BIRMINGHAM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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SHORT/ PART TIME COURSES
DEGREE AND MASTERS PROGRAMES

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WITH PRACTICAL RELEVANCE TO LIFE, FAITH, AND MINISTRY

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The courses in this brochure cover Birmingham Christian College's degrees taught in conjunction with Newman University. The brochure also covers other foundational and diploma courses taught by BCC

WELCOME TO
BIRMINGHAM CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

If you are considering a Bible college to improve your understanding of the Christian truth about God, humanity and the world, and to learn about how best to empower yourself to serve this world in God's way, then BCC is the place for you.

Whether you are looking for a short course, a weekend refresher package, a lay-leadership programme for your church or a full academic study, there is always something to meet your needs.

At BCC we are a confessional community learning together to follow God wherever he leads in his mission.

We focus on addressing the rising spiritual hunger in our world and create an enabling environment where men and women are challenged intellectually and enabled spiritually to be true disciples with Christian character to serve in churches, communities.

Welcome to the Birmingham Christian College, an inclusive learning environment where human minds and hearts are harmonised under the powerful leadership of the Holy Spirit to inspire obedient attitudes towards the movement of God in a rapidly changing world.

"An inclusive learning environment where human minds and hearts are harmonised..."

Come and join us if you believe that the gospel of Jesus Christ is still powerful to transform worldviews and societies, then come and train with us at the BCC.

Here we set scholarship on fire to burn in human hearts to invoke passion for the healing of a hurting world. Here we aim to understand our faith and its relevance for our world today, to clarify and operationalise the principles and the values of the kingdom of God to ensure that we become agents of peace in all spheres of life. Come and join us.

Rev. Dr. Lord Donker (PhD)

WHY BCC?

THE BCC 7!

BCC is at the heart of Birmingham, a multi-cultural and vibrant city. Here are some of the reasons why you need to consider studying with us at BCC.

1 Inspiring Teaching

Our lecturers and facilitators are passionate about their subjects and teach with enthusiasm and zeal. All our lecturers are experienced academic staff and have a great passion for Jesus and a desire to see the kingdom of God established and the people of God equipped for service. Our staff are not only academically sound but have a strong spiritual and ministry experience and background.

2 Conducive Environment

BCC is located in a serene and peaceful part of Selly Oak, Birmingham. The tranquil atmosphere of the college makes studies more enjoyable. Students enjoy walks in our beautiful green space and landscape during their time here.

BCC promotes an environment where staff and students can relate together, both inside and outside the class room. We believe this enables the students to receive personal attention and support.

3 Practical Courses

Valuable learning takes place, not only between the staff and students, but also between the students themselves.

Our range of courses stretch from theological, biblical, pastoral, to other practical ministry courses.

At BCC, we aim to prepare God's people for works of service. Hence our courses are designed not only for classroom discussions but for effective ministry in the market place. Our programs are carefully designed to resource students and participants to engage effectively in their various churches and the community.

4 Spiritual impact

One of our strengths at BCC is ensuring that our students not only grow in their understanding of academic work but also grow in their spirituality.

Staff and students have regular times of prayer and devotion and other ministers are periodically invited to come and share ministry experience with our students.

Students often leave BCC with a matured sense of spirituality and calling to impact their generation and beyond.

5 Care and Support

Staff and facilitators take time to engage with students and help them through their course and journey at BCC. At BCC there is a real sense of family atmosphere and lecturers are not only interested in the academic disciplines, but also in the wellbeing of students and participants.

6 Variety of courses

Birmingham Christian College offers a range of training options to those who are called into the ministry as full-time pastors as well as others who are in leadership and ministry roles in the church. Along with the church-based courses, the college also offers other training opportunities to those who may not necessarily be in church leadership but wish to have biblical, practical and vocational training. Our courses include contemporary relevant subjects regarding social justice, environment and spiritualities

7 Transformational Learning

If you believe that the gospel of Jesus Christ is still powerful to transform worldviews and transform societies, then come and train with us at the BCC where scholarship is set onto burn in human hearts to invoke passion for the salvation of the lost world. Here we aim to learn together to understand our faith and its relevance for our world today, to clarify and operationalize the principles and the values of the kingdom of God and ensure that that we ambassadors of peace in spheres of life.

COURSE PATHWAYS

Our courses and undergraduate programme open the door for many opportunities both in the community and in churches.

