# TRI-STATE BAPTIST COLLEGE

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## CORRESPONDENCE COURSE CATALOG

# **Ministry Studies Division**

The provisions of this catalog are not to be regarded as an irrevocable contract. The administration reserves the right to modify, revoke, or add to these regulations at any time. If a student drops out of Tri-State Baptist College and later returns, he is subject to catalog regulations in effect at the time of his return.

# A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Over thirty years of my life have been spent laboring in Tri-State Baptist College. I love this college and I believe you will too. There are many Christian colleges to be found and perhaps this is the college for you.

I believe these are exciting days to serve our Lord! What an honor it is to be called to serve and prepare for full time ministry. Make the most of that calling by prayerfully choosing a place of training.

Since our humble beginning in 1973, Tri-State Baptist College has had a proven record of graduates who are doing the job in all phases of church related ministries. The product of the college is now seen in its graduates serving the lord literally across the globe!

The purpose of Tri-State Baptist College is to train soul winning leaders for the local church. This college is a BAPTIST college. We do not want you to be misled. The Christian circles of today do not want to define themselves - we do not have that problem! Our college stands for the old-time religion, King James Bible, standards, soul winning and Baptist distinctive.

Tri-State Baptist College is sponsored by Bethel Baptist Church of Walls, Mississippi. We are excited to offer to you the opportunity to further your education in our Ministry Division. I pray that this program will help sharpen the tools that you need to be successful in the ministry.

Dr. Ron Westmorland President

#### **Our Statement of Faith**

Tri-State Baptist College stands for the Fundamentals of the Faith. The Verbal Inspiration of the Scriptures, the Sovereignty of God, the Deity of Christ, the Trinity, the Virgin Birth, His Bodily Resurrection, All Mankind as sinners, Salvation by Grace, the Local New Testament Church, Salvation and the Pre-millennial Return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# **Life and Ministry Experience Evaluation**

Christian workers (Pastors, church staff, missionary, Christian schoolteachers, layman etc.) can earn up to five credit hours of credit based upon Ministry Experience. There is no charge for credits awarded as a result of the Ministry Experience. Just fill out a request for the Evaluation form along with a detailed resume and mail it to us.

#### **Transfer of Credit**

Evaluation of transfer credits is made from official transcripts after the student has been accepted for Admission. Students from schools of higher learning will receive full credit for equivalent courses in which he/she made "C" or higher, if the content of the courses meet requirements for the student's program.

# **Academic Requirements**

#### **GRADING SCALE**

A....92-100....4 POINTS B....83-91.....3 POINTS C....74-82.....2 POINTS D....65-73.....1 POINT F....0-64.....0 POINTS

#### REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

- 1. The completion of the prescribed courses with passing grades and an accumulative grade point average of at least 3.0
- 2. Payment of all financial obligations.

# **Home Study Guidelines**

Home study courses may be started at any time. There are two ways to approach your curriculum. You may work on one course at a time until it is finished and then order the next. Or you may choose to do what many do. The serious student normally takes two courses at a time and completes them within a six to eight week period. Therefore, a student could earn 12-18 credit hours during the year. (Each three-credit course is equal to a course pursued in residence three hours per week during a semester, etc.)

Courses are practical, and offer substance for immediate use by Christian workers. Each Bible course requires the student to use his Bible (KJV) for learning activities.

Lesson materials should be neat and reasonable, and should contain student's name, address and course title. The student should make a copy of his work to retain for himself in case the material is lost in mailing.

When preparing a thesis or other written material refer to the Guidelines for Writing Assignments.

The student must pay postage on all lessons sent to the school for grading.

# **Programs of Study and Courses of Instruction**

Correspondence course work may constitute only a portion of your credits required for graduation. Correspondence course work is intended to supplement on campus training either at Tri-State Baptist College or another Bible College, Seminary or University. No student will be granted a degree by Tri-State Baptist College where 100% of credit is by correspondence course.

