



MORLING COLLEGE

ACCREDITATION ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

The following theological training regulations of the Baptist Churches of NSW and ACT refer to those applying to become accreditation candidates.

“Theological Training

8. Subject to the provisions of clause 9 hereof, the Theological College Course shall be normally of four years duration, including any studies completed in a recognised Baptist Theological College prior to acceptance and shall, until otherwise determined by the Assembly, include the following subjects (hereafter called the ‘basic subjects’), namely:

Theology
Old Testament
New Testament
One of the Original Biblical Languages
Church History
Baptist History and Principles
Pastoral and Practical Ministry Studies

- 9A. Credit may be granted for units of study done in other tertiary institutions approved by the Committee for the Ministry on the recommendation of the Council of the Department of Theological Training provided that:

- i) an official transcript of credits and details of units is forwarded to the Principal of the Theological College.
- ii) the units are in the opinion of the Faculty of the Theological College no less in content and standard than units offered by the College for such subjects.
- iii) no candidate will be granted credits covering more than the equivalent of two full years of the Theological College course.

- B. A candidate who at the time of their acceptance is or has been a student at Morling College (the Baptist Theological College of NSW) shall be credited with those subjects already completed. The Committee for the Ministry shall determine the year in which the student shall commence as a candidate in training for the Ministry and their responsibilities to Ministry Support and Development Council.

- C. A student accepted under the proviso of rule 2 (i.e. 3 years studies at another Theological Institution), may, at the discretion of the Faculty of the Theological College, be granted a modified course, provided that they undertake some work in the basic subjects as set out in rule 8.

10. Before completion of their course, all students will be required to have undertaken studies including the basic subjects. Where any units of these subjects are taken other than at the Baptist Theological College of NSW, it will be the responsibility of the Faculty of the Theological College to satisfy itself that such units are equivalent in content and standard to units offered in the College.

Students who have been accepted for specialised ministries will be required to complete the basic subjects and further requirements specific to their intended ministries.”

In line with the above regulations, Morling College has determined the following program of studies for Accreditation Candidates:

Requirements for the Morling Four Year Award in Christian Ministries

The credit point requirements reflect the restructuring of ACT awards from 2002, including the allocation of four credit points (or multiples) for each subject.

1. Normally, satisfactory completion of one or more of MDiv, BMin, BTh, or the AdvDipTh/Min of the ACT.
2. In conjunction with ACT requirements, the following specific ACT and Morling subjects will be required:
 - i. Foundations of Pastoral Care **and** Pastoral Skills and Methods
 - ii. Ministry Formation **or** Patterns of Spiritual Formation
 - iii. A total of twelve credit points (three subjects) from Evangelism and Mission (EM), with eight chosen from one area and four from the other. Four credit points will be from **either** Foundations of Evangelism/Evangelism Principles **or** Communicating Globally. The remaining eight credit points will be chosen from:
Evangelism: Church Dynamics and Growth, Foundations of Evangelism/Evangelism Principles, Applied Evangelism, Christian Apologetics, Church Planting, Church in Australian Society
Mission: Theology of Mission, Cultural Anthropology, Study of Religion, Communicating Locally and Globally, Multicultural Ministry, Aid and Development
 - iv. Field Education (including Field Education Theory)
 - v. Principles of Homiletics **and** Advanced Preaching
 - vi. Supervised Experience Based Learning (SEBL)
 - vii. New Testament Greek **or** Introduction to New Testament Greek **or** Biblical Hebrew
 - viii. Denominational (Baptist) Distinctives
 - ix. Pastoral Leadership for 2 semesters (Morling)
 - x. Four credit points of Ethics
 - xi. At least 16 credit points (four subjects) of Biblical exegesis, two subjects in each of Old Testament and New Testament. In addition, a Bible or Theology subject will be completed in the final year.
3. All students are required to complete at least **two years** of full time study. Full time study requires a high level of involvement in College life, including not less than ten classroom hours per week each semester. Students will normally complete at least one

subject from each of Old Testament, New Testament, Theology/Ethics/Apologetics and Pastoral Studies over the final two years of study.

Full time students are required to attend regularly the weekly College Chapel services (at least 80%), SEBL groups, all College retreats, three College partnership missions and one missions ReachOut conference. They are to be actively involved in the life and ministry of a local congregation, under supervision, for the duration of their College course. At the conclusion of each year students will acknowledge in writing that they have fulfilled these requirements.

The final year of the Graduate in Christian Ministries (Advanced) must be completed as a full time student, with a load of no less than seven subjects across the year, unless a student is granted special dispensation by the faculty.

4. All students are required to complete at least 32 subjects, not including SEBL. For the purpose of this regulation, 700 level subjects will not be given additional weight. The MDiv research project will be counted as two subjects, and the BMin or BTh honours thesis will be counted as three.

Applicants with a M. Div., B. Min., or B. Th. (or equivalent) from a non-Baptist Theological College or Seminary

- * At least the equivalent of two years fulltime study at Morling.
- 4 x 10 hours course work or 13 subjects.
- * The total theological studies should at least cover the study requirements for the Morling Four Year Award in Christian Studies.
- * It is recommended that students undertake the Graduate Diploma in Ministry in their final year which includes 4 subjects which can be turned into a MA (Theology/Min).
- * The equivalent of two years fulltime study includes two years involvement in College life; that is, 2 College retreats, 2 Partnership Missions/Reachout, Chapel services and small groups (SEBL).