Students studying BCC courses can progress to paid opportunities and careers such as; pastors, missionaries and missions' workers, teachers, youth workers, social workers, chaplaincy, counselling employment and a lot more.

Birmingham Christian College offers a range of training options to those who are called into the ministry as full-time pastors as well as others who are in leadership and ministry roles in the church.

Our main Theological route for those called into ministry or those choosing to study theology includes biblical, pastoral and mission modules.

"The weekend programe was the perfect choice for me.

It was flexible yet of very high quality. I've taken a lot away with me to use in my ministry.

SHORT COURSES/ PRACTICAL AND VOCATIONAL

COUNSELLING COURSE

(Accredited by Counselling and Psychotherapy Central Awarding Body - CPCAB) *Pending full validation

This 10-week course runs on a weekly basis in the autumn and spring terms.

LEVEL 2 CERTIFICATE IN COUNSELLING SKILLS (CSK-L2)

This training is designed to give learners the underpinning knowledge, skills and competence to use counselling skills ethically and safely in a variety of contexts and roles.

THE QUALIFICATION IS FOR:

* Those starting the first level of training as a professional counsellor
* Those who want to learn counselling skills in other professional or helping roles
* Those who want to improve their professional and personal relationships as part of personal development.

GLH*: 90 (minimum)
Total qualification Time: 170
Credit value: 17
Minimum Age: 18

LEVEL 3 CERTIFICATE IN COUNSELLING STUDIES (CST-L3)

This training is intended for those who have already acquired level 2 certificate in Counselling skills and want to:

- Take the next step in training to become a counsellor
- Learn more about counselling theory, ethics, and mental health
- Be prepared for work as a professional counsellor

GLH*: 90 (minimum)
Total qualification Time: 196
Credit value: 20
Minimum Age: 19

LEVEL 4 DIPLOMA IN THERAPEUTIC COUNSELLING (TC-L4)

This course gives learners the knowledge, skills and competencies to work as a therapeutic counsellor.

GLH*: 420 (minimum)
Total qualification Time: 1204
Credit value: 120
Minimum Age: 19

***Guided Learning hours**

DEGREE PROGRAMME PATHWAYS

BCC is an approved academic partner of Newman University. The BA programme is validated by Newman University and students who successfully complete the programme will be eligible for a Newman University award.

You can choose from 2 distinct BA (Hons) Theology degree pathways.

DEGREE PROGRAMS:
Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Theology (Biblical & Pastoral Theology)
Bachelor of Arts (Hons) Theology (Theology & Missional Leadership)

AVAILABLE AWARDS:

Certificate in Higher Education (Biblical & Pastoral Theology)
Certificate in Higher Education (Theology & Missional Leadership)
Diploma in Higher Education (Biblical & Pastoral Theology)
Diploma in Higher Education (Theology & Missional Leadership)

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND REQUIREMENTS:

The standard pathway involves progressing through each of the three levels. Each level can form a self-contained qualification known as Certificate, Diploma and Honours degree respectively.

Students should be aware that not all optional modules will be offered every year, due to staffing, timetabling and/or insufficient student numbers. Where an optional module does not run or there are insufficient numbers for the module to run, BCC will endeavor to inform students promptly.

BA (HONS) IN THEOLOGY

Level 4

CORE MODULES

(Biblical & Pastoral Theology & Theology & Missional Leadership Tracks)

INTRODUCTION TO THE OLD TESTAMENT
BCU401 (10 CREDITS)

This is an introductory course in which the primary focus is the survey of the Old Testament books. It will introduce you to the content of the OT and the methods that scholars use to understand it.

It will cover the history of the periods in which various biblical books were written. By exploring the messages, the form and background of the books the course will discover what the biblical writers were trying to accomplish through their writings.

INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT
BCU402 (10 CREDITS)

This module explores in detail the historical background of the New Testament to encompass the cultural, political and religious setting in which the writing of the New Testament emerged. It provides the major doctrines and passages, key events and significant characters mentioned in the New Testament.

INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY
BCU403 (10 credits)

This module offers a comprehensive survey of Christian doctrines including that of God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, Human Beings, Salvation, the Church, and Eschatology. An introduction to Christian theology will be given to define theology, its various streams and sources.

INTRODUCTION TO HERMENEUTICS & HOMILETICS
BCU404 (10 credits)

This is a combined modular course made up of Hermeneutics (Principles of Biblical interpretation) and Homiletics (Principles of Biblical preaching).

