



SHIELD OF FAITH BIBLE COLLEGE
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Student Admissions Helpline:

(888) 729-9177

1. Where can I sign up?

In order to sign up for Shield of Faith Bible College you can visit our website at:
www.ShieldBibleCollege.org

2. Is there a classroom setting?

On most of our Shield of Faith Bible College campuses, the majority of our students are completing their courses through our distance education Online Portal. However, there are campuses that offer courses in person at a designated location.

3. Are there flexible hours and days?

Yes. The entire online experience provides the platform for students to work at their own pace.

4. How much is registration?

Registration is a one-time non-refundable fee of \$35.00.

5. How much are the courses?

All of our courses are \$150.00 dollars and students earn 3 units per course.

6. Is there a counselor available?

Yes. All students are assigned to an Admission Counselor who will respond to questions within 24-48 hours or at their very first opportunity via email, phone call or text messages.

7. What classes are available?

Please review our Course Catalog online at: www.ShieldBibleCollege.org

8. Is there a scholarship program? If so, how do I apply?

Yes we have a Scholarship program available at our school. In order to complete a Scholarship Application. Please visit the ShieldFellowship.org website and scroll down to the Bible College Section, and click the Scholarship Link on the right side.

9. How old do I have to be to start?

Students enrolled in our Bible College must be 16 years of age to apply.

10. What courses should I start with?

If a student does not have previous Bible College courses completed, all students will begin with the Certificate of Ministry courses

New Students Begin with: **Certificate of Ministry in Biblical Studies**
BT505 Introduction to Biblical Studies
OT115 Survey of the Old Testament I
OT120 Survey of the Old Testament II
NT115 Survey of the New Testament I
NT120 Survey of the New Testament II

All new students begin with these courses.

11. How long will it take to complete my online courses?

Students work at their own pace. Based on the student's pace of study, a course can be completed in most cases, within six weeks.

12. Will there be tests/quizzes?

Yes, all tests and quizzes will be completed online through the student's log-in Portal.

13. Is this just an online school?

No, our Ministry Partners and Regional Campuses in our Fellowship of Churches have the option to provide classes during the week in person at their facility.

In most cases these courses are conducted during their weekend Christian Education Classes and/or weekly scheduled Bible Study Services to offer Bible College Credit for several classes.

14. What sets you apart from other Bible Colleges?

Shield of Faith Bible College is the premier provider of evangelical Christian theology degrees for Ministers, Missionaries, and spiritual leaders seeking to make disciples. We offer quality Education in Bible, Theology, and church leadership and we provide customized, bachelors, Masters and Doctoral Theological degrees.

15. Are you an Accredited Bible College?

Yes. Our college has an accredited designation with Christian Life Educators' Network.

16. Can I transfer other college credits?

Yes. Shield of Faith Bible College will received college credits from accredited colleges and Universities as follows: Our office will follow these general guidelines in awarding completion of units for prior learning.

- **Individuals must be active students before requesting an evaluation of work for which they hope to receive recognition.**
- **Units awarded are officially applied to a student's transcript *only* upon completion of the residency requirement of five (5) courses, 15 units, and all payments of applicable fees.**
- **Students are responsible to gather all transcripts, resumes, certificates, diplomas etc., for submission to the SHIELD OF FAITH Bible College office.**
- **Students at a Bible College School will submit their documents to their school dean.**
- **Distance education students not associated with a local school may submit their forms of supporting documents directly to the SHIELD OF FAITH Bible College office.**

Evaluation of Accredited and Theological College Courses

- Students having earned college credits or degrees from accredited institutions in fields other than Theology may receive up to 60 units for this work. This placement is determined by the evaluation of transcripts submitted by the requesting student and endorsed by the local school's dean.
- Courses must have a GPA of 2.0 or above (which is a C). Grades of D or below will not be accepted. There is no charge for these units.
- **Non-accredited Non-Theological studies:** Units are not awarded credits for this work.
- **Non-accredited Theological Studies:** Students will attach a transcript for each school or class attended. The successful completion of courses will be counted for advanced standing. There is no maximum of units for this category. A fee or unit will be charged.

