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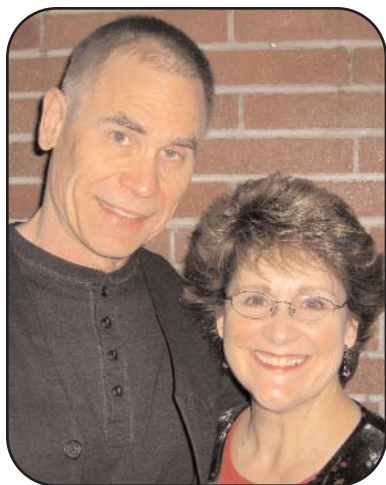
### CENTER FOR MARRIAGE & FAMILY STUDIES



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Healthy marriages and families are vital to the development of people who find fulfillment in life and contribute meaningfully to society. Unfortunately, our culture provides little support for the kind of wise, loving life-long commitments that make this possible.

The Certificate in Marriage & Family Studies is designed to help students prepare not only for a professional life, but to become spouses and parents.\*



Dr. Dick Brandow is the Director of the Center for Marriage & Family Studies. He was born in Iowa and grew up in a college community in the Pacific. Love those rain forests! Boy Scout, Scuba Diver, Artist, Musician. Engineering studies (Civil) at Oregon State University (B.A.), then pastoral studies (M.Div. at Western Seminary in Portland), led to campus ministry at the University of Denver (15 years) and graduate studies in Psychology for the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. He has had a licensed clinical practice in Colorado since 1990. Dick is married (six boys) and is thankful for one loving, gracious and patient wife (Judi). Dick also serves as the Vice President of Student Affairs at Rivendell College.

## **Certificate in Marriage and Family Studies**

To earn a Certificate in Marriage and Family Studies, the following courses are required:

Smarter Romance (1 credit)  
Family in American Society (3 credits)  
Personal Finance (3 credits)  
Conflict Resolution (3 credits)

Marriage in American Society (3 credits)  
Interpersonal Communication (3 credits)  
Spiritual Formation in the Family (3 credits)

Additional electives include:

Child Development (3 credits)  
Cottage Industries (3 credits)  
Youth and Family Ministries (3 credits)

Adolescent Development (3 credits)  
Children & Family Ministries (3 credits)  
Gender and Generation Communication (3 credits)

## **Conferences, Seminars, Research and Publication**

The Center also sponsors conferences and seminars and engages in research and publication on courtship, marriage and the family.

\* Although the Center's faculty seeks to present other views as fairly and accurately as possible, the general framework for courses offered by the Center includes the following convictions:

- ♦ In God's creative plan, men and women share equal status as his image-bearers and recipients of his grace.
- ♦ God has created male and female to be wonderfully different from each other, and these differences are designed to play out in complementary ways in marriage and family relationships.