The focus of the Hermeneutics section of the course introduces the student to the basic principles of biblical interpretation to cover the basic rules of Bible interpretation by stressing a pattern of explaining the rule, illustrating the principle, and allowing the student to practice interpretation.

The Homiletics section emphasises the steps involved in building different types of sermons and the use of various types of sermon patterns and applying context for proper exposition. It deals with practical matters such as the preparation of the sermon, the source of materials, construction of the sermons, sermon delivery and evaluation.

INTRODUCTION TO PNEUMATOLOGY
BCU405 (10 credits)

This module aims to introduce students to the person, nature and work of the Holy Spirit in the Old and New Testaments. It examines the various descriptions and roles of the Holy Spirit in the Bible and explores the continuity of the Spirit's role from the Old Testament to the New Testament. It looks at the 3 key eras of the manifestation of the Spirit, the Spirit in Jesus' life, Pentecost and the church.

INTRODUCTION TO CHURCH HISTORY
BCU406 (10 credits)

The focus is a concentrated study of key events in the history of the church, giving special emphasis to the patristic era through to Christianity in Rome and the new World. It also covers the events of the reformation and post-reformation eras, to include highlights on the history of Global Pentecostalism with reference to the Azusa Street Revival, and African Pentecostalism in Britain.

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
BCU407 (10 credits)

This module helps you to explore contemporary theories and practices of leadership so that you are able to critically apply biblical/theological values and principles to shape a distinctively Christian model of leadership. The effort will be on trying to answer the question of how a Christian perspective and practice of leadership might differ from other perspectives and trends of leadership.

INTRODUCTION TO MISSION
BCU408 (10 credits)

The purpose of this module is to introduce you to mission; explore the genesis and purpose of mission and to equip you to understand Missio-Dei, types of mission, Pentecostal contributions to mission, mission strategies and the role of the church in mission. The module will equip students with a theological, theoretical and practical framework for understanding mission in context. It is practically oriented for effective mission work in the twenty- first century and is structured to meet contemporary mission in Western culture.

OPTIONAL MODULES

1 & 2 CORINTHIANS
(BIBLICAL & PASTORAL THEOLOGY TRACK) BCU409 (20 credits)

This module gives an introductory survey of the first and second letters of Paul to the Corinthian Church. Major issues in the letters including disunity, immorality, marriage, idolatry issues, gender issues, the Lord's Supper, spiritual gifts, suffering and resurrection will be discussed. You will develop skills to effectively evaluate and deal with various theological and practical issues faced by churches today.

CHRISTIAN ETHICS 1
(Biblical & Pastoral Theology & Theology & Missional Leadership Tracks) BCU410 (20 credits)

This is an introductory course to Christian Ethics designed to help you understand the principles undergirding good conduct and be able to build a biblical worldview of good character and life. Its integration with Biblical, theological and philosophical studies will help you respond to the current moral, intellectual and social issues in our world.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING 1
(Biblical & Pastoral Theology Track) BCU411 (20 credits)

This module gives you a basic introduction to Christian Counselling within the broader framework of Counselling and Pastoral care. Biblical theology and practical counselling are combined to help the student understand how to help people to overcome emotional and psychological difficulties and to function in the way they were originally designed by God to be and to behave.

PASTORAL STUDIES
(Biblical & Pastoral Theology Track) BCU412 (20 credits)

This is an exploration of the biblical and theological basis for pastoral ministry and a reflection on various approaches skills and qualities necessary for the pastor. It offers an understanding of the basic principles and practices of Christian pastoral care from a biblical and theological basis, using biblical texts, examples and contemporary case studies.

CHURCH PLANTING & EVANGELISM
(Theology & Missional Leadership Track) BCU413 (20 credits)

This module is designed to equip you with tools to the ministry of church planting, growth and renewal. The emphasis of the course is on giving students strategies needed for starting and developing gospel-centred missional churches that result in the spiritual, social and cultural transformation of entire cities and regions.

LEADERSHIP AND SPIRITUALITY
(Theology & Missional Leadership Track) BCU414 (20 credits)

This module is intended to help you to develop an understanding and appreciation of the spirituality required of leaders involved in Christian/ congregational leadership. It covers the study and practice of the spiritual disciplines/habits/practices that undergird the spirituality of Christian leaders in the church, society and marketplace. The focus will be on answering the question of how leaders are to be shaped to become true agents of transformation in a world where God's mission is central to the church's existence.

