

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING REQUIREMENTS

1. Your completed Pre-Marital forms, with a photo of couple attached, must be returned to Calvary Chapel Pacific Coast prior to scheduling your first Pre-Marital counseling appointment.
2. The Pre-Marital series of appointments will consist of five counseling sessions and a sixth session with the pastor performing the wedding. Couples are required to complete all Pre-Marital appointments prior to their wedding date. Appointments are 1 to 1 ½ hours in length and are usually scheduled two to three weeks apart. Your first Pre-Marital counseling appointment must be scheduled to take place no less than five months prior to the wedding date. This means that if you, within the next 30 days, (1) return your completed Pre-Marital forms to our office and (2) schedule your first Pre-Marital counseling appointment, the earliest possible marriage date you should consider would be _____.
3. Members of our Pastoral Staff will meet with any couple to determine eligibility and to assist the couple in following God's plan for marriage. The scheduling of this appointment does not guarantee that a member of our Pastoral Staff will officiate at your wedding.
4. Couples seeking Pre-Marital counseling must have known each other for a minimum of six months prior to scheduling their first Pre-Marital counseling appointment. **In order to be married at Calvary Chapel Pacific Coast, you must be in attendance here for at least one year.**
5. Members of our Pastoral Staff will not perform a marriage between a Christian and a non-Christian. Both parties must have been Christians for a minimum of six months prior to scheduling your first Pre-Marital counseling appointment.
6. **Our Pastoral Staff will not marry a couple whose relationship is scripturally incorrect. (1 Corinthians 6:9-10) Living together, substance abuse or any other practice deemed immoral will cause us to refuse to participate in your marriage. We reserve the right to withdraw from the process and to refuse to marry any couple at any time up to the scheduled date of the wedding.**

I understand and agree to this stipulation:

Initial and Date

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7. If either the man or woman has been previously married, we require that the divorce must have been finalized for at least one year and meets with scriptural doctrine prior to scheduling your first Pre-Marital counseling appointment.
8. When selecting a Church facility, other than Calvary Chapel Pacific Coast, for your wedding, please keep in mind that some require that the Pastor of the Church participate in your service. We have found that this is unacceptable for both the couple and our Pastors. Our staff members will not perform a wedding jointly with another Pastor.
9. Be prepared to explain your current employment and income status. As an example, how long have you been employed. If you are currently unemployed, be prepared to explain the source of financial support.

AFTER WE HAVE RECEIVED YOUR APPLICATION, WE WILL CALL YOU TO SET UP YOUR FIRST PRE-MARITAL APPOINTMENT. IT IS THEN COUPLE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CALL THE OFFICE TO ARRANGE ALL OTHER APPOINTMENTS.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN WITH YOUR COMPLETED QUESTIONAIRES

We have read and agree to abide by the requirements for Pre-Marital counseling as outlined above.

Signed

Date

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