

A man in a white shirt and yellow tie is sitting at a desk in a modern office. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. On the desk, there is a laptop and a coffee cup. The background shows a glass-walled office space with other desks and chairs.

Three Ways the Townsend Institute Supports Your Success

At the Townsend Institute for Leadership and Counseling at Concordia University Irvine, you can learn from world-class practitioners and earn a fully accredited degree online. Founded by *The New York Times* bestselling author, Dr. John Townsend, the Townsend Institute was built from his teachings and explores how to go deeper than behavioral change as you counsel and lead others. Discover more about how a degree from the Townsend Institute can transform your life.

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“I’ve learned the vitality of being a forever student...comprehending that we are perfectly imperfect. Those things that have happened to us, or to our clients, are the things they can use to fuel their passions and make them better.”

Kaylie Housewright, M.A. Counseling

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“The Townsend Institute had such an immediate, positive impact on my character development, and my interactions with others, my manager asked what I was doing differently. I shared it was the Townsend Institute. My manager was so impressed with the results of this program that I was reimbursed for the entire cost!”

Cheryl Todd, M.A. Organizational Leadership



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