



LAY COUNSELOR APPLICATION INFORMATION (PHASE ONE)

1. **When the Application process opens you will be notified and sent an application package.** You will need to submit the following items:

✍ Application

✍ Reference forms (one of the reference forms needs to be completed by a pastor.) *Due to confidentiality, the reference form is to be returned to the Counseling Ministry office by the person completing the form,*

✍ Personal Testimony and Call to Ministry,

✍ Signed copy of “Effective Lay Counseling” form,

✍ Signed copy of “Lay Counselor Training Process” form.

2. **The deadline for submitting the above documents** will be posted in your packet.
3. **Personal Interviews** will be conducted.
4. **Letters** will be mailed following your interview, notifying you of your acceptance status. If accepted, your letter will provide details regarding date, time, and location of the first class.
5. **The fee to participate in the Lay Counseling Training program (Phase One)** will be outlined in the application packet and includes the cost of required resources.
6. **Non-FBA Members*** – All of the requirements above and:
 - a. There is a specific charge for non-member participants. Please contact the Counseling Ministry for the current fee at the time the application process opens.
 - b. You **must be sponsored by the Pastor** of the church that you are attending
 - i. **A letter is required from the Pastor** recommending and approving you as a participant and stating that you will be allowed to counsel in your church upon successful completion of the program.



1. **If no letter of recommendation is received by the pastor**, then participation in the training class will be evaluated and will need to be approved by the Director of Counseling – First Baptist Atlanta.
7. Luther Rice University (LRU) Practicum – All of the above requirements 1-5 and:
- a. There is a specific charge for LRU interns – the current fee will be specified at the time the application process officially opens.
 - b. Interns must have the recommendation of the Counseling Curriculum Professor at LRU.
 - c. There are a maximum of 4 internships per training class.

*A maximum of 4 applicants will be accepted into the program.