



Essentials Certificate in Biblical Studies (E.C.B.S.)

Minimum of 30 credits // Cumulative GPA of 2.0

Minimum of 50% (15 credits) directly through CCBC (balance may be transferred from other schools).

Note: This program is also available as a non-credit, pass/fail option for students who want to attend classes but are not prepared for college-level academic work.

Purpose: Designed for gap-year students and those who are not sure if their goal is to complete a Bible college degree, this one-year program aims to strengthen students in their faith and character, preparing them for life in the world or further study. All credits count toward associate and bachelor programs for students who choose to continue their studies with CCBC. Credits may also be transferable to other schools.

Program Learning Outcomes:

1. Demonstrate emerging knowledge of the Bible (NT focus), theology, and the essence of the gospel by interpreting, applying, and communicating Scripture in ways that strengthen relationship with God (ILOs 1 and 2).
2. Apply basic biblical insights and Christ-like values to various aspects of Christian practice, work, human relationships, and ministry as a foundation for life (ILOs 2 and 3).

Core/Foundations Courses (13-15 credits)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Genesis (3 cr.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans (3 cr.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> One of the Four Gospels (2 or 3 cr.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Bible Study Methods <i>or</i> Hermeneutics (2 or 3 cr.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Acts (3 credits) <i>or</i> Missions (2 cr.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Storyline of the Bible (Hist. of Redemption) (2 cr.) |

Bible Surveys: Two courses are required, covering the New Testament (6 credits)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> NT Survey 1 (3 credits) | <input type="checkbox"/> NT Survey 2 (3 credits) |
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Practical Ministry & Professional Development: Two courses are required (typically 2 credits each)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CM199 Practicum 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> CM199 Practicum 2 |
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Undefined Electives: Two to four courses (4–12 credits)

Sample Sequence:

Semester 1

Genesis (3 cr.)
Gospel (2 cr.)
Bible Study Methods *or* Hermeneutics (2 or 3 cr.)
Elective 1 (2 or 3 cr.)
Elective 2 (optional) (2 or 3 cr.)
New Testament Survey I (3 cr.)
CM199 Practicum (2 cr.) (1 cr. for off campus/online)
Chapel (1 cr.) (on campus only)

Total: 15-18 credits

Semester 2

Acts (3 cr.) *or* Missions (2 cr.)
Romans (3 cr.)
Storyline of the Bible (2 or 3 cr.)
Elective 1 (2 or 3 cr.)
Elective 2 (optional) (2 or 3 cr.)
New Testament Survey II (3 cr.)
CM199 Practicum (2 cr.) (1 cr. for off campus/online)
Chapel (1 cr.) (on campus only)

Total: 15-18 credits