



**C.O.G.**

INTERNATIONAL  
BIBLE COLLEGE



## **Prospectus**

*Redefine your future*

2 Timothy 2:15

**“Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself approved unto God (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analysing and accurately dividing (rightly handling and skilfully teaching) the Word of Truth.”**

**(Amplified Bible)**

### **Disclaimer**

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This prospectus is for the period 2021 to 2025.

The information reflected in this prospectus is accurate when going to publication.

Please visit our website [www.cogibc.com](http://www.cogibc.com) for more information

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# MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR

## ***REDEFINE YOUR FUTURE***

The vision of the Church of God International Bible College (COGIBC) is to be an excellent leadership development, theological and ministerial online training centre. Our mission is to help students to be educated and enriched, and to empower pastors, evangelists, and church leaders to establish and expand the church in Africa and around the world.

The COGIBC curriculum is specifically designed to help students to identify and enhance their own unique calling for service, as well as to discover the path that is the best for them in the context of the ministry that students plan to pursue. We offer a community life that is rich with opportunities to learn, grow and be encouraged.

The COGIBC is committed to offering subjects that are facilitated by truly dedicated lecturers. We are also committed to providing an excellent online environment that facilitates an optimal learning experience.

At COGIBC, we empower and inspire students to discover great things from the beginning to the end of their academic career.

We also have strong global links and provide our students with the opportunity to develop and grow linkages with our partner institutions around the world. We enable our students to develop a global mindset, which then ensures that they are well equipped to be Church Leaders who are servants that have no cause to be ashamed, correctly analysing and accurately dividing (rightly handling and skilfully teaching) the Word of Truth.

We invite you to become a part of the College of Choice where we will support your academic progress and prepare you for a bright future.

Simply stated, our mission and passion are the calling of our students.

***Raymond Lombard***

# MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

## ***MAKE TODAY MATTER!***

On behalf of all our Faculty and staff, welcome to the Church of God International Bible College! You have taken the first step towards achieving your Certificate of Theology in Ministry.

As Dean of the College, I'm extremely proud of the rich tradition of providing practical, experience-based theological education that our online College has upheld since its founding. Our theological curriculum prepares our students to become leaders with the moral depth and intellectual intensity necessary to meet the challenges in a critical time in church history.

Central to the success of the Church of God International Bible College curriculum are the decades of leadership and experience-based knowledge that our Faculty brings to the table. As innovators in our fields of ministry, the knowledge and research contributions of our Faculty members continue to drive change both at the college and across the globe.

We aim to take the distance out of distance learning. We are committed to the Lord Jesus Christ, and we value the Word of God. We are dedicated to advancing the Kingdom of God. We remain passionately Bible-based, Christ-centred, and Spirit-led, seeking to equip leaders for effective ministry in their calling. People study theology for various reasons. Some find it to be a fascinating field and would like to equip themselves to function more effectively in the workplace and would like to enrich their lives, not become pastors.

Our students have access to a one-of-a-kind Academic Advisory Institute. The Academic Advisory support is a specialised system that interacts on a one-on-one basis with students via telephonic or email consultation. We care about your success, and we want you to let us know if you are experiencing any difficulties; so, stay in touch with your lecturers and Faculty staff so that we can all make the most of the situation. For your own emotional well-being, please reach out to the relevant support services available at your church. Work together with us to help you make a success of your academic studies.

A good tip to ensure your academic success is to keep to your normal routine. Continue following your timetable, using the relevant platforms to discuss difficult concepts and engage by participating in answering and asking questions. This will help you to keep up to date with work without becoming overwhelmed before completing the Portfolio of Evidence (POE).

We trust that you will enjoy your journey with us!

May the Lord bless and keep you and your family.

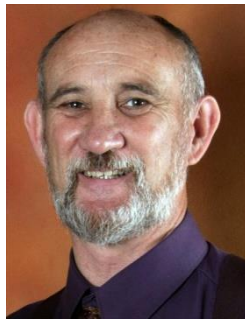
***Gert Venter***

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Church of God International Bible College is under the governing oversight of a Board of Directors that meets at least every six months. Under the leadership of the Board, the College has successfully maintained its policy of spiritual and academic excellence.



