Focus on the Family Institute Application

Name:________________________________    GCC ID:______________

Course(s) will be taken during the following: Year________ Term________

A Grove City College student who wishes to participate in the Focus on the Family Institute program must withdraw from GCC and enroll as a full-time student at Colorado Christian University. A “Request to Return” Form may be completed at the same time to ensure approval to return to GCC. Upon completion of the semester, an official transcript must be sent to GCC for use in transferring credits. All other transfer policies outlined in the College’s Bulletin also apply.

The PSY 450 Practicum will be evaluated in accordance with the GCC Internship Guidelines and credits assigned upon return. Students should therefore design a practicum according to the GCC Internship Guidelines, available on the Registrar’s web site, and submit Practicum materials to the Registrar’s Office upon return to GCC for evaluation.

Listed below are the courses available from Focus on the Family Institute along with the GCC course equivalent. Credit hours are in parentheses. As some courses have multiple equivalents, please circle the equivalent you are requesting from GCC.

**Colorado Christian University 2006-07 Catalog Listing**

**Fall and Spring Semesters**

**PHL 426 Christian Worldview Studies**

**GCC course equivalent: PHIL or General elective credit (3)**

Broadens student's understanding of the core presuppositions of the Christian worldview and equips them to evaluate those presuppositions in contrast with other competing worldviews. The course focuses on the central question of one's worldview, or epistemological foundation on and through which you formulate your understanding of the nature of God, man and the world. Enrollment is limited to students admitted to the Focus on the Family Institute fall or spring semester program.

**POL 427 Family, Church, and Society Studies**

**GCC course equivalent: SOCI 312 credit (3)**

Investigates evangelical Christian thinking about the relationship between the family, the church, and the complex of institutions, policies and practices known as "society". Enrollment is limited to students admitted to the Focus on the Family Institute fall or spring semester program.
PSY 450 Practicum  
**GCC course equivalent: PSYC, SOCI or RELI elective**  
(Credit determined upon receipt of materials)  
The purpose of the practicum is to provide students specialized experiences and opportunities, tailored to one's academic discipline, skills, and personal interests. The practicum allows students an opportunity to work at an agency within Focus on the Family organization or Rocky Mountain region, learning professions related to their discipline and life goals. It is expected that students will ultimately spend 120 hours of logged time at their practicum site, maintain an ongoing journal, and produce a typed summary of their experience. Enrollment is limited to students admitted to the Focus on the Family Institute fall or spring semester program.

PSY 453 Marriage Studies  
**GCC course equivalent: SOCI 251 credit (3)**  
The purpose of this course is to provide academic instruction on the Judeo-Christian principle of the permanence of marriage. This course is specifically designed to train students in the concepts, attitudes and skills necessary to build a lasting marriage. The course explores four essentials for building a lasting marriage: understanding the biblical design, recognizing the difficulties, building connection and preparing responsibly. Enrollment is limited to students admitted to the Focus on the Family Institute fall or spring semester program.

PSY 454 Family Life Studies  
**GCC course equivalent: General elective credit (3)**  
Helps students develop Biblical convictions on an array of family issues, primarily in the areas of parenting and respect for human life. Students will be exposed to typical parenting and sanctity of human life topics, threats and challenges facing the family, and the Biblical principles relating to these issues. Enrollment is limited to students admitted to the Focus on the Family Institute fall or spring semester program.

**Summer Semester**

PHL 428 Cultural Issues in Christian Perspective  
**GCC course equivalent: PHIL or General elective credit (4)**  
The purpose of this course is to broaden the student's understanding of the core assumptions/presuppositions of the Christian worldview, and to apply this perspective to critical issues involving today's Church and society. Students will be challenged to think more critically about the ultimate issues of human existence, the meaning of the Church as a radically redemptive counter-culture, and one's personal calling in relation to today's culture. Enrollment is limited to students admitted to the Focus on the Family Institute summer semester program.

PSY 456 Family Issues in Christian Perspective  
**GCC course equivalent: SOCI elective credit (4)**  
The purpose of this course is to equip students with personal strategies for promoting healthy families, by specifically focusing on marriage, parenting, and the sanctity of all human life. Current research, techniques, and Biblical guidance will be reviewed to help students develop conviction in an array of family issues, balanced by compassion for those individuals who are dealing with such issues. Enrollment is limited to students admitted to the Focus on the Family Institute summer semester program.