



# Counseling Internship Program

The Pikes Peak Christian Church Care Center's clinical training program offers clinical mental health training opportunities with onsite supervision from licensed mental health therapists. The Counseling Internship Program is for Master's level students pursuing a counseling degree. We offer Practicum and Internship experiences for qualified candidates who are in good standing with their respective University programs. This training site operates with affiliation agreements with university programs to meet the requirements for the respective degrees. The Care Center site is organized to meet experience placement requirements for CACREP-accredited training programs. We have also served students in COMAFTE-accredited programs.

**Training:** The Care Center is a "high touch" training environment where there are multiple opportunities for direct observation, supervision, and audio/video recording of counseling sessions. We have a structured training approach that begins with clinical interviewing and case conceptualization and unfolds into graduated counseling experiences according to the individual student's mastery of counseling skills, clinical interests, and professional development. This is all done under the supervision of a licensed supervisor.

**Our Mission:** The Care Center at Pikes Peak Christian Church (PPCC) is available to provide help, hope, healing, and restoration in a safe environment for individuals, couples, and families with a wide range of presenting problems and counseling concerns. The Care Center offers a unique opportunity for integrating faith in counseling and non-faith-based clinical services for clients who do not want a spiritual or religious component in their counseling.

**Our Vision:** The Care Center is designed to be an outreach for counseling needs in the community. We strive to be a church without walls. Jesus calls for us to go outside the walls to reach the lost and the broken. As an open, low-cost counseling clinic, the Care Center sees clients from all walks of life and diverse backgrounds.

**Our Counselors:** Counselors at The Care Center are here to help guide people through life's difficult issues, whether it involves individuals, marriage, or family and group sessions. Using Biblical principles and the Power of God's Spirit, there is hope in all situations. With God's help, life change, and restoration are possible.

#### **Our History:**

- 1. Founded in 2008 by Pastor Rick, with three interns.
- 2. New Counseling Facility built in 2012
- 3. 125 interns have completed the program

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## **Counseling Staff**

Pastor Rick Dettling Care Center Director, 719-392-9061, RDettling@yes2God.org
Pastor Rick is the Pastoral Care Director for Pikes Peak Christian Church, which includes overseeing The Care Center and its counseling program.

Dale Piper, Psy.D. Licensed Intern Supervisor, DPiper@yes2God.org

Dale Piper, Psy.D. is a licensed psychologist in the State of Colorado who is an approved internship site supervisor with several universities in their counseling and therapy programs (e.g., Colorado Christian University, Liberty University, Abilene Christian University, Denver Seminary, and Adams State University). He has been training and supervising counselors for more than 10 years.

Romy Sanders Office Manager, 719-392-8855, RSanders@yes2god.org
Romy is our POC for all incoming interns. Her heart for our community and the wounded warriors in our congregation is truly amazing. She loves watching hearts and minds healed in The Care Center.

**Application**: Qualified students interested in training and for a training placement application should contact the Care Center at (719) 392-8855 or email CareCenter@yes2god.org. Please complete the application and return it to carecenter@yes2God.org. After reviewing your application, we will contact you regarding the availability of internship opportunities at Pikes Peak Christian Church. Please contact us if you have questions or would like further information about the counseling training program at the Care Center.

### Testimonial by Marilyn Willis, MA, LPCC, NCC

My experience as an intern with Pikes Peak Christian Church was absolutely invigorating. I had a steady flow of people to work with, some of whom I met with weekly for the better part of a year. The majority of my clients were couples looking to improve their relationships. I worked with large family systems, blended families, teen cutters, folks dealing with pornography, prescription drug and alcohol addictions, battered wives and battered husbands. This experience was a tremendous backdrop for my development into private practice. This internship experience was wonderful for my developing private practice.



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