*Pastor Raymond Lombard*



*Doctor Gert Venter*



*Pastor Adri Theron*



*Rudi Vogt*

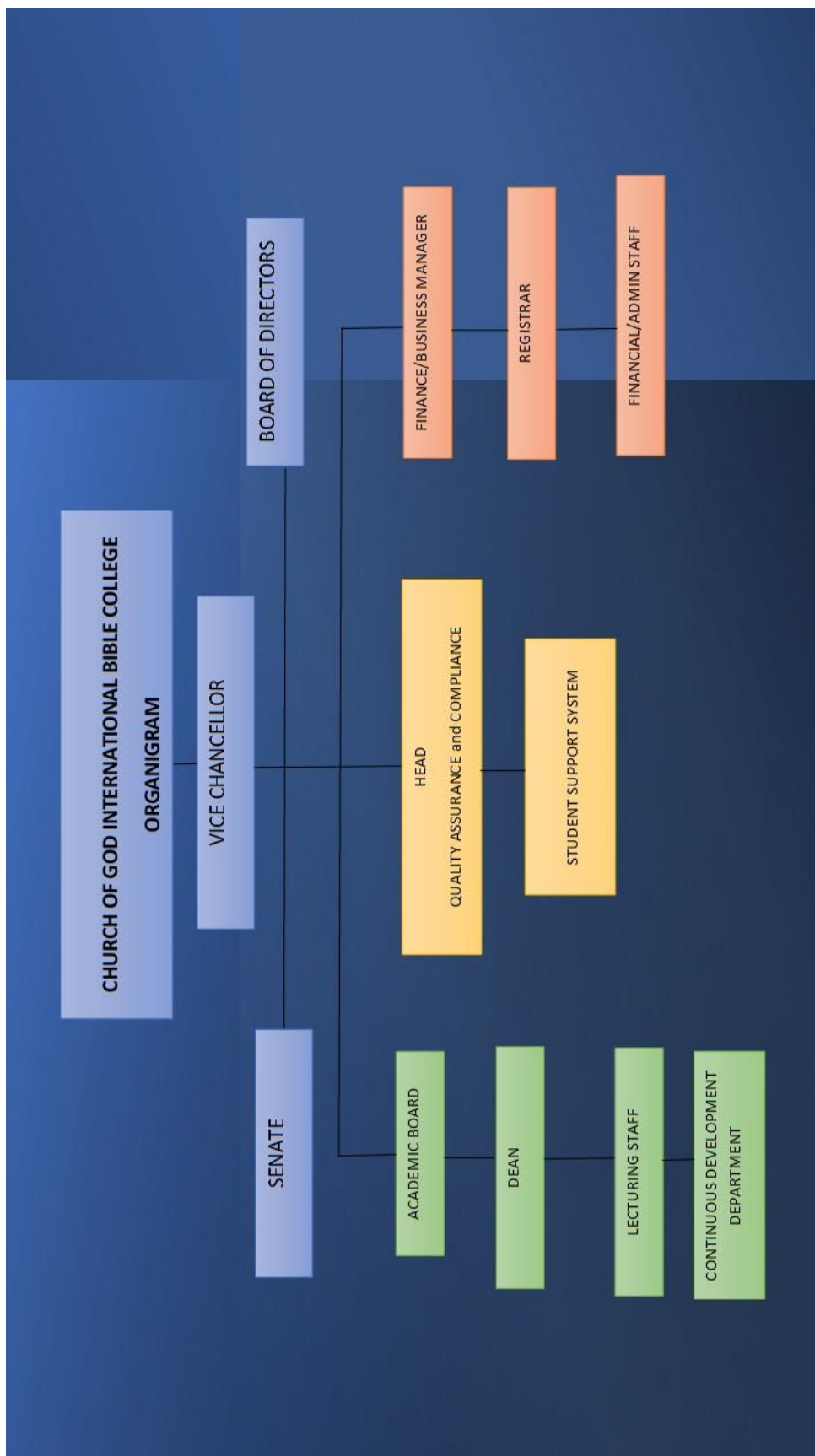


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# CHURCH OF GOD INTERNATIONAL BIBLE COLLEGE ORGANIGRAM



# VISION, MISSION, VALUES, EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

## VISION

To train and equip the 93% insufficiently trained pastors/ministers in a theological ministerial accredited programme.

## MISSION

- To redefine the future of students, pastors and ministers in ministry
- To assist, encourage and motivate them by providing accredited training
- To help the insufficiently trained pastors/ministers to reach their dreams in their calling to the ministry, in accordance with Matthew 24:14 and Matthew 28:19-20

## MISSION STATEMENT

In the light of the fact that the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ will have its 2000-year birthday celebration in 2030 (D.V.), we envisage:

- Training, equipping and inspiring the Body of Christ on a global scale for spiritual formation and spiritual enrichment
- Adding value to the servants of God through Bible knowledge and ministry skills
- Partnering with ministries, organisations and Church leadership in working toward the FINISH-CHALLENGE – *until all have heard* (Matt 24:14)

Furthermore, COGIBC accepts and supports the TOPIC core curriculum criteria as per the Manila document in answering the following question:

### ***When can a pastor be considered trained?***

In order to establish good formal and non-formal training programmes in such a way that various programmes and models complement and enhance one another, a burning question must first be answered: When is a pastoral leader sufficiently trained?

