Consent Form: Approval # 2009B5136

Project Title: Differences and Similarities Between Community Counseling and Christian Counseling

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By answering the questions provided and returning this email, you are expressing your consent for participation in this qualitative research project designed to explore similarities and differences between Christian Counselors and Community Counselors. The study is being conducted by Anthony Pearson, Graduate Student, Professional Counseling Program, Texas State University, he can be reached at (210) 632-0358 ([aamp54@yahoo.com](mailto:aamp54@yahoo.com)), Dr. John Beckenbach, Lead Researcher, Assistant Professor, Educational Administration and Psychological Services, he can be reached at (512)245-3758 ([jb89@txstate.edu](mailto:jb89@txstate.edu)), and Dr. Shawn Patrick, Assistant Professor, Educational Administration and Psychological Services, she can be reached at (512)245-8130.

Criteria for participation include adults, over the age of 18, and a practicing Christian Counselor or Community Counselor. If you choose to participate, you will be answering a series of brief email surveys. Round one will consisting of six questions. After the first survey has been completed by participants, all responses will be analyzed and used to shape the next round of questions. This process will continue until agreement in ranking of themes in responses is reached. If you choose to participate, you will also be asked to complete a brief demographic survey. Each of the survey rounds should take approximately 10 – 15 minutes to complete.

Participation is voluntary. Your identity will always be held in strict confidence, and no identifying information will be published in the final manuscript.  All electronic communications will be stored on a secure server in a secure location until the conclusion of the study; approximately 1 year. There is minimal risk involved for participation in this study and you may end your participation at any point in the process without consequence or prejudice from Texas State University. You may also request to have your data/responses removed from the study. Sometimes volunteers in a research study may experience benefits from participation. If you choose to participate in this study, you may gain insight and knowledge about your professional identity/orientation. Also, you will be helping to provide clarity about the orientation of Christian Counselling and Community Counselling. This will help us provide better services to clients seeking services from these orientations. If you would also like to receive study findings at its conclusion, please provide your e-mail or mailing address with your initial survey responses.

If you have further questions about the study you may contact the researchers noted above. Pertinent questions about the research, research participants' rights, and/or research-related injuries to participants, should be directed to one or both of the IRB chair, Dr. Jon Lasser (512-245-3413 – [lasser@txstate.edu](mailto:lasser@txstate.edu)), or to Ms. Becky Northcut, Compliance Specialist (512-245-2102).

Demographic Information

Age: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Gender: M F**

Do you identify as a Christian Counselor? Y N

**Do you identify as a Community Counselor or similar affiliation? Y N**

Do you teach in a Christian Counseling? Y N

**Do you teach in a Community Counseling or similar Program? Y N**

How long have you been a Counselor Educator? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**What is your highest educational degree in? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**If your institution has tenure, are you tenured? Y N**

Please provide a brief and concise response to the following questions. Type your responses under each question either directly into the e-mail or as a Word document. If you use a Word document, please save and attached to a reply e-mail. Thank you for your assistance. It is very helpful to us.

Please limit your responses to 500 words or less for per question.

1) What is Christian Counseling?

2) What is Community Counseling?

3) How would you say they are the same?

4) How would you say they are the different?

5) What training/standards do you think should be required for one to become a Christian Counselor?

6) What training/standards do you think should be required for one to become a Community Counselor?