ENOCH ASCENSION CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY · DEGREE COMPLETION PLAN

Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Marriage and Family Counseling

Catalog Year 2026–2027 · 100% Online · *We don't teach what to think. We awaken truth and walk in love.*

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CREDITS BEYOND THE MASTER'S	COURSES	CREDITS PER COURSE	FOUR WAYS TO LEARN

Program Overview

The Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Marriage and Family Counseling is a professional doctorate for leaders who build and lead family ministries. Students study family systems theory, generational patterns and trauma, and the unique needs of military and relocating families.

How EACU Is Different

Students examine marriage and family through Scripture, family systems research, and the real pressures families face. Every model is weighed from every side, and students learn to recognize generational patterns and trauma while knowing when to refer to licensed professionals.

At the doctoral level, EACU students become the ones who walk others through the evidence. Every course requires students to examine a question from every side, then build and defend their own position, and the doctoral project turns that work into something that can be taught, published, or put into practice.

> **Required in every EACU degree:** Biblical Interpretation (Rightly Dividing the Word), Biblical Finance and Stewardship, and Biblical Mindset and Mental Health. Every course is built with visual, auditory, reading and writing, and hands-on learning.

Please note: This degree prepares students for counseling within ministry, church, and community settings. It does not lead to state licensure or professional certification, including as a professional counselor or therapist.

Program Outcomes

1. Apply family systems theory through a biblical lens.
2. Address generational patterns and trauma.
3. Build and lead marriage and family ministries.
4. Support military and relocating families.
5. Design, conduct, and defend an original doctoral project.

Where This Degree Can Lead

- Director of a family ministry or center
- Trainer of marriage mentors
- Author and speaker on marriage and family
- Consultant to churches and military communities

Admission

A completed master's degree. See Admissions for full requirements.

Career paths above are examples only; EACU does not provide job placement or promise employment (Handbook Section 12).

D.Min. in Biblical Marriage and Family Counseling

Degree Completion Plan · Student: _____

EACU Required Core — 12 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	EACU 800	Doctoral Orientation and Research Methods	3	
☐	BIBL 801	Advanced Interpretation: Rightly Dividing the Word at the Doctoral Level	3	
☐	FINC 801	Organizational Stewardship and Ministry Finance	3	
☐	MHLT 801	Trauma, Forgiveness, and Healing	3	

Major: Biblical Marriage and Family Counseling — 12 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	MFAM 810	Family Systems Theory and Scripture	3	
☐	MFAM 820	Generational Patterns, Trauma, and Healing	3	
☐	MFAM 830	Building Marriage and Family Ministries	3	
☐	MFAM 840	Military, Deployment, and Relocating Families	3	

Research Sequence — 12 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	EACU 880	Literature Review and Research Proposal	3	
☐	EACU 885	Research Design and Ethics	3	
☐	EACU 890	Doctoral Project I	3	
☐	EACU 891	Doctoral Project II	3	

The Doctoral Project. Students identify a real problem in their ministry or field, review the literature, design and carry out a study or intervention, and present their findings in a written project defended before a faculty committee. The project may lead to a published book, curriculum, or program.

Credit Summary

EACU Required Core	12
Major	12
Research Sequence	12
Total Required	**36**

Suggested Sequence

Year 1
Doctoral Orientation, Advanced Interpretation, Finance, Mental Health

Year 1 to 2
Major courses

Year 2
Literature Review and Proposal, Research Design

Year 2 to 3
Doctoral Project I and II, defense