

SUMMER INSTITUTE 2018 INFORMATION

Course Description - Pastoral Family Counseling (Dr. Kevin Backus & Dr. George Scipione)

The family as a creation ordinance is the God-given bedrock of human society, culture, and relationship. It is through the family that Reformed churches have historically passed on the great truths of the Christian faith. However, it is through the family that sin, the flesh, and the devil have made their most violent attacks upon Christ's bride, the church. In this intensive course on pastoral counseling for families, you will receive a systematic survey of the theology of the family. You will learn to articulate the theological importance of the Christian home, including covenantal family relationships. You will also learn how to think through and properly counsel your flock in matters like courtship and dating, premarital and marriage counseling, issues of divorce, and how to rebuild the marriage relationship after crises like adultery, abandonment, and other forms of abuse. Above all, you will leave this class equipped with a model of family counseling that seeks the glory of God through the proper application of biblical truth to those you are called to pastor in your congregation.

Class Registration

To enroll in the Summer Institute, a completed registration form with payment must be received at GPTS no later than the Friday prior to the class date. Non-GPTS students who would like to take the course for graduate-level credit must register by June 30th. Class registration fees include: course materials, refreshment breaks, and facility use. Attendees are responsible for their own expenses, including, but not limited to: hotel, airfare, and meals. Participants are responsible for making their own accommodation arrangements directly with the hotel. **GPTS regrets that it cannot be responsible for any loss or damages incurred as a result of cancellation of a course by GPTS for any reason.**

Tuition & Fee Payments

Tuition for the Summer Institute is \$225 for non-students, \$468 (inclusive of fees) for students taking the course for graduate-level credit, and the class may not be audited. Deduct \$25 from any additional non-student registrations from your local church family. You may pay by check or credit card. All fees must be paid in U.S. dollars (USD). For classes outside of North America, fees in local currencies may apply. Contact the GPTS Registrar or the stated local contact before making final plans. Registration accompanied by full fee payment is required to guarantee a seat in the class. Payment in full is due at the time of enrollment. Please do not ask to be invoiced. A confirmation letter will be emailed when payment is received with completed registration forms.

Course fees are subject to change without advance notice.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Paid or guaranteed registrations canceled in writing at least five business days in advance of a class will receive a full refund, less a \$25 service fee. Paid or guaranteed registrations canceled in writing within five days before a class will receive a refund of 50% of the registration fee. No refund or credit will be issued on cancellation requests received after a class begins. Transfers may be made from one student to another by written request up to the Friday before the class. Transfer request must be submitted in writing. All cancellation and transfer fees are subject to change at any time.

Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

Course participants may receive 30 CEUs. A certificate will be awarded at the end of the course upon its completion.