be lived and preached – and readily joins discussions important to the expansion of the Kingdom of God.



Composition of this ministry

MyFiladelfia offers short courses in a modular format, included in a year programme. Courses support the student's ministry and equip them for their calling. Courses prepare people for service in Christian ministry – not for secular work.



Acknowledgement of courses

MyFiladelfia does not issue national qualifications. Religious qualifications are issued by MINTS – Miami International Theological Seminary (www.mints.edu), Florida, U.S.A. These qualifications are not registered on the South African NQF and are not accredited by a South African quality council. Separately, MyFiladelfia is an independent Skills Development Provider registered with the QCTO | SDP260523133008. MyFiladelfia is not a MINTS study centre and is not a provider of Private Higher Education in South Africa. Please read *Qualifications, fees & refunds* at the back of this brochure before enrolling.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

— Galatians 6:2

How the training works



Course structure

Training is presented in eLearning format. The practical programme is unique in South Africa and is supported by two contact sessions of two days each per year – essential for gaining real experience.

All you need to complete the course: a computer with an internet connection, and an email address.



English / Afrikaans

Course material and assignments are in English, with support available for Afrikaans speakers to fully comprehend the coursework. You are welcome to answer your assignments in Afrikaans – our team evaluates your work with the same diligence as English submissions.



It is very simple to enrol

1. Complete the [online registration form](#).
2. Include a copy of your ID book, a copy of your highest qualification, and proof of payment of the deposit.
3. As soon as all documentation is received, you get access to the eLearning portal.

Right of admission to any of the courses is reserved.



Registration periods

Jan / Feb intake

registration closes
28 February

Jun / Jul intake

registration closes
31 July

Individual courses

register at any
time

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

— 2 Timothy 2:15

Investment in the training

Level courses (per calendar year)

R2500 deposit at

registration, plus

R1980 p.m. × 12 months

Level 3: R1980 p.m. × 24 months.

[Registration form for Levels 1–3](#)

Individual courses

R3000 each (non-refundable)

Levels consist of courses, and all MyFiladelfia courses can be taken individually. [Registration form for individual courses](#)

Enrolment is per level, and you may cancel within the statutory online cooling-off period for a full refund, including the deposit. After that you may cancel at any time by written notice and will not be liable for the remaining fees for that level; the deposit is non-refundable and fees already paid are not refunded. Full terms under *Qualifications, fees & refunds* at the back of this brochure.



Banking details

Account holder: GODSPEED DIGITAL
AGENCY (PTY) LTD T/A MyFiladelfia Skills
Development Provider

Bank: First National Bank (FNB)

Account number: 62827764962

Registration number: 2019/201191/07

Account type: Gold Business Account

Branch code: 255355 · **Swift code:**
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“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.”

— Colossians 3:23

The curriculum

Three sequential levels take you from foundations to a B.A.T.S. — Bachelor of Arts in Theological Studies, issued by MINTS.edu. Detailed module outlines for every course are available on request.

Level 1 — Foundation 1 year

MINTS.edu issues a Certificate in Theological Studies.

Introduction to the Bible A guided journey through the whole of Scripture, from the Pentateuch to the Epistles.	BAB001	Introduction to Theology The main divisions, sources and essential doctrines of the Christian faith.	BAT024
Biblical Ethics Christian ethical foundations, the Ten Commandments and our relationship with God.	BAT324	Pastoral Counselling Foundations The counsellor's life, portrait and Biblical qualifications.	BAM311A
Pastoral Counselling Practices The call, priorities, prayer life and practice of the pastor/counsellor.	BAM311B	The Doctrine of Scripture Revelation, inspiration, inerrancy and the canon of Scripture.	BAT021
Pastoral Theological Counselling The need for, principles and problems of pastoral counselling.	BAM416	Christian Counselling Prominent, developmental, interpersonal and identity issues (Collins).	PB01
Where is God When it Hurts? Understanding pain, suffering and faith (Yancey).	PB02	How People Grow What the Bible reveals about personal growth (Cloud & Townsend).	PB03

Plus Contact Session 1 & Practical (CSESS01, PRAC01) and Contact Session 2 (CSESS02).

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Courses

2

Contact sessions

1

Year



Level 2 — Advanced

1 year

MINTS.edu issues an Associate of Arts in Theological Studies.