Tri-State Baptist College offers the following degrees:

Two Year Program (64 credits required to graduate)

- Associate in Biblical Studies
- Associate in Secretarial Studies

Four Year Program (128 credits required to graduate)

- Bachelor of Christian Education with your personal emphasis in:
  - o Pastoral Theology
  - o Missions
  - o Education
  - o Music

Master's Program (36 credits to graduate)

- Ministry (M.M.)
- Theology (Th.M.)
- Christian Education (M.C.E.)

# **Financial Information**

#### Fees:

1.	One-Time Matriculation & Application Fee	\$25	
2.	Tuition	\$50 per credit hour	
3.	Books	\$15-\$25 per course (as listed below)	
4.	Postage: All postage for work mailed to TSBC must be paid by student.		
5.	Graduation (Diploma and Official Transcript)	\$125 (cap/gown) or \$40 (mail)	
6.	Additional official Transcript Fee	\$5.00 processing/handling each	

The student must be in good financial standing with Tri-State Baptist College before graduation.

Courses may be ordered from TSBC Bookstore by contacting the administration at 662-781-7777 or tristatebaptistcollege@mail.com

# **Catalog of Correspondence Courses**

## Systematic Theology

<ul> <li>CST 501</li> <li>CST 502</li> <li>CST 503</li> <li>CST 504</li> <li>CST 505</li> <li>CST 506</li> <li>CST 507</li> <li>CST 508</li> <li>CST 509</li> </ul>	Bibliology Theology Christology Pneumatology Anthropology Hamartiology Soteriology Ecclesiology Angelology	3 credit hours 2 credit hours 3 credit hours 2 credit hours 1 credit hour 1 credit hour 3 credit hours 2 credit hours 3 credit hours	\$25 book/shipping \$20 book/shipping \$25 book/shipping \$20 book/shipping \$15 book/shipping \$15 book/shipping \$25 book/shipping \$25 book/shipping \$20 book/shipping	
• CST 510	Eschatology	2 credit hours	\$20 book/shipping	
<u>Character Studies</u>				
<ul><li>CCS 103</li><li>CCS 203</li></ul>	Life of Paul I Life of Paul II	3 credit hours 3 credit hours	\$25 book/shipping \$25 book/shipping	

## **Life Credit Evaluation**

Tri-State Baptist College does everything possible to maximize the student's previous learning experiences both in and out of the classroom. In order to secure the most possible credit it is important for the student to systematically complete all pertinent information. Below are suggested procedures that will produce the desired results.

- 1. Carefully read the instructions page and examine all the forms before writing anything. Please do not seek to short-cut the procedures for that could cause delays if we have to request information from you.
- 2. Complete all the personal information in the shaded area on the first page of the Request of Evaluation form. Please type or neatly print all requested information.
- 3. Be sure to list all colleges attended and enclose transcripts. Unofficial copies of student Transcripts may be used for evaluation by the enclosed form should be mailed to the appropriate institutions in order to assure that TSBC receives official transcripts for your file.
- 4. Under Non-College Training, list all your special training; workshops, seminars, or other training courses attended. Please state whether you have listed credit hours or clock hours.

## **Enrollment Procedures**

- 1. Use the application from the back of this catalog to enroll. Read the catalog and send the completed application form to Tri-State Baptist College.
- 2. After processing your application, analyzing any transcript from previous work, and evaluating your ministry experience, you will be sent the course curriculum you have chosen.
- 3. Your work will be graded and your grade(s) will be sent to you along with your next course contract(s). The above procedure will follow until all courses are completed in your program.
- 4. Remember, you have three (3) months to complete one course. In other words, we should receive your completed work for at least one course every two months or sooner. Even if you order more than one course at a time, it would be best to work on one course at a time so that you will not exceed the time limit for a course.

To graduate, a student must maintain a "B" average. Also, all work must be completed and all fees paid.