At the Manila consultation, consensus was reached that pastoral leaders are basically trained when they have competence in the following four areas:

- **Concerning the Bible, they should:**
  - Know, understand, and apply it in a valid way (Biblical Studies)
  - Know basic Biblical doctrines (Systematic Theology)
  - Be able to communicate it; teach, preach and counsel (Practical Theology)
  - Develop a Biblical worldview (Biblical Studies)



- **Concerning conformity to Jesus Christ, they should have:**
  - Christian character and conduct (Christian Ethics)
  - A servant attitude (Christian Ethics)
  - A deep sense of continuing dependence on the Triune God (Christian Ethics)
  
- **Concerning competence in basic ministry skills, they should be able to:**
  - Prepare and deliver sermons effectively (Homiletics)
  - Evangelise and plant new churches (Missions)
  - Pastor believers with a view to discipling them towards spiritual maturity (Pastoral Theology)
  - Teach (Hermeneutics) (Homiletics) (Christian Evidences)
  - Lead believers in such a way that their own vision for the growth of God's kingdom is stirred up (Evangelism)
  
- **Concerning leadership, they must have a vision and be able to reproduce:**
  - Themselves as pastoral leaders (Evangelism)
  - Their church (Evangelism)

## VALUES

- Diversity
- Excellence
- Integrity
- Environmental stewardship

## ETHOS

COGIBC prides itself on its reputation as an institution of excellence and prestige. Our mission is to provide a standard of education that is affordable, credible and quality assured.

The Certificate in Theology for Ministry (CTM) has been designed with the student in mind and to ensure that the learning experience covers all aspects of academia. Our unique and innovative learning medium allows students the benefit of flexible study, while still pursuing their personal and work objectives.

The Certificate in Theology for Ministry (CTM) has been designed with the intent to train the 93% of untrained or insufficiently trained pastors, evangelists and leaders in ministry.

## **EDUCATIONAL PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY**

We provide transformational leadership in the service of the church through our learning and teaching, research, innovation, and internationalisation activities.

- To achieve this, we are committed to developing the potential of our staff and students in the full spectrum of their cognitive, economic, social, cultural, and personal aspects in the pursuit of kingdom vision citizenship.
- We adopt a humanising pedagogical approach that respects and acknowledges diverse traditions and engages students in dialogue, so that a participative approach to problem-posing and problem-solving and the ability to contribute to a multicultural society are nurtured.
- We inspire our stakeholders to be respectful of diverse theology and a sustainable church environment.

We want to be known for our people-centred, caring, value-driven organisational culture that will allow all members of our education community to contribute optimally to its life.

## **WE BELIEVE**

- Church of God Declaration of Faith
- The Apostle Faith Creed
- The Lausanne Declaration of Faith



## **DECLARATION OF FAITH**

WE BELIEVE:

The Church of God believes the whole Bible to be completely and equally inspired and the written Word of God. The Church of God has adopted the following Declaration of Faith as its standard and official expression of its doctrine:

- In the verbal inspiration of the Bible
- In one God eternally existing in three persons, namely the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
- That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried and raised from the dead. That He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
- That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
- That justification, regeneration and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.

- In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word and by the Holy Ghost.
- Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
- In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
- In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
- In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptised in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.
- Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
- In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
- In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
- In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

## THE APOSTLE'S CREED

The Church of God International Bible College underwrites and commits itself to the Apostle's Creed:

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

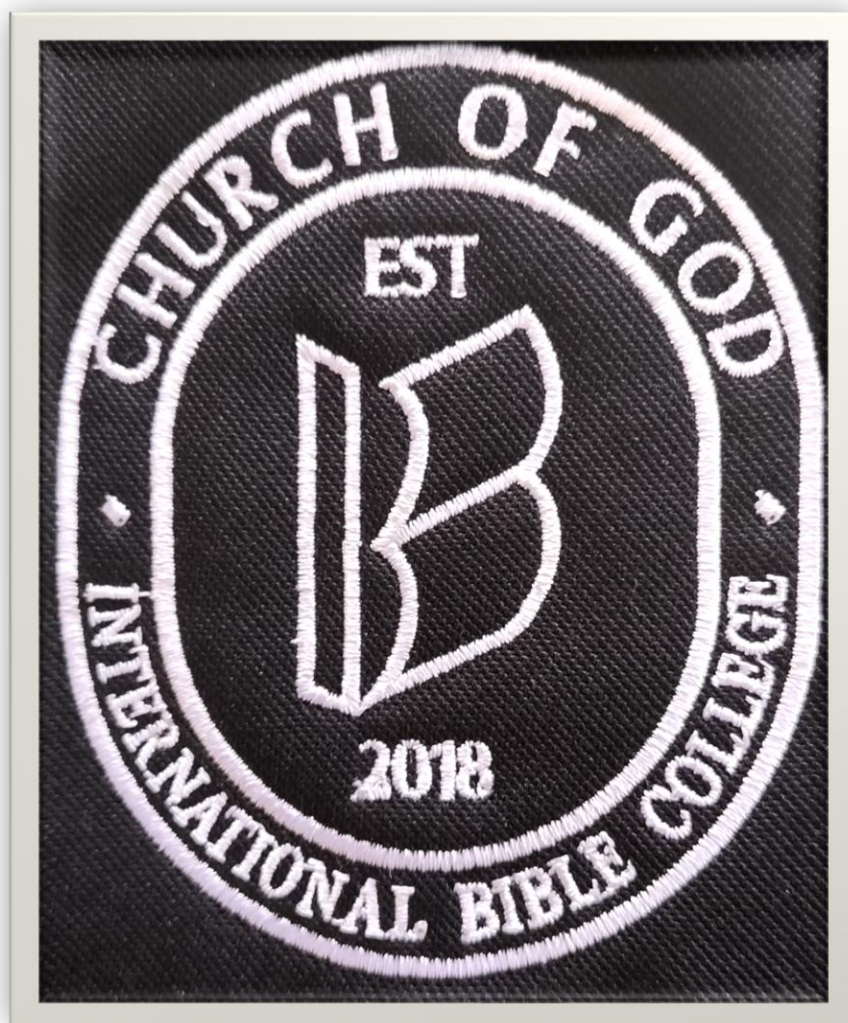
*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to Hades.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the one holy Christian church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.*

