

Dr. Chan Young Park

Dr. Park teaches graduate students at three different schools: Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (MBTS, Kansas City, MO), Central Baptist Theological Seminary (CBTS, Shawnee, KS), and Virginia Christian University (VACU, Chantilly, VA).

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary: Since 2012, Dr. Park has taught doctoral Korean students in 'Issues in Counseling' for Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and serves on the doctoral dissertation committee for many students. In June 2022, he participated on a committee which evaluated and passed the oral defense of a dissertation titled "A Study on the Identity Establishment of Youth of Tulalip Church of God to Prevent Addictions in Pastoral Care: The Case of Tulalip (Indian) Church of God Bible Study Group," which was presented by a Korean pastor and missionary who served the Tulalip Native American population.

Central Baptist Theological Seminary: Since 2020, Dr. Park has taught graduate Korean students in the Master of Divinity and the Master of Christian Care and Counseling programs at Central Baptist Theological Seminary. Each class is composed of 15-20 students representing the United States, Korea and even participants from Africa (one recent student from Ghana joined by Zoom). Dr. Park teaches courses on "Healing and Growth," "Caring Ministry of the Church," "Supervised Practice in Counseling Ministry," "Counseling Ministry of the Church," "Issues in Counseling Ministry," "Theories and Skills for Counseling," and "Foundations of Care & Counseling in Multicultural Context." In Fall 2022, Dr. Park will teach two classes: "Personality Theory and Psychotherapy" and "Supervised Practice in Counseling Ministry." Most students he teaches are involved in church ministry and some are preparing for full-time ministry in the USA, Korea, Canada, and mission locations internationally.

Virginia Christian University: Since 2021, Dr. Park has taught graduate students in Master of Divinity and Master of Christian Counseling in both Korean and English at Virginia Christian University. In the beginning, the school targeted only Korean speaking students, but there is increasing demand for seminary level education from English speaking students as well. Most of the English-speaking students are coming from Asian countries such as Mongolia, Thailand, Bangladesh, Nepal, Japan, and China. They do not have a Christian background and were raised and educated in the Buddhist tradition. Many students are studying to keep their immigration status, but some students have freely chosen to convert to Christianity during or following their studies. Dr. Park teaches "Spirituality and Identity" and "Counseling Families and Children" in both Korean and English and is preparing a class on "Christian Counseling" for the Fall 2022 semester.