MISSIONS & MIGRATION
(Theology & Missional Leadership Track) BCU415 (20 credits)

This module aims at helping you explore the relationship between Christian missions and the phenomenon of the diaspora, or the experience of people moving, being moved and living in contexts that are different from their origin.

The focus will be on the challenges and opportunities this phenomenon presents to Christian mission in the globalised contemporary world.

The module will expose you to how to minister to, minister through, and minister with people from and beyond the diasporas.

Level 5

CORE MODULES
(Biblical & Pastoral Theology & Theology & Missional Leadership Tracks)

EVANGELISM & APOLOGETICS
BCU501 (20 credits)

This course in Apologetics will help you better understand and defend your faith in today's contemporary society. It introduces you to the principles and varieties of Christian apologetics. The course discusses contemporary objections to the Christian faith and critically evaluates the different approaches to doing effective apologetics in contemporary culture.

OLD TESTAMENT THEOLOGY
BCU502 (20 credits)

This module aims to introduce you to the principle of Biblical Theology as opposed to Systematic Theology. In doing so, it will focus on the Old Testament, drawing theological understanding from the Old Testament genres, primarily narrative. The focus of the course will be on looking at difficult passages and drawing theological principles from them, before looking at application into a modern day context.

NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY
BCU503 (20 credits)

This module aims to introduce you to the principle of Biblical Theology by focusing on the New Testament, drawing theological understanding from the New Testament genres, primarily the synoptic gospels, Johannine literature including Revelation and Pauline epistles. The focus of the module will be on looking at the synoptic problem, the theme of the kingdom of God, the work of the Holy Spirit in spreading the gospel and drawing theological principles from them for a contextual application into a modern-day context.

PENTECOSTAL & CHARISMATIC STUDIES
BCU504 (20 credits)

This course offers students an understanding of the history and theology of the global Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements. Particular attention is given to examining some of the key issues relating to the history and theology of Pentecostalism and the Charismatic Movements.

OPTIONAL MODULES

INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL LANGUAGES
(Biblical & Pastoral Theology Track)
BCU505 (20 credits)

No previous experience required! A very simple one term introduction to the alphabet and grammar of both Hebrew and Greek, with the aim of being able to use dictionaries and concordances as well as modern commentaries to make better sense of the underlying text.

GALATIANS AND ROMANS
(Biblical & Pastoral Theology Track)
BCU506 (20 credits)

This module involves an examination of the historical background of the Epistles to Galatians and Romans, particularly the occasion and circumstances of the writing of each letter and information pertaining to their recipients. It highlights the timeless practical teachings in these letters and their relevance to Christian living.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELLING 2
(Biblical & Pastoral Theology Track)
BCU507 (20 credits)

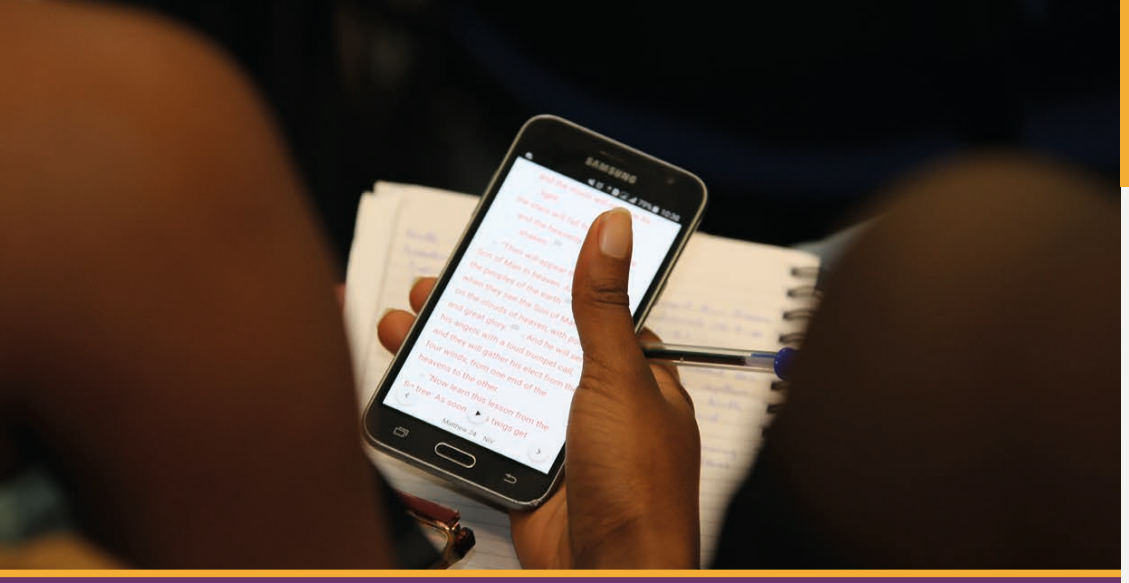
This module aims to provide you with a broad understanding of the three levels of client problems. It introduces you to common mental health and psychological problems. It also introduces you to the in-depth understanding of the seven helping and Counselling process within the framework of Christian Counselling.