*Amen.*

## THE MOTTO OF COGIBC

*Nulli cessura Fides* – Unyielded faith



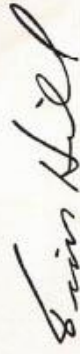
CHURCH OF GOD DIVISION OF EDUCATION  
**DENOMINATIONAL CERTIFICATION**  
Level II

This is to certify that

**Church of God International Bible College**

has met the Standards and Criteria for  
the Church of God denominational certification  
as a Level II postsecondary educational institution.

Granted this 7th day of June 2022.

  
General Overseer

  
Assistant General Overseer  
Divisional Director of Education

  
Director of World Missions

  
Chair, Standing Committee on Certification

# GENERAL INFORMATION: CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY FOR MINISTRY (CTM)

ETS I.D. N.A.	NQF LEVEL 5 – 7	CREDITS 360	DURATION 3 YEARS
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## TYPE OF PROGRAMME

The Certificate in Theology for Ministry (CTM) is a course in theology and church management.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENT

The student must be able to read and write in English.

## DESCRIPTION

This programme provides the student with the knowledge to demonstrate an understanding of the principle of ministry and management to the assembly.

In addition, the programme supports skills development. This includes operational skills, communication and finances.

## WHO SHOULD STUDY AT COGIBC

If you desire to study, can read and write English, have access to the internet and serve in the following capacities, you are invited to apply:

- Pastors who serve in full-time or part-time ministry without theological training, or who are insufficiently trained
- Evangelists who serve communities in metropolitan and rural areas
- Spiritual workers who are in full-time or part-time ministry
- Ordinary Christians who seek to advance their knowledge in the Word of God

## CERTIFICATION AND ACCREDITATION

### Level II Post-secondary Educational Institution Certification

On 7 June 2022 the Standing Certification Committee of the Church of God Division of Education (Cleveland, Tennessee, USA) awarded Denominational Certification status to the COGIBC as a Level II post-secondary educational institution. This means that the COGIBC may in future allocate a post-secondary academic qualification up to a bachelor's degree.



## **European Theological Seminary (ETS)**

ETS is an Evangelical/Pentecostal/Charismatic faith-based institution in the heart of the Black Forest in Freudenstadt, Germany, whose focus is on training leaders for tomorrow. ETS offers diplomas in Pastoral Training, Missions, Counselling, Worship and Christian Education, as well as master's degrees in both Psychology and Theology.

ETS accreditation is approved by the Ministry of Education in the state of Baden-Wurtemberg, Germany, according to section 3(1) of Framework : German Higher Education (FGH).

ETS's goal is to train students from around the world to have a better understanding of theology, as well as to equip them with all the tools they need in their field of study so that they can be successful in ministry.

ETS began in 1949, when the Bible College Ministry for the Church of God in Europe grew to be a fully accredited institution in Europe. ETS also has a Memorandum of Understanding with Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee, USA.

ETS will will underwrite the certificate to a COGIBC graduate, based on their area of study. This certificate honours the number of hours invested in study by the student. With the necessary recognition of prior learning (RPL), a student may be accredited for further studies at this institution.

## **Church of God World Missions: Africa Council**

### **Resolution Submitted to the Africa Council – April 2021**

For all pastors and leaders who acquire credentials with the Church of God World Missions to attend formal training and, depending on the educational background of the candidate, the following Church of God programmes are used (i.e. MIP, CIMS, ToT and/or national or regional Bible schools\*). These programmes are operated under the respective Bible schools and/or national education coordinators under the overall leadership of the respective national Church of God.

*\*This includes the Church of God International Bible College.*

## **CERTIFICATION**

Upon successful completion of this programme, the student will receive a Certificate of Theology for Ministry (CTM), underwritten by European Theological Seminary, Germany.

