



*Developing Clinicians of
Character: A Christian
Integrative Approach to Clinical
Supervision*

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the long haul. In *Developing Clinicians of Character*, Dr. Terri Watson offers us an integrative and holistic model of clinical supervision that charts pathways toward this goal. She has worked for many years providing training and studying the processes of trainee character formation to generate the approach described in this book. Those of us in clinical practice and clinical training know the core challenge involves developing the character necessary for the deep exposure to suffering that accumulates over a clinical career, and Watson is our wisest integrative voice on this topic for Christian training communities.”

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“Terri Watson’s *Developing Clinicians of Character* is a well written and substantial work on a Christian integrative approach to clinical supervision. It comprehensively and clearly covers faith, hope, love, practical wisdom, justice, temperance, courage, and personal and spiritual formation in counseling, psychology, and MFT education. I highly recommend it as essential reading in Christian clinical supervision.”

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“I’ve read a lot of books on clinical supervision and this one is unique, original, practical, accessible, and even encouraging – which I’ve never found in a book on supervision. It integrates a valuable overview of psychological theories, research-based outcomes, and clinical practice in the context of a solid biblical, theological and spiritually formative foundation. It’s clinically relevant, intellectually rigorous, and spiritually engaging. The suggestions for specific spiritual practices for the formation of virtues add significant value to this unique resource. This is a book that you will learn and grow from both personally and professionally, and I guarantee that it’s one that you’ll read more than once.”

— **Gary J. Oliver, clinical psychologist, professor of psychology and practical theology at John Brown University**

“Dr. Terri Watson’s *Developing Clinicians of Character* will be used in my doctoral level supervision classes. Supervision is to provide clarity for clinicians who work in the obscured environs of intense human suffering. Her contribution to this process is to advocate for the integrity found in Christian virtue as a vital aspect of the process. I am grateful for this valuable resource to prepare effective supervisors.”

— **James N. Sells, assistant dean of psychology and counseling, Regent University**