



The Grace Core Mission

- to train chaplains, counselors, life coaches, and mentors who are certified by the American Association of Christian Counselors and other national and local organizations
- to provide trained chaplains and counselors to serve at The Bridge at Birch Bay, the Lighthouse Mission, and other places throughout our community, county, state, and nation
- to put together a fully trained crisis response team ready to serve when local crises arise

The Grace Core at The Bridge

- A Grace Core Chaplain will be available on-site whenever The Bridge at Birch Bay is open to the public
- This will assure immediate access to a trained chaplain for anyone who has a need
- Mentoring and counseling will be offered free of charge
- Goal is to develop long-term relationships with people in the community to help bring sustainable change into people's lives
- Focus will be primarily family and life skills and grief, crisis, trauma, and loss counseling
- Proper referrals for services which are offered elsewhere will be provided

The Grace Core will operate under the direction of:

- Pastor Lee Connors (M.Div. Chaplaincy, MA Pastoral Counseling)
- Bob Brown, Licensed Mental Health Counselor
- Dr. Paul Satoepo



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*Providing trained counselors and mentors
for the Birch Bay community and beyond.*



Training for Chaplains Mentors & Life Coaches

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Grace Core Training Curriculum



Courses Designed Specifically for Grace Core Chaplaincy *by Lee Connors and Bob Brown* **10-12 hours each**

- *Biblical Studies*
 - ❖ *Old Testament Survey*
 - ❖ *New Testament Survey*
 - ❖ *Theology of Paul*
- *Christian Worldview*
 - as it relates to life coaching and counseling
- *Life Coaching/Goal Identification*
- *Internship Training and Preparation*
 - assessment techniques for homelessness and associated chronic conditions
 - attachment system
 - personality assessment
 - solution and strength-based counseling

Supervised Internship

- 250 hours minimum
- Available with the Lighthouse Mission in Bellingham, WA and The Bridge at Birch Bay in Birch Bay, WA
- will provide hands-on opportunities for students to apply what they have been learning and gain experience and confidence in their counseling skills

Light University Diploma Courses **30 hours each**

- *Caring for People God's Way*
- *Stress and Trauma Care*
- *Addiction and Recovery*
- *Suicide Prevention, Assessment, Intervention, and Recovery (PAIR) Program*

National Crisis Response and Trauma Care Series **12-15 hours each**

- *Acute Stress, Grief, and Trauma*
- *Domestic and Community Crisis Response*
- *Crisis and First Responder Training*
- *PTSD and Combat Stress*
- *Complex Trauma and Disaster: Emotional and Spiritual Care*

Grace Core Training Information

The Grace Core Basic Training will consist of three 8 week terms. This will cover the first two Light University courses, the first two Crisis Response and Trauma Care courses, and all Grace Core-specific courses. The additional Light University and Crisis Response courses will be covered in the Beyond Basic Training.

Schedule for Basic Training:

- Tuesdays & Thursdays - 6-9 pm
- Saturday - once a month 6 hour intensive
- Sunday evenings - 7-9 pm

Tuition: \$800 per term

Certifications Offered:

- Light University Certification for Diploma Courses and Crisis Training
- National Crisis Response and Trauma Care Certification
- Suicide PAIR Certification
- Grace Core Chaplaincy Certification towards ministry license and/or ordination
- Continuing Education

Sponsorship

Scholarships are needed to help cover tuition costs for students who feel called to serve as chaplains and counselors but are unable to pay the full amount themselves.

For more information on sponsoring a student, contact Lee Connors at (360) 366-8763 or lee.connors@thebridgebirchbay.com.