## **PASS MARK**

The required pass mark is 50% for all modules.

A pass mark of 70% is applicable for students who wish to pursue further studies with ETS, or any other higher education institution, whether in a Memorandum of Understanding with COGIBC or not.

Distinctions will be granted to students with an average minimum mark of 75% or higher.

## STUDY FEES

Study fees are as follows:

- R565 (\$30 USD) once-off registration
- Free studies for the first six months (bridging course)
- Certificate of Theology for Ministry
  - R3 000 (\$200 USD) per year
  - R250 (\$17 USD) per subject (**payable per subject option at no extra cost**)

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Do not let the cost of Church of God International Bible College put you off!

COGIBC students are eligible for tuition fee support if needed. Students will need to pay the R500 registration fee to confirm their place in the course.

We recommend that students who need to apply for financial assistance do so as soon as they submit their application, after registration for the first year of the first semester.

## ORDINATION

COGIBC is not a denomination and does not ordain graduates to the Christian ministry. We recommend a three-year qualification for a candidate who wishes to enter full-time ministry in the Christian Church. The prerequisites for ordination, however, vary among denominations. Our qualifications are accepted by many denominations, but it remains the responsibility of the candidates to ascertain the requirements for ordination from their respective denominations.



## CURRICULUM: CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY FOR MINISTRY (CTM)

COGIBC has designed and developed a three-year Certificate in Theology for Ministry to theologically equip people for ministry. The prescription condition for one academic year is three years. The student may therefore spend three calendar years completing one academic year of study. In the case of the bridging course, the student is allowed 18 months to complete 6 months of academic study.

In the case of non-completion of the certificate programme, the credits will be forfeited after 10 years.

### SUBJECT GROUPINGS

#### Compulsory Bridging Course (6 months)

##### Transformation Acts 20/20

1. Redefine the Believer
2. Redefine the Church
3. Redefine the Gospel
4. Redefine the Pastor

#### CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY FOR MINISTRY (3 years)

THEOLOGY I	THEOLOGY II	THEOLOGY III
Church Dogmatics	Christian Evidence	Pneumatology II
Theology Proper	Anthropology	Ecclesiology
Dispensational Truth	Soteriology	Eschatology
Mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven	Pneumatology I	Christology

BIBLICAL STUDIES I	BIBLICAL STUDIES II	BIBLICAL STUDIES III
Galatians	Old Testament Survey	The book of Daniel
Christian Evidence	New Testament Survey	Romans
Bibliology	Tabernacle Studies	Prophecy
Names of God	Life, Teaching & Mind of Paul	Spirit World (Polemics)

PASTORAL THEOLOGY I	PASTORAL THEOLOGY II	PASTORAL THEOLOGY III
Church History	Counselling/Ethical Aspects	Pastoral Theology
Liturgy	Hermeneutics	New Testament Ministries
Biblical Science of Missions	Homiletics II	Church Growth
Homiletics I	Practical Theology Practical Personal Finance and Debt Management	Personal Evangelism & Heart of Man Outreach

# CURRICULUM

## BRIDGING COURSE

Module Title	Module Descriptions
<b>Transformation Acts 20/20</b>	This module explains the four cornerstones of church planting. The following material is covered:
<b>Module 1</b>	<p>➤ <b>Redefining the Believer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Who the believer is in Christ as a disciple</li><li>• What Christ accomplished on the cross, and through His resurrection and ascension to Heaven</li><li>• How to fulfil your full potential as an overcomer in Christ</li><li>• Who you are in Christ and your calling</li></ul>
<b>Module 2</b>	<p>➤ <b>Redefining the Church</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Biblical definition of the Church</li><li>• Defining Jesus Christ in the New Testament Church</li><li>• The role of the Church today</li><li>• A job description of the Church and laying a proper Biblical foundation and framework for its role in society</li><li>• The advancement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ</li></ul>
<b>Module 3</b>	<p>➤ <b>Redefining the Gospel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The good news and good message of the Gospel</li><li>• The defined Gospel</li><li>• The message of salvation</li><li>• What the Gospel is not</li></ul>
<b>Module 4</b>	<p>➤ <b>Redefining the Pastor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Scriptural understanding of the New Testament pastor and their role</li><li>• What a pastor is and what church leadership is</li><li>• What the pastor is not</li><li>• Role of the pastor in society</li><li>• How to choose and train pastors for ministry</li></ul>

**CERTIFICATE OF THEOLOGY IN MINISTRY**

<b>FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER</b>		
<b>MODULE NAME</b>	<b>REG NO.</b>	<b>MODULE DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>Anthropology</b>	CTM/101	The study of human society and the development of different cultures. A study of what makes us human.
<b>Personal Evangelism (Phase 1) Heart of Man (HOM) (Phase 2)</b>	CTM/102	The study of the effective spreading of the Gospel by public preaching or personal witness.
<b>Dispensational Truth</b>	CTM/103	Dispensational studies view the world as an economy of God. From the viewpoint of people, it is a responsibility; in relation to progressive revelation, it is a stage in that revelation.
<b>Hermeneutics</b>	CTM/104	The study of the science of the rules of Biblical interpretation.
<b>Christian Doctrine/Dogmatics</b>	CTM/105	Christian theology is Christian belief and practice, focusing primarily on the texts of the Old Testament and New Testament, as well as on Christian tradition.
<b>New Testament Survey</b>	CTM/106	New Testament Survey begins with a survey of the social, political, economic, and religious background and historical settings of the New Testament books.

