



Executive Summary

H.B. 2.6: The Required Licensed Graduate Counseling Hours Act

The purpose of this bill is to address the Criswell College Masters in Counseling (Licensing-Track) programs' deficiencies in the area of preparing its graduates through the use of mental health resources. While other institutions, specifically Dallas Theological Seminary, requires their psychology masters students to attend a certain amount of mandated counseling hours, Criswell College has no such requirement. The requirement of counseling hours for masters psychology programs is essential to creating equipped, spiritually healthy graduate students, and should therefore be considered by the House.



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WHEREAS, The intent of the Criswell College Masters in Counseling License-Track program is to equip its students to be spiritually healthy Christian counselors.

WHEREAS, Our neighboring institution of Dallas Theological Seminary requires 20 mandated hours of counseling (either on-campus or off-campus) for its Masters of Biblical Counseling students, increasing their qualifications in their field.

WHEREAS, The requirement of counseling hours for the Master of Arts Counseling (LicensingTrack) students will help equip them to strengthen their own theories of counseling, give them an environment in which they can grow spiritually, and further prepare them to help others throughout their future career.

WHEREAS, Criswell College shall do everything in its power to enable its Masters in Counseling (Licensing -Track) students to be spiritually healthy, well qualified counselors; and therefore, _____

BE IT RESOLVED, _____ The Student Government Association of Criswell College supports The Required Graduate Counseling Hours Act and therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, The Student Government Association shall adopt a position that shall support the Masters in Counseling (Licensing-Track) students to be equipped for their field to the best of their ability; and therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Student Government Association should work directly with the Criswell College Psychology department and Student Services Office to alter degree program requirements for the Masters in Counseling (Licensing-Track) studies can be modified to include a minimum of 20 hours of mandatory counseling; and therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this bill be sent to the office of the student government President, Judiciary, Student Services Office, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and the director of the Psychology Department, Dr. Steve Hunter.



THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF CRISWELL COLLEGE

IN ITS SECOND SESSION
BEGUN AND HELD IN THE CITY OF DALLAS TEXAS

A BILL
TO THE REQUIRED GRADUATE LICENSED COUNSELING HOURS ACT

Speaker of the House of Representatives

President of the Student Government Association

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