17. If there is a scholarship, how do you determine who will receive one?

Shield of Faith Bible College does offer scholarships up to an Associate degree valued at \$3,000. Our team of Admissions Counselors will evaluate each application based on income, to determine whether or not will pay the full amount of \$3,000 or just make a partial payment of 25% or 50%.

18. How much is given for a scholarship?

Students enrolled in our Bible College can receive a scholarship for a Certificate of Ministry (valued at \$750.00) a Diploma of Theology (valued at \$1,500.00) and an Associate Degree valued at (\$3,000.00)

19. Will there be an interview to see if the students are compatible?

No, there will not be a need for students to conduct an interview, however all students will be assigned to an Admissions Counselor who will evaluate their application.

20. How many hours/days are counselors available for assistance?

Our team of Admissions Counselors is available Monday – Friday, 9am to 5pm. If an Admissions Counselor is unavailable by email, they will notify students with an automatic email stating whether or not they are out of town or on vacation etc. If a student attempts to reach their Admissions Counselor and they are unavailable, they can send their Counselor an email or contact our corporate office in the event of an urgent matter.

21. If I fail a class, can I take the class over?

Yes in the event that the student fail a class they can take the class over, until they receive a passing grade.

22. If I am a minister already, do I have to complete a Certificate In Ministry from Shield of Faith Bible College?

The answer is Yes, all churches and ministries who are participating with the Shield of Faith Bible College has selected to utilize our Curriculum to equip students with a Certificate In Ministry which covers 5 courses totaling 15 units. After Ministers earn their initial Certificate in Ministry, they will be required to complete a minimum of one Course (3 units) per calendar year to maintain their Ministers License.

23. What types of degrees are offered?

Students who attend Shield of Faith Bible College can earn a Certificate in Ministry, Diploma of Theology, Associate of Theology, Bachelor of Theology, Master of Theology, Master of Sacred Studies, Doctor of Sacred Studies, Doctor of Theology.

24. What is the academic calendar?

Shield of Faith Bible College students can attended courses year around and enroll in our Summer, Winter, Spring, or Fall Semesters.

25. Will it take me longer to earn my degree Online as opposed to going to an in person class?

With the exception of churches and ministries who have Bible College students attending classes in person, most students are distant learning students and will work at their own pace. Completion of courses depends upon the pace students work, how quickly they complete assignments and how high they score on their test.

26. How can I make sure that my credits will transfer from a Christian College to a community college?

Students who anticipate transferring their credits from a Christian College to a Community College should contact our Admissions Office and involve our Admissions Counselors in the process of contacting others schools to verify that credits will be accepted. Students also need to be aware that Theological Credits are not transferable for Academic Credits such as Business Management, Health Science etc.

27. Are there work study volunteer hour opportunities to offset the cost of tuition?

Yes, students enrolled in our school endeavoring to obtain a Certificate in Ministry, Diploma of Theology or an Associate of Theology can offset the cost of their degree program: by contacting an Admissions Counselor prior to beginning courses to discuss available options.

28. If I'm thinking of ordination, what strategy should I take?

Students who desire to receive ordination should first speak with an Admissions Counselor and contact the church or Fellowship of Churches corporate office to get information on the ordination process for their ministry.

29. What is the average cost of getting a degree?

A Certificate in Ministry (\$750.00) a Diploma of Theology (\$1,500.00) and an Associate Degree valued at (\$3,000.00) Bachelor of Theology (\$6,300.00) Master of Theology (\$7,050.00) Master of Sacred Studies (\$7,800.00) Doctor of Sacred Studies (\$8,550.00) Doctor of Theology (\$9,150.00).