<b>FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER</b>		
<b>MODULE NAME</b>	<b>REG NO.</b>	<b>MODULE DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>Prophecy</b>	CTM/107	A study of the divinely inspired Word of God in its fulfilment in the nation of Israel and in the Person of Jesus Christ, and as it pertains to end-time events (eschatology).
<b>Tabernacle Studies</b>	CTM/108	The study of the tabernacle, the priesthood, offerings, feasts of the Lord, the Angel of the Lord and Jesus Christ in the Old Testament prophecies.
<b>Old Testament Survey</b>	CTM/109	A clear guide for students to explore the literary, historical, and theological issues behind the Old Testament.
<b>Theology Proper</b>	CTM/110	A sub-discipline of Systematic Theology that deals specifically with the being, attributes and works of God.
<b>Bibliology (Revised)</b>	CTM/111	The term <i>Bibliology</i> refers to the study of the nature of the Bible as revelation. It includes topics such as revelation, inspiration, inerrancy, canonicity, illumination, and interpretation.
<b>New Testament Ministries</b>	CTM/112	The study of different ministries in the church regarding the gifts bestowed by the Lord on the members of the body of Christ.

<b>SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER</b>		
<b>MODULE NAME</b>	<b>REG NO.</b>	<b>MODULE DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>Christian Evidence</b>	CTM/201	As a discipline within the boundaries of the Christian religion, this works with the data provided by exegetical theology on the one hand and philosophy on the other.
<b>Christology</b>	CTM/202	The Christian theology relating to the Person, nature, and role of Christ in the New Testament.
<b>Ecclesiology</b>	CTM/203	The study of the Christian Church, the origins of Christianity, its relationship to Jesus Christ as the head of the church, its role in salvation, its polity, its discipline, its destiny and its leadership.
<b>Homiletics I</b>	CTM/204	Homiletics is a study of preparing and delivering sermons in a systematic way.
<b>Church History</b>	CTM/205	Church History, or ecclesiastical history, as an academic discipline study the history of Christianity and the way the Christian Church has developed since its inception.
<b>Soteriology</b>	CTM/206	The doctrine of salvation.

<b>SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER</b>		
<b>MODULE NAME</b>	<b>REG NO.</b>	<b>MODULE DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>Galatians</b>	CTM/207	The central focus of the book of Galatians is that no one is justified before God by the law, for the righteous shall live by faith (Gal. 3:11).
<b>Homiletics II</b>	CTM/208	The study of preparing and delivering sermons in a systematic way.
<b>Mystery of the Kingdom of Heaven</b>	CTM/209	In the gospel of Matthew, we have Jesus' teaching on the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven through the parables.
<b>Romans</b>	CTM/210	The student learns how they can have a meaningful relationship with God. This module explains salvation offered through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
<b>A.C.T.S 20/20 The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit</b>	CTM/211	The Theology concerning the Person and work of the Holy Spirit, and the Third Person in the Godhead.
<b>Life and Teaching of Apostle Paul</b>	CTM/212	The study of the life and teachings of Paul and their impact on the Church, both past and present.

<b>THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER</b>		
<b>MODULE NAME</b>	<b>REG NO.</b>	<b>MODULE DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>The Spirit World (Polemics)</b>	CTM/301	The study and discussion of the Spirit world and life after death.
<b>The Book of Daniel</b>	CTM/302	In the book of Daniel, which is an apocalyptic book, we discover prophecies concerning the gentile nations, Israel in prophecy, the Great Tribulation and end-time events.
<b>Counselling Ethical and Legal Aspects of Counselling</b>	CTM/303	The study of the professional guidance of the individual by utilising psychological methods, especially in collecting case history data and personal interviews.
<b>Book of Revelation (Eschatology)</b>	CTM/304	The study of doctrines concerning end times and final matters such as death, judgment, and the afterlife, as well as the new heaven and the new earth.
<b>A.C.T.S 20/20 Pastoral Practices</b>	CTM/305	Pastoral Practices include Leadership and administration, special services, Ministries, and Biblical study/sermon preparation
<b>Pastoral Theology Principles of Spiritual Leadership</b>	CTM/306	Pastoral Theology involves an application of theological truth to all of life, particularly the life and work of the Church, and is concerned both with the theory and practice of Christian ministry.

