

PROGRAMS OF STUDY



For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. ~ Proverbs 2:10



Associate Degree In Biblical Studies

With An Area Of Concentration (60 Hours)

General Objectives for the Associate Degree in Biblical Studies

The degree program is designed to develop the core components of biblical understanding, a biblical worldview, global vision, and commitment to evangelism. The program provides students with a balanced sequence of courses from the three major course divisions: Biblical/Theological, Church/Vocational, and General Studies. Students may choose from among nine concentrations to develop relevant skills in specific areas of focus.

After completing this program the student will be able to:

- Demonstrate a foundational knowledge of the Bible understood as the authoritative Word of God.
- Effectively study and interpret the Bible.
- Articulate an evangelical Anabaptist/Mennonite faith perspective.
- Evaluate personal choices and make decisions consistent with biblical principles.
- Think critically and analytically.
- Speak and write effectively.
- Communicate a broadened understanding of the social sciences and the humanities.
- Convey and apply knowledge gained from ministry experiences.



To receive an Associate degree in Biblical Studies, students must successfully apply to the degree program and complete the following courses:

Biblical/Theological Core Requirements 24 Hours

Principles of Biblical Interpretation	3
New Testament Survey	3
Old Testament Survey	3
Survey of Bible Doctrine I or II	3
*Christian Ethics or Spiritual Formation.....	3
New Testament or Old Testament Elective.....	3
Christian Apologetics or Intro. to World Religions	3
*Peace, Justice & Simplicity or Mennonites, Anabaptists & The Radical Reformation	3

**Students must take either Ethics or Peace, Justice & Simplicity*

General Education Core Requirements 18 Hours

All students must take the following two courses:

Composition	3
Public Speaking.....	3

Students must take at least one of the following three courses:

History of Western Civilization	3
History of Christianity I or II	3

Students must take at least one of the following two courses:

Introduction to Humanities	3
Introduction to Philosophy	3

Students must take at least one of the following two courses:

Introduction to Psychology	3
Introduction to Sociology.....	3

Students must take at least one of the following two courses:

College Algebra	3
Business Mathematics.....	3

Open Electives 6 Hours

Students may select any two courses that do not already satisfy any other requirement.

Area of Concentration 12 Hours**

To complete the requirements, select one of the nine areas of concentration on the following pages.

***The Pastoral Studies, Missions, and Youth Ministries areas of concentration require an additional three hours in supervised formation, which includes oversight of personal, spiritual, and ministry experiences.*



Associate Degree with Concentration In Bible (60 Hours)

Students choosing this concentration will be able to enrich their curriculum with multiple biblical book studies in the Old and New Testaments. These courses provide an excellent foundation for informed Christian living and for more advanced biblical studies.

Bible Concentration 12 Hours

Choose four courses from Biblical General, Old Testament *or* New Testament (see page 32)12

Associate Degree with Concentration In Business (60 Hours)

The business concentration emphasizes practical training for business as a Christian vocation. Students will study principles of effective leadership, basic accounting and marketing, and small-scale economic systems.

Business Concentration 12 Hours

Financial Accounting.....3
 Principles of Marketing3
 Introduction to Microeconomics.....3
 Foundations of Leadership3

Associate Degree with Concentration In Education (60 Hours)

This concentration is designed especially for students who are preparing for teacher certification or for serving the church in a variety of educational roles. Courses are selected for maximum transfer potential and fundamental orientation to the processes of teaching and learning. Studies range from the historical and

philosophical foundations of education to the effective use of appropriate technology. Students will learn to utilize theories and methods for educating diverse student populations.

Education Concentration 12 Hours

Introduction to Education.....3
 Human Development.....3
 The Exceptional Student.....3
 Educational Technology3

Associate Degree with Concentration In Missions (63 Hours)

The missions concentration provides an excellent foundation for engaging the cultural and religious traditions of the modern world as an intellectually and spiritually prepared witness for Christ. Students evaluate contemporary trends in world missions and articulate a personal mission vision arising from biblical perspectives. A practicum of supervised involvement in ministry adds an experiential component to the concentration.



Missions 12 Hrs. + 3 Hrs. Supervised Formation

Introduction to Evangelism *or* Introduction to Missions3
 Engaging Contemporary Culture3
 Community Transformation & Church Planting3
 Christian Apologetics *or* Intro. to World Religions3
 Supervised Formation.....3

Associate Degree with Concentration In Music and Worship (62 Hours)

The music and worship concentration is designed to give students basic skills in worship leading, choir directing, and musical composing and arranging, and provides a base for further study in these areas. In addition, the biblical and historical foundations of worship discussed in the program prepare the student to give a coherent rationale for worship in the church.

Music & Worship Concentration 12 Hours + 2 Hrs. Chorale

Introduction to Music Theory & Sight Singing3
 Foundations of Worship3
 Worship Leadership.....3
 Choral Conducting1.5
 Class Voice1.5
 Rosedale Chorale.....2



Associate Degree with Concentration In Pastoral Studies (63 Hours)

The concentration in pastoral studies prepares students for involvement in congregational leadership or for further studies in pastoral leadership. Leadership and communication skills are stressed along with an introduction to providing pastoral care. A practicum of supervised involvement in ministry adds an experiential component to the concentration. Recommended for students who want to prepare for or test a call to congregational leadership.

