

## Summit Bible College Course Syllabus

**Class: 412 Marriage Counseling**

**Text/Author: The Premarital Counseling Handbook by H. Norman Wright.**

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### **Grading System:**

**35%** Homework – See below for assignments and question sheet that goes with this course. Set up an account for yourself at [www.summitbiblecollege.com/tests/](http://www.summitbiblecollege.com/tests/). **15%** - How much of the text did you read? We are praying the God will bless you according to your integrity on this question? Please put the percentage of the book that you read on the top of your final.

**25%** Attendance, Lectures and Participation Notes (turn notes in at the end of the sessions with final).

**25%** Final Exam – See below - Turn it in by email, if possible, saved with your last name first on document.

### **Week One -- Lecture: Marriage Today**

**Class Discussion:** Dysfunctional Family Background and the engaged couple.

**Homework:** Read Chapters 1 and 4; save notes from class or video, do Tests Online for these chapters

### **Week Two -- Lecture: A Survey of Premarital Programs**

**Class Discussion:** Helping to Take the Risk out of Mate Selection.

**Homework:** Chapter 2 and 3; save notes from class or video do Multiple Choice Tests Online for these

### **Week Three -- Lecture: Goals of Premarital Counseling**

**Class Discussion:** Strategies and Resources for Premarital Counseling

**Homework:** Chapter 5, 6 and 7; save notes from class or video do Multiple Choice Tests Online for these chapters

### **Week Four -- Lecture: Session One • Conflict resolve • Preparing for Remarriage**

**Class Discussion:** Sessions 1-4

**Homework:** Chapter 8 and 9 – Multiple Choice Test Online

### **Week Five -- Lecture: Using PREPARE/ENRICH by Life Innovations (or Lifeway)**

**Class Discussion:** Session 5-6.

**Homework:** Chapter 12 – Multiple Choice Test Online

### **Week Six -- Lecture: Roles and Authority in Marriage**

**Class Discussion:** Sessions 3-4

**Homework:** Chapter 10 – Multiple Choice Test Online

### **Week Seven -- Lecture: Identifying and Addressing Problematic Issues specific to a Particular Couple • Addressing Physical Intimacy**

**Class Discussion:** Session 3-4

**Homework:** Chapter 11 – Multiple Choice Test Online

### **Week Eight -- Lecture: Expectations**

**Class Discussion:** Prepare for Final

**Homework:** Chapter 13-14 – Multiple Choice Test Online

**Final: Typed Dbl Spaced, 1" borders, Times Roman 12 font – BTh 3-5 pages, MTh – 5-7 pgs, DTh 7-10 pgs**

**Choose one of the following: (1) Submit a complete pre-marital counseling program or (2) Complete the final listed, below, by either choosing one or more of the following topics to complete your paper:**

1. Jim is a 35 year old man who has never been married and has been a devoted Christian his entire life. Sue is a 24 year old woman who has been married once and has only been a Christian for the past 3 years. What sort of problems could this relationship encounter and how would you advise them in their premarital sessions?
2. Using the chart on page 157, explain each period in life and why marriages tend to rise and fall according to the study.
3. Write out a sample plan for the first & last sessions as if you were doing marriage counseling for a couple.
4. Imagine you are counseling a very loud and passionate man and a more timid, quiet woman. How would you establish a rapport with this couple and how would you help them to improve their communication?