



Irish Baptist College

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Training Department of the Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland



Welcome to The Irish Baptist College,
official training department of the
Association of Baptist Churches in
Ireland. We trust that as you browse
through this brochure you will know
the Lord's leading as you seek His
direction for your future ministry.



While existing primarily to serve the needs of our own churches and missions department, we at IBC welcome candidates from all kinds of Christian backgrounds. Whether you wish to concentrate on Pastoral, Missions, Youth, Children's or Women's ministry, we believe we have a course to suit you.

Our student body comprises about 50 full-time students who are taking courses at various levels from foundation to post-graduate courses. We also have part-time courses; evening classes in 3 different locations [Moira, Belfast, Londonderry] or you can study from home. Courses last from 1-3 years depending on the award being obtained.

The College campus is part of the new Baptist Centre opened in May 2003 near Moira, Northern Ireland. It is situated in quiet and attractive surroundings near to the M1 motorway and within the boundaries of the City of Lisburn. The college has a long history dating back to its inception in Dublin in 1892. From 1964 the college was situated on the Sandown Road in Belfast before moving to its shared location with the offices of our Association in 2003.

As you consider the possibility of studying at IBC, let us tell you what we have to offer:

FACILITIES

New | spacious | well-equipped building

Quiet picturesque surroundings [ideal for study!]

Possibility of living on-campus [limited rooms]

Excellent library | IT facilities

Easy access from M1 | ample on-site parking

FELLOWSHIP

Warm | friendly atmosphere

International dimension with students in recent years from Romania | Peru | Ukraine | Macedonia

Rich fellowship through devotional emphasis

Individual care and guidance

Open to all evangelicals [1/3 of student body are from churches other than Baptist]

STUDY

Biblically based teaching with conservative evangelical ethos
Venues throughout N Ireland [Moira | Belfast | Londonderry]
with the possibility of further extension to other areas
Very reasonable fees

Courses ranging from Foundation level to Post-graduate
University studies [MA | MTh | MPhil | PhD]
Choice of part-time | evening class courses including:
Christian Education | Youth Ministry | University Access

Excellent teaching, good scope for practical experience and unforgettable fellowship

WHAT OUR FORMER STUDENTS SAY

KENNETH BLEAKLEY

formerly a small businessman in Belfast | came to IBC to train for Christian ministry.

Returning to full-time education as a mature student was an enriching and rewarding experience. The friendships forged between students at college as they encouraged and helped one another will last a lifetime.

I found my course of studies at the Irish Baptist College an ideal balance of the academic and practical disciplines which provide an invaluable preparation for the Lord's work.

The providential circumstances which led me to study at the IBC left me with no doubt that God was calling me into his service, and recently this has been confirmed to me in that I have responded positively to a call to the pastorate of Larbert Baptist Church, Stirlingshire.

STEPHEN GARRETT

Associate Pastor | Whitehead Baptist Church

Excellent teaching, good scope for practical experience and unforgettable fellowship, sum up for me my course at IBC.

ANDREW REID

Baptist Missions worker | Spain

IBC lecturers are not only precise but passionate in their handling of God's truth, sharing their vision as well as their knowledge. I thank God not only for their instruction but for their example.



PASTORAL COURSES

Christian Service Certificate [1yr]

ASSESSMENT	50% Examination 50% Assignments
MODULES	Old New Testament, Biblical Studies, Worship, Mission Studies, Preaching & Communication
PLACEMENT	short-term in ministry situation

A foundation ministry course at an introductory survey level.

Certificate in Biblical & Pastoral Studies [2yr]

Diploma in Biblical & Pastoral Studies [3yr]

ASSESSMENT	50% Examination 50% Assignments
MODULES	In-depth studies in Old New Testament, Church History, Apologetics, Hermeneutics. Specialist studies include Pastoral Care & Counselling, Pastoral Life & Leadership, Ecclesiology, Local Church Life
PLACEMENT	pastoral assistantship required in year 2

Courses at foundation level designed to prepare students for local church ministry.

Certificate in Theological & Pastoral Studies [2yr]

Diploma in Theological & Pastoral Studies [3yr]

ASSESSMENT	75% Examination 25% Assignments
MODULES	As in Biblical Studies courses (assessed differently), Biblical languages available
PLACEMENT	pastoral assistantship required in year 2
ENTRY	4 GCSEs or equivalent

Attainment of 60% average in Theological Studies over two years satisfies university matriculation requirements for mature [21+] students. Courses at intermediate level include core modules.

MISSIONS COURSES

Christian Service Certificate [1yr]

ASSESSMENT	50% Examination 50% Assignments
MODULES	Old New Testament, Biblical Studies, Worship, Mission Studies, Preaching & Communication
PLACEMENT	short-term in ministry situation

A foundation ministry course at an introductory survey level.

Certificate in Biblical & Missionary Studies [2yr]

Diploma in Biblical & Missionary Studies [3yr]

ASSESSMENT	50% Examination 50% Assignments
MODULES	In-depth studies in Old New Testament, Church History, Apologetics, Hermeneutics. Specialist studies include Cross-Cultural Mission Studies, Anthropology, the Local Church & Mission, Mission Strategy
PLACEMENT	cross-cultural summer missionary placement

Courses at foundation level designed to prepare students for mission service.

