Application Instructions

Postgraduate Certificate in
Marriage & Family Counseling

1. Complete **CIU Application Form** and pay **$45 Application Fee**.

2. **Complete masters program in a clinical mental health or equivalent program with a minimum 3.0 GPA from a regionally accredited institution**. Applicants must request official transcripts from all colleges and/or universities attended to be sent directly to CIU Graduate Admissions. Note: Applicants who have attended an institution outside the United States must have transcripts validated through World Education Services. Contact CIU Graduate Admissions for details.

3. **Current Resume or Curriculum Vitae**.

4. **Clinical Readiness Reference:** Present or past clinical supervisor or employer who has direct knowledge of the applicant's clinical work and can speak to applicant's clinical skill level and readiness for an advance training certificate program using the COC Clinical Reference Form. (Additional information may be requested, such as Professional Performance Review (CIU alumni) and/or additional reference.)

5. **Sample counseling (actual or role play) video recording (10-15 min.) with self-critique of strengths and weaknesses of session**.

6. **PGCMFC Essay Questions**:
    1. Describe your spiritual journey including:
        a. what does it mean for you to be a follower of Jesus Christ,
        b. what experiences, trials, and/or people have shaped your development,
        c. how has your faith informed your worldview,
        d. what has been your involvement in Christian service, and
        e. how do you connect with other believers?

    2. Explain how completing the PGCMFC in the College of Counseling at CIU will help you achieve your professional goals in the context of God's purpose for your life.

7. **Group Interview Participation**

Deadline:	**Interview:**
Two weeks prior to interview	The Friday of the week of Memorial Day