PASTORAL THEOLOGY
(Biblical & Pastoral Theology Track)
BCU508 (20 credits)

Building on the knowledge and skills learnt from Pastoral Studies, the aim of this module is to provide you with a more robust understanding of the essentials of pastoral theology by examining the issues and challenges related to pastoral care in our contemporary contexts. The biblical and theological basis and the practical implications of the pastoral ministry will be examined critically to show the difference between pastoral ministry and other caring professions. A historical survey of pastoral care and contemporary application will provide case studies for critical analysis of the pastoral role today.

CHRISTIAN ETHICS 2
(Theology & Missional Leadership Track)
BCU501 (20 credits)

This module explores practical steps to applying the knowledge of ethical theories undergirding Christian ethics to real life ethical issues in the church and society. The focus will be on how a distinctively Christian approach to ethics that is evidently biblical and practically humble in its application to contemporary issues and contexts may be worked out. Various contemporary ethical issues will be used as case studies for critical evaluation of ethical practices in contemporary contexts.



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP
(Theology & Missional Leadership Track) BCU510 (20 credits)

This module explores an understanding of Christian stewardship that makes you see contemporary environmental issues of global warming as a challenge to the church's mission and helps you to offer a Christian response to it.

The focus will be on demonstrating how available literature and debates in the field help Christians to develop a way of life that makes stewardship, especially, environmental stewardship a necessary aspect of living a Christian life.

MISSION IN CONTEMPORARY EUROPE
(Theology & Missional Leadership Track)BCU511 (20 credits)

This module is intended to help you understand the missionary context of Europe. It explores the issues in doing multicultural ministry in Europe and the challenges involved in cross cultural and multicultural mission. The module also discusses leadership and church growth strategies in the West.

SKILLS & STRATEGIES IN COMMUNICATION
(Theology & Missional Leadership Track) BCU512 (20 credits)

With 24-hour news and social media, corporate mistakes are easily and quickly highlighted to the extent that any little shortfall of customer service or internal problem can go viral and damage the reputation of a company, organisation, or church.

This is the reason why everyone occupying a leadership position in a company, organisation, or a church needs to have at least, some basic training and skills in communication, public speaking, and public relations to enable them deal appropriately and effectively with their publics.

LEVEL 6

CORE MODULES

(Biblical & Pastoral Theology & Theology & Missional Leadership Tracks)

RESEARCH METHODS & DISSERTATION
BCU601 (30 credits)

You may choose any topic related to the various fields of Theology. A suitable title and reading programme is to be approved by an appropriate staff tutor who will act as the supervisor, although for sections or aspects of the dissertation, consultation with other staff members may be recommended.

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN PRACTICE
BCU602 (10 credits)

This module provides a theological understanding of and practical skills for the key areas of church ministry namely Youth, Children, Men, Evangelism and Women. Other areas including Worship will also be explored. You will explore the reasons why these ministries are important, how to develop them effectively in the church including how to manage the ministries in the framework of the church and its missional implications and effectiveness.

MINISTRY PLACEMENT
BCU603 (20 credits)

You will combine a placement experience with college-based seminars on ministry integration. Placements will be arranged within any situation proposed by you and approved by the module coordinator. Independent initiative and ambitious

choices will be encouraged. A field supervisor will, in discussion with you and a BCC staff member devise a reasonable weekly ministry involvement for you. This will require ten hours attendance per week over one semester. The required attendance can be achieved via a block placement instead of a weekly arrangement, with the approval of the module coordinator.