Youth Counselling

PB04

Emotional, relational and other issues young people face (McDowell & Hostetler).

Doctrine of the Church

BAT610

Biblical and theological descriptions of the church and its ministry.

Psychology for Christian Counselling

BAL911

Psychology and its relationship to theology, emotions and personality.

Christian Theology for Biblical Counselling Pt 1

BAT921

Christian doctrine, revelation, inspiration, the canon and anthropology.

Christian Theology for Biblical Counselling Pt 2

BAT922

Theology proper, Christology, pneumatology and the Trinity.

Homiletics: Preach the Word

BAM131

Expository preaching — structure, delivery and the authority of preaching.

Gospel Preaching: Sermon Development

BAM130

Exposition, explanation, application and structuring of the sermon.

Research Project

RP01

Independent, responsible topical theological research and documentation.

Plus Contact Session 1 & Practical (CSESS02A, PRAC02) and Contact Session 2 (CSESS02B).

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Courses

2

Contact sessions

1

Year

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

— 2 Timothy 3:16



Level 3 — Specialisation & practicum

2 years

MINTS.edu issues a BA degree in Theological Studies (B.A.T.S.).

Christian Service

BAH131

Serving the needy — the unborn, homeless, unreached and persecuted.

Christian Leadership

BAM512

Healthy, faith-led leadership with Biblical boundaries.

Doctrine of Grace

BAT512

God's covenant of grace, from Adam to the New Covenant in Christ.

Problem Management

BAM726

Egan's model, person-centred therapy and practical helping skills.

Pre-Marital Counselling

BAM321

What the Bible says marriage is — vows, roles, children and conflict.

Marriage Therapy

BAM317

Communication, conflict, unfaithfulness and marriage enrichment.

A Pastoral Approach to Illness

BAM318

Theological dimensions of illness, mental illness and HIV & AIDS.

Defending the Faith: Apologetics

BAT810

Presuppositional apologetics, truth and the problem of evil.

Advanced Interpretation of Scripture

BAB811

Hermeneutics — from textual study to ministerial application.

Ministry Analysis

BAM116

Congregational leadership, evangelism, worship and diaconal work.

Covenant Theology

MAT623

The structure of God's covenants — Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, David.

Practical Theological Research

PB05

Moving from "what is" to "what ought to be" (Osmer).

Advanced Pastoral Care and Counselling

PB06

Holistic caregiving, pastoral ethics, referral and self-care (Clinebell).

Advanced Pastoral Studies

PB07

The human soul — meaning, intimacy, maturity and bereavement (Louw).

Research Script

PAM44

Academic research on a topic supporting your call to pastoral ministry.

Plus Contact Sessions 1–4 & Practicals (CSESS03A, CSESS03B, CSESS04A, CSESS04B, PRAC04).

On completion of the full four-year programme, students may be eligible to apply to ASCHP for a professional designation through ASCHP's Recognition of Prior Learning process — see *Qualifications, fees & refunds* below.

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Courses

4

Contact sessions

2

Years



Qualifications, fees & refunds

These terms apply to enrolment with Godspeed Digital Agency (Pty) Ltd (registration number 2019/201191/07), trading as MyFiladelfia Skills Development Provider (“MyFiladelfia”, “we”, “us”).

Qualifications and recognition

All theological, ministry and counselling qualifications referred to in this brochure are issued by Miami International Theological Seminary (MINTS) (www.mints.edu), based in Florida, U.S.A. MINTS issues religious qualifications intended to prepare people for ministry. Please read the following carefully before enrolling:

- 1. These are religious qualifications.** The MINTS qualifications are religious/theological in nature. They are not registered on the South African National Qualifications Framework (NQF) by SAQA, and they are not accredited by a South African quality council (such as the Council on Higher Education, Umalusi or the QCTO).
- 2. Our counselling course and the ASCHP route.** Our counselling course runs over four years (Level 1 – one year, Level 2 – one year, Level 3 – two years) and is a MINTS religious qualification. It is not, in itself, an NQF-registered or accredited South African qualification. On completion of the full four-year programme, students may be eligible to apply to the Association for Supportive Counsellors and Holistic Practitioners (ASCHP) (www.aschp.net) for a professional designation through a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process conducted by ASCHP. To be clear: ASCHP’s RPL route leads only to a professional designation with ASCHP – it is not an accreditation of our course, and MyFiladelfia is not accredited by ASCHP. Any application, the applicable designation, and the outcome of the RPL assessment are determined solely by ASCHP in its discretion. MyFiladelfia does not guarantee that any ASCHP designation will be awarded.
- 3. MyFiladelfia’s QCTO status.** Separately from the MINTS religious qualifications, MyFiladelfia is an independent Skills Development Provider registered with the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO) and offers one or more QCTO-registered programmes. Where a specific programme is a QCTO-registered occupational qualification, part-qualification or skills programme, this will be stated expressly on that programme’s page. Our QCTO registration applies only to those programmes and does not apply to the MINTS counselling or theological qualifications.
- 4. MyFiladelfia is not a MINTS study centre.** MyFiladelfia is independent and is not a study centre of MINTS.edu.
- 5. Purpose of the training.** Our courses and all related documentation are designed to prepare people for ministry through Scripture-based training, so that they can fulfil their calling from God. MyFiladelfia does not train people for secular work or for a profession.
- 6. Recognition and transfers are not guaranteed.** With appropriate recognition of prior learning, it may be possible for MyFiladelfia students to transfer to other institutions, but any recognition of training obtained through MyFiladelfia (via MINTS) is entirely at the discretion of the receiving institution. Neither MyFiladelfia nor MINTS guarantees that any qualification will be recognised.
- 7. No guarantee of employment.** Neither MyFiladelfia nor MINTS guarantees any future employment, and neither appoints people to positions.
- 8. Your responsibility to verify.** You are responsible for confirming that the MINTS qualification and MyFiladelfia’s registration are accepted by any employer, church body or further-study institution before you rely on them for employment or further study.

Fees, cancellation and refunds

We want our fee terms to be clear and fair, and to comply with the Consumer Protection Act 68 of 2008 (CPA) and other applicable South African law.

1. **How enrolment works.** Each level is a separate agreement: Level 1 and Level 2 each run for one year, and Level 3 runs for two years.
2. **Online cooling-off.** Because enrolment takes place online, you may cancel within the cooling-off period allowed by law – generally within 7 days under the Electronic Communications and Transactions Act 25 of 2002, or within 5 business days where the CPA's direct-marketing provisions apply – and receive a full refund, including any deposit. This cooling-off right applies regardless of the general policy below.
3. **Cancellation at any time.** After the cooling-off period, you may cancel your enrolment at any time during the year by written notice. On cancellation, you will not be liable for the remaining fees for that level (the fees for the portion of the course you do not continue with).
4. **Deposit.** The deposit is non-refundable and is forfeited on cancellation.
5. **No refund of fees already paid.** Apart from the cooling-off right in clause 2, fees you have already paid are not refunded. You will not, however, be charged any further amount for the balance of the level after you cancel.
6. **Suspension or termination for misconduct.** If your enrolment is suspended or terminated in terms of our disciplinary policy, fees already paid are not refunded, and you will not be liable for the remaining fees for that level.
7. **Withholding of certificates.** MyFiladelfia may withhold certificates, results and formal written acknowledgement of completed training until all fees due have been paid in full.

Overdue accounts and debt collection

1. **Reminders and notice.** If your account falls into arrears, we will contact you. If your account remains unpaid for more than 120 calendar days, and after we have given you written notice and a reasonable opportunity to settle, we may hand the account over to a registered third-party debt collector (currently Vericred) for collection.
2. **POPIA consent.** By enrolling, you consent, in terms of the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013 (POPIA), to MyFiladelfia sharing the personal information reasonably necessary to collect an overdue account with a registered debt collector engaged for that purpose.
3. **Collection costs.** MyFiladelfia does not charge interest or late-payment fees on overdue accounts. If an account is handed over, you may become liable for reasonable collection costs charged by the debt collector. Any such costs are limited by law, including the Debt Collectors Act 114 of 1998 and its prescribed tariff. We encourage you to settle any outstanding balance promptly to avoid these additional costs.



*"Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man
can shut it."*

— Revelation 3:8

Start your journey today

Begin your path to becoming a skilled biblical counsellor —
grounded in Scripture, guided by His Spirit.

Apply Now

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