

Compliance with State Requirements

Calvary Chapel Bible College meets California state requirements for religious exemption pursuant to California Education Code Section 94874(e)(1), as verified by the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE). The BPPE is a unit of the California Department of Consumer Affairs. The BPPE ensures that private institutions of postsecondary education are conducted lawfully. Calvary Chapel Bible College satisfies all of the applicable BPPE requirements.

Accreditation

A school is accredited when it has been investigated and found worthy of approval by an accrediting agency. Accreditation alone (or the lack of it) does not determine whether or not a school is legitimate or credible, since not all accreditation is equal. Some accrediting agencies are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), but others are not recognized. Also, some schools are based outside of the U.S. and are accredited by standards which differ from those of the recognized agencies in the U.S. Prospective students should be aware of these important distinctions.

CCBC is not accredited and is not currently pursuing accreditation for two main reasons. First, we wish to continue having local pastors teach Bible classes. Some of these pastors—although called by God, gifted, and experienced in teaching—do not have Masters Degrees. Second, we want to keep the cost of tuition affordable so that more students have the opportunity to study at CCBC and remain free from school debt. Accreditation by a recognized agency would mean that we would have to abandon these priorities. Instead, we have chosen to remain unaccredited and seek to demonstrate the credibility of CCBC through compliance with generally accepted accreditation standards, articulation agreements with accredited colleges, and especially through the spiritually fruitful lives of the students who have attended. We are inspired by Paul's words to the Corinthians, "Do we begin again to commend ourselves? Or do we need, as some others, epistles of commendation to you or letters of commendation from you? You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men." (2 Corinthians 3:1-2)

Many opportunities are available for students who are called to pursue education beyond CCBC even though academic degrees are not the main goal of our program. Although we are not accredited by a government-recognized accrediting agency, many accredited colleges have accepted some of our courses in transfer, and our Bachelor of Biblical Studies degree has been accepted by some of the finest seminaries in the nation. For more information on transferring from CCBC to other institutions, please see the Academic Information section of our General Catalog.