30. What degrees can I pursue at our institution?

At Shield of Faith Bible College you can pursue a Certificate in Ministry, a Diploma of Theology, Associate Degree, Bachelor of Theology, Master of Theology, Master of Sacred Studies, Doctor of Sacred Studies, Doctor of Theology.

31. Do you offer Hybrid programs?

Yes, students enrolled in one of our Regional Campuses can receive College Credits and training during regularly scheduled Bible College classes which are normally conducted on the weekend, during Christian education (Sunday or Saturday) or a Bible Study week day class.

32. What are the advantages of your geographical location and physical campus when compared to other colleges?

The advantages of being a student of Shield of Faith Bible College is that we are launching, or have launched Regional Campuses in many States of the U.S. and various countries around the world. Therefore students can attend campuses that host in person courses, however the majority of our Bible College Theology training is conducted online through the students online portal of our website.

33. Should I think of enrolling in the Bible College, only if I feel called?

At Shield of Faith Bible College we believe that all Christians have been called to do the Ministry of Reconciliation and evangelism. We are commissioned to “go into all the world and preach the gospel” to every creature, therefore students are encouraged to join Shield of Faith Bible College to increase their bible knowledge and be better equipped for ministry.

34. How do future employability or future graduate school options affect the way you craft your programs?

Students who receive a degree from Shield of Faith Bible College will be equipped to work in ministry and become gainfully employed either as Chancellors, Christian Counselors, Ministerial Speakers, as well as Full-time Pastors and Church Leaders.

35. Can this Bible College prepare me for other degrees?

Yes, after a student successfully complete or earn a Certificate or Degree from Shield of Faith Bible College, there units will be transferrable in most cases and they will be prepared to earn additional certificates and degrees from other accredited Theological Seminaries and Christian Universities.

36. What can I expect to learn in this program?

The Mission of Shield of Faith Bible College is to offer our students sound biblical courses that will equip them for their ministry assignments in God's Kingdom, as well as help them build up their faith and live a victorious Christian life.

37. What will my work-load look like?

As a student in our College you will be assigned to watch Video Lectures through your Student Portal and then access quizzes and test online which are to be completed within a reasonable time after watching the Video Lecture. Most courses will take students roughly 6 weeks to complete based upon the pace of their work performance and their test grades as well as whether or not they receive a passing grade for the course.

38. What should I do to prepare myself to become a student of the Bible College?

Since you are interested in becoming a student in the Shield of Faith Bible College, please contact an Admissions Counselor and begin the process of enrollment which would include registration and payment of courses. After you have successfully registered, you will receive access to your login information for your student portal. If you need financial assistance, please download and complete a copy online at: www.ShieldBibleCollege.org or request a Scholarship Application from an Admissions Counselor.

39. What sort of theological and practical skills can I expect to learn as I attend your school?

Please refer to our Student Handbook Course Catalog for more information which give provide you with a Course Description for each course.

40. What advice do you have for students thinking of attending the Bible College?

We advise new students who are interested in enrolling in Shield of Faith Bible College to first acknowledge God in prayer and ask Him to lead and guide them about their decision whether or not to enroll. Also review our materials, visit our website and learn more about our College through our course catalog.

41. Can Online Bible College students also complete internships Online?

No, unfortunately our students cannot complete internships Online, except for in cases when computer access will be the majority of a student's responsibility to complete internship work duties and hours are carefully monitored by their supervisor.

42. Is there a study abroad program?

Yes, since our Bible College courses can be accessed Online, students can study abroad.

Additional Information about our School:

Shield of Faith Bible College has developed various academic and ministerial certificates, diplomas and degrees, all of which are awarded after accumulating course completion units. These units are earned in one of two ways:

1) Class attendance, study of the materials and a score of 70 or above on the post course examination. Successful completion of each course is worth three units.

Units are also granted through evaluations of prior learning. Additionally, students are required to pass at least one course in each of the six divisions of study for each degree from the Bachelor of Theology through the Doctor of Theology degrees.