<b>THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER</b>		
<b>MODULE NAME</b>	<b>REG NO.</b>	<b>MODULE DESCRIPTION</b>
<b>Pneumatology II IV. Gifts of the Spirit</b>	CTM/307	The Theology concerning the Person and work of the Holy Spirit, and the Third Person in the Godhead.
<b>Practical Theology Practical Personal Finance and Debt Management</b>	CTM/308	The study of theology in a way that is intended to make it useful or applicable. It is an academic discipline that examines and reflects on religious practices.
<b>How to Grow a Healthy Church</b>	CTM/309	Church growth is a study to discover the keys to growing a church designed for maximum kingdom impact.
<b>A.C.T.S 20/20 Worship and Prayer</b>	CTM/310	This study consists of The four Cornerstones of Worship and the Four Cornerstones of Prayer.
<b>The Names of God</b>	CTM/311	The Names of God is a self-revelation of who He is in His Word. It is an expression of the Being of God.
<b>Biblical Science of Missions</b>	CTM/312	The science of mission is a discussion of the crisis of mission, Scriptural foundation of missions, development of a mission ministry, emerging missionary paradigm.

# EXHORTER'S COURSE

## MINISTERIAL LICENSURE

Division of Education

**CHURCH OF GOD, CLEVELAND TENNESSEE, USA**

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## INTRODUCTION

During a meeting on 21 to 23 March 2022, the Africa Council of the Church of God World Missions resolved that:

*All pastors and leaders who wish to acquire credentials and/or wish to advance to the next level of credentialing with Church of God World Missions, are to do the required formal training, in line with the regulations of our International Church.*

All persons who are called to ministry and/or who are already in ministry are strongly recommended to pursue a certificate in Theology and/or diploma or even a degree. For those who do not have access to training programmes/Bible schools in their county or area, these courses are also scheduled to be taught online through the **Church of God International Bible College (COGIBC) in Cape Town, South Africa**: [www.cogibc.com](http://www.cogibc.com)

The credentialing application for enrolment must be directed to the Overseer of the respective applicant's country. Upon approval, the student will be eligible to begin the Exhorter's Course at the COGIBC. The COGIBC coordinates this course by preparing and making available online applications, study guides and the necessary academic evaluations. The certificate for the completion of the Exhorter's Course will be issued by the Division of Education of the Church of God, Cleveland, Tennessee, USA.

## MODULES

A new curriculum has been developed which will comply with the new policy of the Standing Committee on Standards in Education of the Church of God, Tennessee, USA.

**Minimum Requirement of Training:** In addition to the already established credentialing material, the following courses must be completed at the respective levels indicated below:

**Level 1 – Exhorter's licence** applicants need to successfully complete the following six grassroots courses before their credentials are processed:

- New Testament Survey
- Leadership
- Doctrine
- Pneumatology (including COGIBC article on Baptism in the Holy Spirit)
- Homiletics
- Ecclesiology

