

AWARDS

You hold in your hands an opportunity to pursue an enriching program of Bible Study in your own home, and at your own pace. Whether your study is for personal development or for preparation in ministry, to further develop your skills and understanding in the word of God, on the mission field or at home, VCC has an option for you.

VISION CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Offers the following awards for study -

Certificate of Completion:

for the successful completion of any subject

Certificate in Biblical Studies:

for gaining a total of 30 credit points (= 30 credits)

Associate in Biblical Studies:

for gaining a further 30 credit points (= 60 credits)

Diploma of Ministry:

for gaining a further 30 credit points (= 90 credits)

Diploma of Biblical Theology:

for gaining a further 30 credit points (= 120 credits)

- The latter four awards will be issued with “honours” to any student who obtains an average grade of 96% or above.
- If you wish to upgrade the *Dip. Th.* to a bachelor degree, we recommend that you transfer your enrolment to the Internet Bible College who administer the program on behalf of *Vision International University (San Diego, USA)*.

“Credit points” can be gained in either of two ways -

- (1) Each subject completed at a passing level is worth **three** credit points. The assignments attached to the books are mostly multiple choice tests; however, some books use instead short-answer questions. In a few cases an essay may be required. With this method a student has to complete **10 books** to gain 30 credit points. However -
- (2) A further credit point per subject (or book) may be gained by writing an essay. The present charge for marking this additional essay is \$25 per essay, which is less costly than obtaining the same credit point through studying a book. On this method, a student has to complete **8 books** plus **6 essays** to gain 30 credit points. A free guide on how to write an essay is available from our office.

Your enrolment in this course does not obligate you to complete it.

FOUNDATIONS

We are committed to -

- the absolute **lordship of Christ** over the church
- **evangelism** as the supreme task of the church
- **charismatic renewal** as the great need of the church
- the importance of the **local church** in the programme of God.

Within that broad framework we aim to be impartial. Where there are significant differences among the views held by various Christians we try to present the major alternatives. Thus our curriculum is effective for anyone who shares our general philosophy and accepts the authority of the Bible.

LIFE-STYLE

Our view of Christian life is that it should be loving, joyful, affirmative, fruitful, and diverse. Our curriculum reflects that positive outlook while maintaining a framework of good scholarship. We strive also to avoid stifling legalism and excessive dogmatism, but with no lessening of our adherence to biblical standards of righteousness, holiness, and integrity.

CREDIT TRANSFER

If you have done other formal biblical, theological, or related studies, you may request a transfer of credit into our program. You may also be eligible for “life-experience” credits if –

- you have been in full-time ministry for at least two years; or if
- you have served the local church continually in some stated office or offices for five years or more; or if
- you can present a combination of the first two.

Please obtain from our office an *Application for Transfer of Credit* form, fill it in, and return it to us along with the requested documentation (transcripts, copies of awards, and the like). **There is a \$75.00 charge for a academic transfer per ward level. Life-experience credits are costed at \$20.00 per credit.** A maximum of 60% credits can be claimed. You should only claim and pay for as many credits as you need in order to graduate at the desired level. Unused credits can be kept aside and applied to a higher award. Note that the VCC program is built around a credit-point system. That is, any suitably gained credits can be applied anywhere in the system.



RECOGNITIONS

Our aim is to maintain a standard high enough to secure endorsement of our awards among churches whose stance is similar to ours. However, since recognition of the VCC standards will vary, you will need to ascertain by personal enquiry whether or not a particular church or organisation will accept our awards.

- **Tabor College** in Australia allows a transfer of VCC credits into several of its programs. Further information can be gained from any of the various offices of that college.
- **In the USA** various accredited universities and colleges accept transfers of VCC credits, and the College also has authorisation with the *California State Board of Education*
- is accredited by the *Accrediting Commission International for Schools, Colleges, and Theological Seminaries*
- is a member of ACCESS.

FACULTY

The president of VCC in Australia is the Rev **Ken Chant** (M.R.E., Th.D); and the college principal is Rev **Denis Plant** (M.A.). The registrar of our External Studies program is Mrs. **Patricia Hart** Dip Theo. We also draw upon the skilled and diverse faculty attached to the American campus of *Vision International University*. The international president of VIU is the Rev **Stan DeKoven** (Ph.D, D.Min.), San Diego, California.

PHILOSOPHY

We are a conservative and charismatic school, working within the mainstream of Christian belief and practice.

We accept the divine inspiration and authority of the Bible, and we endorse those formulations of the faith that have been received by all the major branches of the church across the centuries.

Our theme could be summarised as: the **Word of Christ** preached; the **Name of Christ** believed; the **Power of Christ** experienced; the **Love of Christ** shared; the **Coming of Christ** expected; the **Splendour of Christ** exalted.

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