Pastoral Studies 12 Hrs. + 3 Hrs. Supervised Formation

Preaching in Congregational Life.....3
 Introduction to Counseling.....3
 Foundations of Leadership3
 Community Transformation & Church Planting
or Biblical/Theological Elective (see page 32)3
 Supervised Formation.....3

Associate Degree With Concentration In Youth Ministries (63 Hours)

The youth ministries concentration is designed for those who anticipate working with youth in church, camp, or other related contexts. The program examines philosophies, goals, and methods of ministering to youth and provides an understanding of how stages of human development shape learning and social processes.

Youth Ministries 12 Hrs. + 3 hrs. Supervised Formation

Introduction to Youth Ministries3
 Human Development.....3
 Introduction to Education.....3
 Foundations of Leadership3
 Supervised Formation.....3



Associate Degree With Concentration In Theology (60 Hours)

The concentration in theology provides students with a systematic look at the central themes of Christian thought. This concentration is designed for those who anticipate further biblical study and desire to increase their ability to articulate and handle the word of God accurately.

Theology Concentration 12 Hours

- Survey of Bible Doctrine I *or* II3
- Christian Apologetics *or* Contemporary Christianity3
- Mennonites, Anabaptists, and the Radical Reformation, *or* Peace, Justice & Simplicity3
- History of Christianity I *or* II3

Associate Degree With Concentration In General Studies (60 Hours)

This concentration maximizes the number of options students have in the selection of electives as preparation for more advanced study or independent learning.

General Studies Concentration 12 Hours

Choose any four courses as electives12
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One-Year Certificate In Biblical Studies (30 Hours)

The following program is designed for students who want one year of instruction at a Bible college. The program contains a combination of biblical/theological courses, general education courses, and electives:

- Bible Courses
 - Old Testament.....3
 - New Testament6
 - Electives (Biblical General, Old Testament, New Testament).... 3
- Theology Elective3
- Theology *or* Apologetics Elective3
- General Education Electives6
- Electives (open)6



Adjunct Programs

Akwachink Leadership School *(Three hours)*

This program is operated by Living Hope Native Ministries in cooperation with RBC. It is scheduled during the three weeks prior to the fall semester and is based in the Red Lake, Ontario, area. The first two weeks consist of a canoe expedition with teaching and activities built around spiritual and character development themes. During the third week, classes taught by mission personnel continue to build on the spiritual and character development themes of the expedition. This program requires a minimum of eight and accommodates a maximum of twelve students.

DATE

August 26– September 17, 2010

COST

\$895 plus a \$50 application fee for those not previously enrolled at RBC.



Institute of Pastoral Studies

The Institute of Pastoral Studies offers a balanced program of study for church leaders and lay persons who are not able to attend on a regular schedule. Students earn 4.5 credit hours per year by attending an intensive week of classes at RBC and completing assignments on a correspondence basis. By following this sequence for three years, 16.5 credit hours can be earned (4.5 per year plus three hours of supervised ministry) to fulfill requirements for a certificate in the Institute of Pastoral Studies. Students may begin the program at the beginning of any academic year in the three-year cycle of courses. To receive a certificate from the Institute of Pastoral Studies, students must successfully complete:

2010-2011 Module

- Biblical Preaching
- Anabaptist Studies
- Introduction to the New Testament

2011-2012 Module

- Congregational Leadership
- Interpreting the Bible
- The Local Church in Mission

2012-2013 Module

- Pastoral Care & Counseling
- Introduction to the Old Testament
- Introduction to Theology

Supervised Formation (see page 50 for a description)

Summer Institute 2011 *(Three hours)*

This two-week intensive term is designed to make many of RBC's signature courses available in a short-duration format. It is ideal for pastors, church leaders, students from other colleges, and anyone wishing to take foundational college-level courses in Bible, apologetics, Christian leadership, and Anabaptist theology. Students complete one 3-credit hour class, which meets daily, both in the morning and afternoon. Students may choose to take courses for college credit at standard tuition (\$747), or they may audit at half-tuition (\$374). To accommodate families as well as individuals, lodging and meal options are varied and include dorm living, campus apartments, and camper hookups. Room and board for those staying in the dorm is \$357. Call for apartment or campsite rates.

International Collaboration

For more than two decades, Rosedale Bible College has assisted with training schools in Kenya organized by Regions Beyond Ministry and Christian Church International. Both of these organizations, with offices in Thika, near Nairobi, have sent students and guest instructors to RBC, and have hosted RBC instructors during the 14-day December term of their leadership training programs.

Spanish Cross-Cultural Term

Students spend six weeks in residence in Southern Spain studying conversational Spanish, exploring the historical and cultural heritage of the region, and reflecting on the forces shaping Western society. Please see page 55 for more details.

European Study Tour

This two-to-three week tour focuses on sites of significant interest to students of Anabaptist history and the humanities. Please see page 56 for more details.