# RPL PROCESS

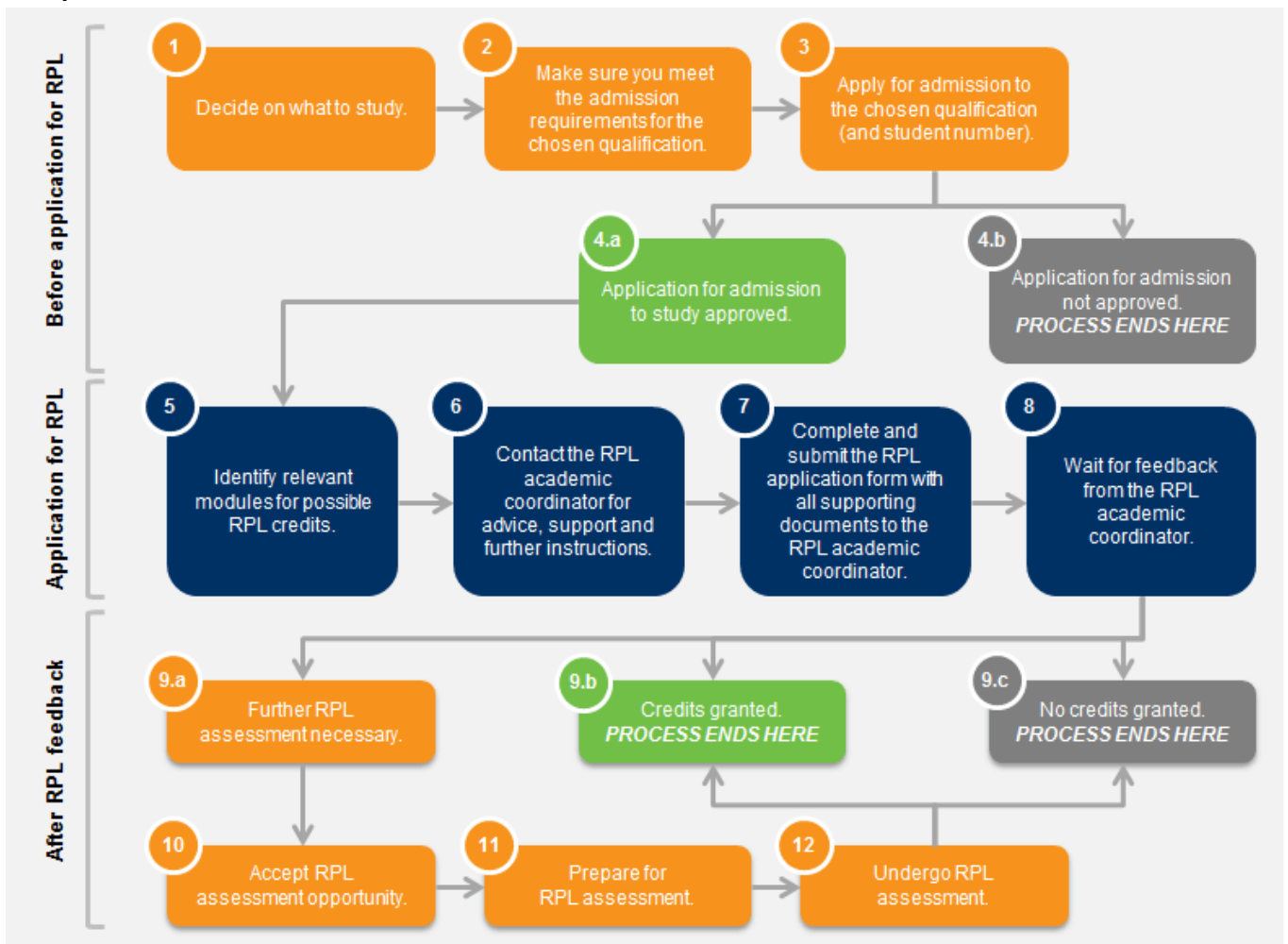
(Recognition of Prior Learning)

## INTRODUCTION

RPL is a process through which non-formal learning and informal learning are measured, evaluated for recognition in different contexts and certified against the requirements for credit, access, inclusion or advancement in the formal education and training system or workplace.

“RPL is the comparison of previous learning and experience of a student, howsoever obtained, against learning outcomes required for a specific qualification and the acceptance of such learning for the purposes of qualification of that which meets the requirements” (SAQA Regulation 452, No. 18787, March 1998:5).

### RPL process overview



### **Steps to follow before the RPL process can begin**

1. Decide on what to study.
2. Make sure that you meet the admission requirements of the selected qualification.
3. Apply for admission.
4. Apply for RPL: Identify relevant modules for possible RPL credits.
5. Contact the RPL academic coordinator.
6. Complete and submit the RPL application form.
7. Wait for feedback from the RPL academic coordinator.
8. Receive RPL feedback.
9. Accept RPL further assessment opportunity.
10. Prepare for assessment.
11. Undergo assessment.

### **CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (CDP)**

*A continuous Development Learning Programme helps the church leaders hone their knowledge and skills and provides them with a clear picture of their strengths and weaknesses (Venter).*

COGIBC is one of the few theological institutions that has a continuous development programme (CDP). The purpose of the CDP is to assist students, once they have completed their studies, in improving their ministry and further developing their skills. Pastors and church leaders who have been in ministry can enrol in the programme for enrichment.

*The smartest people among us are those who adopt a positive attitude towards life-long learning. Those who spend their entire lives accumulating knowledge to improve their skills development process (Maxwell).*

For more information see the website [www.cogibc.com](http://www.cogibc.com)



## THE FACULTY



**We are committed to excellence!**

The Church of God International Bible College is committed to spiritual and academic excellence. We want to assist students in their understanding of the Scriptures, and in the spiritual formation, developing of skills and proper attitudinal responses in their personal life and Christian ministry.

The College aims to establish an environment conducive to learning and one that is learning-centred, and to set in place a support network for students for guidance, tuition, and support. We further aim to demonstrate knowledge of the intersections between religion and selected contemporary issues. These include ethics, political or cultural issues. The aim is also to evaluate the students' own religious perspective and the perspective of others.

As far as teaching and learning are concerned, the faculty pursues excellence by seeking to address current issues. We have well-qualified, experienced, and dedicated lecturers who are committed to assisting students at all levels of study. We seek to foster inclusivity, embrace diversity, and promote equity.

COGIBC offers relevant, critical, and contextual teaching, quality research and community engagement to prepare students to respond to the challenges of life and make a difference in society. We provide the tools and skills needed to apply knowledge to given contextual experiences and create an environment in which new ideas and thoughts can emerge. The College endeavours to promote transformative leaders and to change the environment in the church.

Enjoy the journey in the study and application of the Word of God in your life.



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