

10. Christian Experience Statement

Please type a Christian Experience Statement in 1-2 pages, using the following two questions as a guideline.

Please include your name, address, phone number, social security number, program you are applying for at the top of your essay.

1. Have you accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Savior? If yes, please state your conversion experience, fundamentals of your personal faith and present pattern of personal growth as a Christian.
2. Present a personal biography including a discussion of significant events and influences which have helped develop your present values and approach to life. What is God's call upon your life? How do you see the Alliance Graduate School of Counseling fitting into God's call on your life? What do you visualize your ministry/profession looking like five years after graduation? Include any additional information you would like to mention if you were talking to us personally about your calling and ministry goals.

11. Calling to Counsel

Your answers to the questions below will help us get to know you and evaluate your writing skills. Please type your answer in 1-5 complete sentences on a separate sheet of paper

Please include your name, address, phone number, date of birth and program you are applying for at the top of your responses.

Calling to Counsel:

Please type the answer to each question in paragraph format on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Why do you want to become a professional counselor?
2. What kind of calling for counseling ministry has God given to you?
3. What attributes/personal qualities describe you that you feel will make you an effective therapist?
4. How do you need to grow as a person in order to be a competent counselor?
5. Have others regularly sought you out for counsel or affirmed that they think you should consider becoming a counselor?

12. (OPTIONAL) Spouse's Statement, if applicable.

Please include your name, address, phone number, date of birth and program you are applying for at the top of your response.

Describe your perspective on your spouse's decision to apply to Alliance Graduate School of counseling.

Include any concerns you might have that pertain to his/her decision.

Statement of Faith

AGSC are committed to a thoroughly evangelical Christian view of humanity and the world.

We Believe:

There is one God, who is infinitely perfect, existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is true God and true man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died upon the cross, the Just for the unjust, as a substitutionary sacrifice, and all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood. He arose from the dead according to the Scriptures. He is now at the right hand of the Majesty on high as our great High Priest. He will come again to establish His kingdom of righteousness and peace. The Holy Spirit is a divine person, sent to indwell, guide, teach, empower the believer and convince the world of sin, righteousness, and of judgment.

The Old and New Testaments, inerrant as originally given, were verbally inspired by God and are a complete revelation of His will for the salvation of man. They constitute the divine and only rule of Christian faith and practice.

Man was originally created in the image and likeness of God; he fell through disobedience, incurring thereby physical and spiritual death. All men are born with a sinful nature, are separated from the life of God, and can be saved only through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ. The portion of the impenitent and unbelieving is existence forever in conscious torment; and that of the believer, in everlasting joy and bliss. Salvation has been provided through Jesus Christ for all men; and those who repent and believe are born again of the Holy Spirit, receive the gift of eternal life, and become the children of God.

It is the will of God that each believer should be filled with the Holy Spirit and sanctified wholly, being separated from sin and the world and fully dedicated to the will of God, thereby receiving power for holy living and effective service. This is both a crisis and a progressive experience wrought in the life of the believer subsequent to conversion. Provision is made in the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ for the healing of the mortal body. Prayer for the sick and anointing with oil are taught in the Scriptures and are privileges for the church in this present age.

The church consists of all those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed through His blood, and are born again of the Holy Spirit. Christ is the Head of the Body, the church, which has been commissioned by Him to go into all the world as a witness, preaching the gospel to all nations.

The local church is a body of believers in Christ who are joined together for the worship of God, for edification through the Word of God, for prayer, fellowship, the proclamation of the gospel, and observances of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. There shall be a bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust; for the former, a resurrection unto life; for the latter, a resurrection unto judgment.

The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent and will be personal, visible and premillennial. This is the believer's blessed hope and is a vital truth which is an incentive to holy living and faithful service.

Statement of Agreement/Disagreement

Have you read, and are you in agreement with the AGSC Statement of Faith printed above?

Yes No (If not, explain any differing views on a separate sheet)

Signature

Standard of Conduct Agreement

AGSC recognize the value of maintaining standards that contribute to the atmosphere on campus, foster fellowship with a wide range of Christians and, in many instances, assist in strengthening our Christian testimony to our community. Students and employees are asked to be supportive of these standards. AGSC is for earnest Christians who are sensitive to the principles of Christian living that are found in the Bible. The Bible establishes basic principles for Christian character and behavior. These include the following:

- The Lordship of Christ over all of life and thought. This involves a life of faith in wholehearted obedience to the moral teaching of the Bible and careful stewardship in all of life.
- The responsibility to love God with our whole being and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Unselfish love should be the motive in all decisions, actions, and relationships.
- The responsibility to pursue righteousness and practice justice and mercy to everyone.
- The need to exercise our freedom responsibly within the framework of God's Word, with loving regard for the sensitivities of others.
- Regular participation in church worship and activities, which forms a necessary context for Christian living.

A Christian lifestyle is expected of all members of the AGSC community. It consists of practicing Christian virtues and avoiding attitudes and actions that the Bible condemns as sinful. Christian virtues that members of this learning community are expected to exhibit include humility, honesty, a forgiving spirit, faith, hope and love. Attitudes that the Bible condemns and AGSC regards as spiritually or morally unacceptable include greed, jealousy, pride, lust, bitterness, uncontrolled anger, and prejudice based on race, sex, or socio-economic status. In addition, drunkenness, stealing, profanity, unfair discrimination, dishonesty, occult practices, illegal activities, and sexual sins such as pre-marital sex, and adultery are unacceptable.

Students are expected to exercise discernment, and to abstain from all activities that tend to be morally degrading. Tangible evidence of maturing Christian convictions and discerning judgment is expected of each student. These standards apply to the student, both on campus and off campus while enrolled in any of the programs of the institution.

AGSC reserves the right to dismiss a student who, in its judgment, does not conform to stated regulations governing student conduct, or to the expressed principles, policies, programs and expectations of the school. Your signature indicates your commitment to abide by these standards while enrolled at Alliance Theological Seminary/Alliance Graduate School of Counseling.

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Date