

NOBTS Baptist College Partnership (BCP) Information Sheet

Advantages of the Baptist College Partnership (BCP)

- NOBTS requires 30 hours of any Masters degree to be earned on-campus either in New Orleans or at one of the seminary's regional hubs (including Atlanta and Orlando). However, students may receive on-campus credit for any work done through the BCP. Blue Mountain students who complete the requirements listed below may earn up to 12 hours of on-campus credit through testing, 12 hours of on-campus credit through one week seminars, and 6 hours of on-campus credit through two week summer language courses.
- The BCP can save Blue Mountain students both time and money as they work towards completing Masters level degrees at NOBTS. First, the advanced focus seminars cost approximately one-fourth less than the equivalent semester course (\$100 per hour rather than the prevailing rate of approximately \$170). Second, the credit-by-testing courses cost a mere \$50 per hour, which for an extension center student would save approximately \$360 for a 3 hour course. Third, students are credited with lower level biblical languages courses at no charge if they successfully complete upper level biblical languages courses. Finally, students may earn up to 28 hours of their degree through testing and workshops, while still taking courses during the semester, which could greatly reduce the amount of time required to complete a Masters degree.
- Blue Mountain students who have taken religion courses may not be required to repeat these same courses at the Masters level. Students may have the option of taking advanced workshops in areas where they have had substantial undergraduate work, or students may receive graduate level credit for some courses they have already completed at the undergraduate level through BCP tests.

Specially Focused Seminars

Blue Mountain seniors and graduates can qualify for advanced seminars, which build on your collegiate study. These seminars are designed especially for college religion students. Blue Mountain students who qualify are eligible to earn up to 12 hours of credit by means of one week seminars combined with directed study. These seminars are offered in January, May, June, and August of each year. Completed courses of at least six hours with a "B" grade in the subject areas at the college level are prerequisites. A written assignment (a paper or an exegesis) in the subject area is also required.

Blue Mountain students can become eligible to take 3 focused seminars, each of which is 4 credit hours, if they meet the following requirements:

- Students are eligible for the New Testament seminar, BCNT5400, if they take RL 200 and one of the following courses: RL 201, GK 300, or GK 304
- Students are eligible for the Old Testament seminar, BCOT5400, if they take RL 100 and RL 101 Studies are eligible for the History of Christianity seminar, BCHI5400, if they take RL361 and one of the following courses: RL441, PI320, PI340, or PI341
- Students are eligible for the History of Christianity seminar, BCHI5400, if they take RL 300 and RL 301
- Students are eligible for the Developmental Studies/Human Development seminar, BCCE5400/BCPY5400, if they take 2 of the following courses: RL 330, PY 260, PY 326, and PY 331

Credit Earned by Testing

Blue Mountain students are eligible to earn up to 12 hours of credit in specific introductory courses by successfully completing a one hour long test on the subject matter. Tests are administered on a pass/fail basis. Each test costs \$50 per credit hour. Study guides are available which detail the material the test will cover. The student must have made a "B" or higher in the class to be eligible to

receive NOBTS credit for the course by testing. Also, students are expected to work through the NOBTS study guides before taking the test. The study guides include, among other items, a list of readings based upon the courses as taught at NOBTS and an annotated list of the topics covered in the course.

Blue Mountain students can qualify for the following tests at NOBTS by taking the corresponding classes at Blue Mountain:

- BSHM5310 Introduction to Biblical Hermeneutics by taking RL 410 Biblical Exegesis and Interpretation
- BBBW5300 Encountering the Biblical World by taking RL 321 Biblical Backgrounds
- HIST5323 Baptist Heritage by taking RL 322 Introduction to Baptist Life
- ETHC5300 Introduction to Christian Ethics by taking RL 315 The Bible and Ethics
- MISS5330 Introduction to Christian Missions by taking RL 314 The Bible and Missions
- PSYC5302 Introduction to Pastoral Counseling by taking RL366 Introduction to Counseling
- CEAM531 Basic Church Education and Administration by taking RL 430 Church Administration
- CEEF6200 Historical Foundations of Christian Education by taking RL 438 Philosophy of Religious Education

Blue Mountain students may also earn credit for the biblical languages courses at NOBTS by taking 6 or more hours in a given language. Students who have had 6 hours of a language with a grade of “B” or above may enroll in the intermediate language course at NOBTS. Upon completion of the intermediate course at NOBTS with the grade of a “B” or above, the student will then receive NOBTS credit for the introductory course.

- Students may qualify to earn credit for NTGK5300 Introductory Greek Grammar by taking both GRK 100 and GRK 101 at Blue Mountain, earning at least a B in both of these courses, and then enrolling in NTGK6300 Intermediate Greek Grammar at NOBTS.
- Students who take GRK200 and GRK 201 at Blue Mountain, earning at least a B in both courses, qualify to be placed in an advanced exegesis course at NOBTS. Upon completion of the advanced exegesis course with a grade of B or above, the student will receive credit for both NTGK5300 Introductory Greek Grammar and NTGK6300 Intermediate Greek Grammar at NOBTS.

Please note that not all of the seminary’s degrees require Intermediate Greek and Hebrew. Students pursuing degrees such as the MDiv Standard are required to take only Introductory Greek and Hebrew and an Introductory Exegesis class in each language. Blue Mountain students who take 6 hours of Greek or Hebrew may take Intermediate Greek and Hebrew (these classes are offered on a rotating schedule as workshops during the summer) and substitute the Intermediate language class for an Introductory Exegesis class.

Taking Seminary Classes Before You Finish College

A limited number of students who have completed their junior year in college and maintained a cumulative "B" average are invited to complete up to 8 hours of graduate course work during the summer seminars held at NOBTS. A letter of recommendation from the chairperson of the college religion department and an official copy of your current transcript are required.

Concurrent Enrollment

Undergraduate students nearing graduation who enroll in the BCP program may take up to 8 hours of course work toward their graduate degree while still enrolled in undergraduate classes. Blue

Mountain students may take these courses either in New Orleans or at an NOBTS extension center campus.

For More Information

For more information, please visit the BCP website at www.nobts.edu/BCP, call 1-800-NOBTS-01 ext. 8171 to speak to the BCP office, or email the BCP office at bccp@nobts.edu. The BCP program does require an evaluation of your college transcript before you can enroll in BCP programs or begin working towards a Masters degree, so contact the BCP offices to find out how the BCP can help you further your education.