OPTIONAL MODULES

THEOLOGICAL REFLECTIONS
(Biblical & Pastoral Theology Track)
BCU604 (20 credits)

The aim of this module is to help you appreciate the importance of and the need for theological reflection on the ministry of the church in the church, in society and in the marketplace, which includes your own ministry in these contexts. The focus will be to provide critical knowledge and understanding of how theological reflection fits into the pastoral cycle by showing how reflecting theologically on situations for and contexts of pastoral care is essential for effective ministry that brings growth.

PENTECOSTAL THEOLOGY
(Biblical & Pastoral Theology Track) BCU605 (20 credits)

This is a comprehensive outline of the history and theology of the global Pentecostal Movement. Particular attention is given to examining key issues relating to the history and theology of Pentecostalism.

HERMENEUTICS & HOMILETICS 2
(Biblical & Pastoral Theology Track) BCU606 (20 credits)

This module deals with principles of Biblical interpretation and application. You will be introduced to principles of doing hermeneutics through historical-cultural, theological and contextual analysis. The interpretation component of this module will cover in depth theological analysis, lexical syntax and analysing special literary forms. Whilst the application component will introduce you to applying the Bible in a contemporary multi-cultural environment.

CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRY
(Theology & Missional Leadership Track) BCU607 (20 credits)

This course is intended to help you understand the intricacies and dynamics of cross-cultural ministry, especially that of Africans and other non-Westerners serving in Western contexts. The focus will be on contextualisation of the Gospel message and Pentecostal practice within Western contexts.

DIGITAL THEOLOGY
(Theology & Missional Leadership Track) BCU608 (20 credits)

Digital Theology involves reflecting on the digitalisation of society and its implications for Christian faith and practice. Technological innovations are causing a whole raft of social changes across many aspects of life in the twenty-first century. The Christian Church too, like many other religions, is changing through its engagement with social media, its communication through websites, and increasing use of digital technology in worship, in pastoral practice and in evangelism. This module offers practical reflections and tools into effectively engaging with the contemporary digitised culture.

MISSIONS & SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION
(Theology & Missional Leadership Track) BCU609 (20 credits)

This module aims to equip you with the necessary tools to critically explore how Christian missions and ministry accomplish social transformation through programmes of practical compassionate service in cross-cultural and urban settings. The focus will be on practical interventions that the church can make to meet the needs of society and thereby bring about social transformation.

Hermeneutics & Homiletics 2 deals with principles of Biblical interpretation and application...The interpretation component of this module will cover in depth theological analysis, lexical syntax and analysing special literary forms.

Whilst the application component will introduce you to applying the Bible in a contemporary multi-cultural environment.

LEARNING/ TEACHING METHODS

For students at BCC, teaching and learning is normally classroom-based activity (18 hours for a 10-credit module and 36 hours for a 20-credit module), and will include lectures, seminars, group-work activities, and student-led presentations and feedback.

There is also some field work and placements. You will be encouraged to take part in various class discussions, seminars and activities to aid your learning and understanding of the subject. No student is made to feel uncomfortable or isolated at BCC.

PROGRAMME TYPE: MODULAR, FULL OR PART-TIME

Programme Length: 3 years full-time, 4-7 years part-time.

To make them more accessible, our courses may also be completed by part-time study.

There are various ways to study part-time using a combination of Intensive Units, evening classes and full-term courses to suit your schedule.

WHAT DO WE OFFER?

STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO ACCESS LEARNING ONLINE THROUGH MOODLE

Each academic year – or session – is divided into two semesters: Autumn and Spring.

For students on summer placements, the Spring semester will normally be extended to incorporate that placement. Those who are part of our community usually meet on campus during the summer months.

At BCC, we are committed to making your learning journey enjoyable, meaningful, fruitful and comfortable. As such we have several facilities in place to ensure that we meet our goal.

PASTORAL SUPPORT AND CARE

Here at BCC, we take the wellbeing of our students very seriously. We do not just seek academic excellence but also, we strive to encourage and nurture our students in their Christian walk and faith. Therefore, we have a pastoral team who are dedicated to praying, supporting and encouraging students who need this kind of support in their journey.

A special pastoral committee is set up to help students to progress through the course.

The committee involves academic, pastoral and practical support. Where a student is facing particular hardships, they are directed to the relevant member of staff or team for support.

Each student is also assigned to a tutor who meets with them periodically throughout their course of study at BCC.

STAFF & STUDENT RELATIONS

BCC promotes an environment where staff and students can relate together, both inside and outside the class room. We believe this enables the students to receive personal attention and support.