Certificate in Theological & Missionary Studies [2yr]

Diploma in Theological & Missionary Studies [3yr]

ASSESSMENT	75% Examination 25% Assignments
MODULES	As in Biblical Studies courses (assessed differently), Biblical languages available
PLACEMENT	Mandatory cross-cultural missionary placement
ENTRY	4 GCSEs or equivalent

Attainment of 60% average in Theological Studies over two years satisfies university matriculation requirements for mature [21+] students. Courses assessed at intermediate level.



YOUTH MINISTRY COURSES^o

Christian Service Certificate with Youth Ministry [1yr]

ASSESSMENT	50% Examination 50% Assignments
MODULES	Old New Testament, Biblical Studies etc
PLACEMENT	Practical placement throughout study period

**Certificate in Biblical Studies & Youth Ministry [2yr]
Diploma in Biblical Studies & Youth Ministry [3yr]**

ASSESSMENT	50% Examination 50% Assignments Practical Placement Journal
MODULES	Old New Testament, Church History, Apologetics, Hermeneutics, Youth Culture & Evangelism, Counselling Young People, Communicating Effectively with Young People
PLACEMENT	within Youth Ministry situation

**Certificate in Theological Studies & Youth Ministry [2yr]
Diploma in Theological Studies & Youth Ministry [3yr]**

ASSESSMENT	75% Examination 25% Assignments Practical Placement Journal
MODULES	Old New Testament, Church History, Apologetics, Hermeneutics, Youth Culture & Evangelism, Counselling Young People, Communicating Effectively with Youth
PLACEMENT	within Youth Ministry situation

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

The College is a Recognised College of Queen's University Belfast and teaches for its Bachelor of Theology and Bachelor of Divinity degrees. These may be taken as university only courses with applications made through UCAS. Students are also required to complete a College registration form obtainable from the Registrar or the Director of Studies.

University courses may also be taken as part of a full ministerial or missions training course. In such cases students apply through UCAS for admission to the degree course of their choice, but must also be interviewed by the College Board for recognition as a college student. Theological modules completed for university degrees are credited to such students with respect to their College award.

POSTGRADUATE STUDY

Postgraduate study is offered at Masters and Doctoral levels in a variety of subject areas. Fuller details of postgraduate study may be obtained by contacting the college. In association with:

Queen's University Belfast

Part full-time	
RESEARCH	Masters [MPhil] Doctoral [PhD]
TAUGHT	Master of Theology [MTh] degree
ENTRY	2:1 honours degree in theology for masters study; postgraduate degree in theology for PhD

University of Wales, Lampeter*

Structured for in-service study	
COURSE	MA in Theology offered in Pastoral Ministry Mission Studies
ASSESSMENT	Written assignments



* Course open to students who may not have the usual academic qualifications but have basic theological training and ministry experience.

Satisfies entry requirements for DMin Degree.

^oAll Youth Ministry related courses include core modules.

PART-TIME | EVENING COURSES

2yr Certificate

3yr Diploma

DURATION	two 10 week terms each year
ASSESSMENT	by essays only
CONTENT	Introduction to the Bible, the Story of the Church, World Mission Survey, Old New Testament Books

Informative and spiritually stimulating | Introductory level.

Ladies' Study Fellowship Certificate [2yr]

Ladies' Study Fellowship Diploma [3yr]

DURATION	two 10 week terms each year Thurs 1005-1310
ASSESSMENT	by essays only
CONTENT	as in Christian Education Courses

Prayer and fellowship time included.

Women's Ministry Course

DURATION	two 10 week terms each year Tues 1900-2130
ASSESSMENT	essays presentations
CONTENT	relevant Biblical & practical subjects

Developed in association with Baptist Women to help women who are active in local church service.

Distance Learning Certificate [6 modules]

Distance Learning Diploma [10 modules]

DURATION	Study at home, at your pace with guidance on reading
ASSESSMENT	essays with feedback comment
CONTENT	Church History, Theology, Evangelism, the Christian & Islam, Old New Testament Studies, Ethics

Christian Education Courses

One evening a week in Moira and Belfast from 1830-2130, and Saturday mornings in Londonderry.

University Access Course [2yr]

This evening class course is offered at intermediate level including core modules. It is designed to enable students to satisfy matriculation requirements for university studies in Theology.

Single Modules

Sit in on a chosen module taught to the day students. Outline notes are provided and there are no compulsory assignments. Enjoy the experience of learning and fellowship with the students and staff. [pay per lecture]

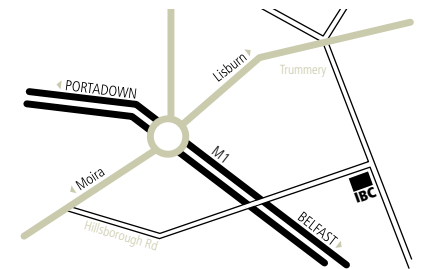
Potential students are encouraged to come along to the college for the day, sit in on lectures and sample the day-to-day life of a college student. Many people find this to be a very helpful experience when seeking to determine God's will for their lives.

Further information and application forms can be found on our website. Alternatively you can contact Kim Kelly or John Birnie directly who will be glad to help with any questions you might have.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Translink provide train and bus services from Belfast to Moira; details and times of services are available from the College Registrar.

MOIRA ROUNDABOUT [EXIT 9]



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