Often, it's in these times that a great deal of valuable learning takes place, not only between the staff and students, but also between the students themselves.

Students with disabilities and/ or Learning difficulties

Birmingham Christian College welcomes applications from students with learning difficulties and disabilities (LDD) and will endeavour to provide support and make reasonable adjustments for these students.

LEARNING FACILITIES

We have modern designed and spacious teaching and learning rooms on our newly refurbished site. All our rooms are kitted with touch screen and interactive boards. students have access to unlimited Wi-Fi to help with access to online resources.

BCC LIBRARY FACILITIES

BCC library is equipped with thousands of volumes of books and learning resources to help students with their reading and research. Along with the books, BCC also offers students the opportunity to engage with online research via our online portal to thousands of periodicals and books.

BCC is also within a close proximity of University of Birmingham and its libraries. Students can register with the University's libraries as an external member for a small fee.

TUTORIALS AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT

At BCC, we understand that not everyone who wishes to do academic study will necessarily have all the required or desired skills. We also acknowledge that for some people, perhaps mature students or those returning to studies after a break, the skill of academic writing may take some time to master. Therefore, we have a dedicated team of staff who will journey with you through this process to help you get back on track with writing and study skills.

ACCOMMODATION

BCC has centrally heated accommodation for singles...children. The majority of the single rooms have en-suite facilities. Accommodation is self-catering with fully equipped kitchens provided. Arranged in a number of blocks around the college site, the accommodation lies in a very pleasant situation on a quiet cul-de-sac within the Selly Oak campus, enhanced by trees and shared gardens. Students on campus are expected to live in harmony with other students and abide by the college's ethos and guideline.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

From time to time social activities occur to help promote fun and friendship among staff, students and their families.

PLACEMENTS

BCC offers students opportunities to do placements in a variety of churches and mission agencies operating in Birmingham and beyond. Students will gain firsthand experience and receive feedback on their progress.

WORSHIP SERVICES
Students have practical involvement in the daily devotions which form an integral part of the spiritual life of the college.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS
BCC encourages students to discover and explore spiritual gifts and to develop their ministry in line with their calling.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
BCC recognises a wide range of qualifications for admission to its programmes. Please take your time to go through this section and if in any doubt at all, do get in touch with us and we will be happy to explain and clarify things with you.

CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION/ DIPLOMA IN HIGHER EDUCATION

You will normally have four passes at a grade 4/C or above in GCSE subjects including English or recognized equivalents are also required.

COUNSELLING COURSE

For the Level 2 Counselling Course, no previous training or experience required. Level 3 and 4 require the student to have successfully completed the previous level.

However, students without any basic level of reading or writing qualification may be admitted at the discretion of the admissions committee in consultation with the faculty where they are satisfied that a candidate shows the ability to cope with the course.

Potential candidates must possess a level of literacy and numeracy sufficient for the programme concerned and be aware of the time and other resources required for the course. Applicants need to know that the qualification is not suitable for those who are currently in a state of severe emotional difficulty and/or severe psychological confusion, for example those:
- Currently experiencing – without ongoing and appropriate professional support – a recent, major life crisis such as marital breakdown or a close bereavement.

- Currently experiencing moderate to severe mental health problems including, for example, clinical depression, severe anxiety disorders, eating disorders, personality disorders or any form of psychosis.

- Currently involved in substance misuse.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

You must achieve either at least 96 UCAS points including a minimum of CC at A level or equivalent (e.g.MM at BTEC Diploma), or a total of 88 points from a maximum of 3 A levels. Students should display demonstrable potential to complete the course successfully.

Minimum entrance requirements for admission to the BA (Hons) programme in Year 1 are, normally, five GCSEs including English at 5/C or more; and 2 A-levels or equivalent. Mature applicants (21+), with considerable length of practical ministry experience who do not have formal qualifications, may be admitted to the programme if the Board of Studies deem them able to complete the programme successfully.

FEES AND FUNDING

Finances are an important factor in decision making for students. As a private college, BCC has competitive rates for our degree programmes and courses.

The cost of studying at BCC – and the options on how to pay – depend on the course you choose and whether you're a UK/EU student or visiting us from further afield.

Full details of all current course fees can be found online at: www.bccoll.uk

As part of this assessment applicants will normally be required to submit an essay on a Biblical subject.

Those seeking admission to the BA programme will normally be accepted only subject to satisfactory references and, in some cases, a satisfactory interview.

For students wishing to transfer credits into the scheme from other UK universities and recognised institutions, the rules followed will comply with the rules and processes for Newman University. The eligibility of credits gained from overseas institutions will be assessed using UK NARIC guidelines. Students with a bachelor's degree from another subject may enrol directly to level 6 for a full Honours degree programme provided that they have a first or second classification degree.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

All students must provide evidence of appropriate competency in written and spoken English. For students whose first language is not English, and who have not studied in English up to at least Level 2 the normal requirement will be IELTS 6.0 (with no less than 5.5 in any band) or equivalent.

HOW TO APPLY

Our admissions process is designed to be simple, clear and smooth.

-> Select and decide the course you want.
-> Check that you meet the entry requirements.
-> Talk to us if you need any more clarity or help
-> Complete application form online
-> Submit your application

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The support given by staff at BCC is amazing.

REVD. DR. LORD ELORM DONKOR
Principal

Dr. Donkor has been in Christian ministry in Ghana, South Africa, Scotland, and now in England where he doubles up as the Pastor of the Wolverhampton Worship Centre of The Church of Pentecost-UK.

Dr. Donkor holds a BA in Theology from the University of Stellenbosch/ Cornerstone Christian College in South Africa, an MA in Theology (Mission Studies) from The University of Manchester, an MPhil in Theology (Pentecostal/Charismatic Studies) from the University of Birmingham and a PhD from The University of Manchester.

REVD. DR. CALEB NYANNI
Director of Studies

Caleb holds a BA in Theology with Bangor University, Master of Philosophy with University of Manchester UK and a PhD with University of Birmingham.

Caleb also holds a foundation certificate in counselling with AQA and a Diploma in Film and Media Studies with Wolverhampton University.

Dr.Nyanni's main area of research is second generation African diaspora Pentecostals , African Spirituality and anything involving spirits.

BRIONY SEYMOUR
Director of Trust Administration

Briony came to Birmingham in 1998 to study at Birmingham Bible Institute, as it was then known, completing her degree at the renamed Birmingham Christian College in 2001.

She joined the staff in 2002 and has held various administrative roles including Receptionist, Partnership Officer and Finance Officer.

Briony is married to Chris and together they have had a wide and varied involve-ment in ministry including lay leadership, leading small groups, organising 'March For Jesus', preaching and leading worship.

DAN YARNELL
VISITING LECTURER

Rev. Dan Yarnell is the National Coordinator for the Fellowship of Churches of Christ in Great Britain and Ireland as well as a senior lecturer in mission and theology at ForMission College.

He is the co-author of *Celebrating the Small Church*; *Forming Multicultural Partnerships; and Power and the Powers: the Use and Abuse of Missional Leadership.*

He has been involved in five church plants and was for many years the Small Church Officer for the British Church Growth Association, developing resources to help smaller churches engage missionally in their ministry.

He has also been involved in theological education for 25 years

DAVE GIDNEY
VISITING LECTURER

Dave Gidney has been an ordained pastor, church planter, city missionary, itinerant children's worker, children's minister, author and speaker.

As Director of Children Worldwide, he is working to develop the role of children's ministry within the UK and further afield. He also is part of Children Matter, a national think tank on children's ministry.

He has authored several books including Children in the Heart of God.

Dave holds an MPhil from the university of Glamorgan.

WISEBORN AGYARE
VISITING LECTURER

Wiseborn currently serves as the Senior Pastor of Camberwell District branch of the Church of Pentecost-UK, where he oversees several local parishes.

Wiseborn's academic qualifications include Diploma in Adult Nursing; Diploma in Ophthalmic Nursing (Specialist); Certificate in Theology from Pentecost University College; BA in Biblical and intercultural Studies from All Nations Christian College, UK; MA in Leadership with Missions from All Nations Christian College.

REVD. DR. WESSLY LUKOSE
VISITING LECTURER

Dr.Lukose holds a BMin from Filadelfia Bible College, Rajasthan, an MDiv from Asian Institute of Theology, Bangalore, an MTh from South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies, Bangalor and a PhD from the University of Birmingham.

Before coming to the United Kingdom, Dr.Lukose was working in Rajasthan (North India) as a missionary pastor as well as principal lecturer in Missiology and Academic Dean at Filadelfia Bible College.

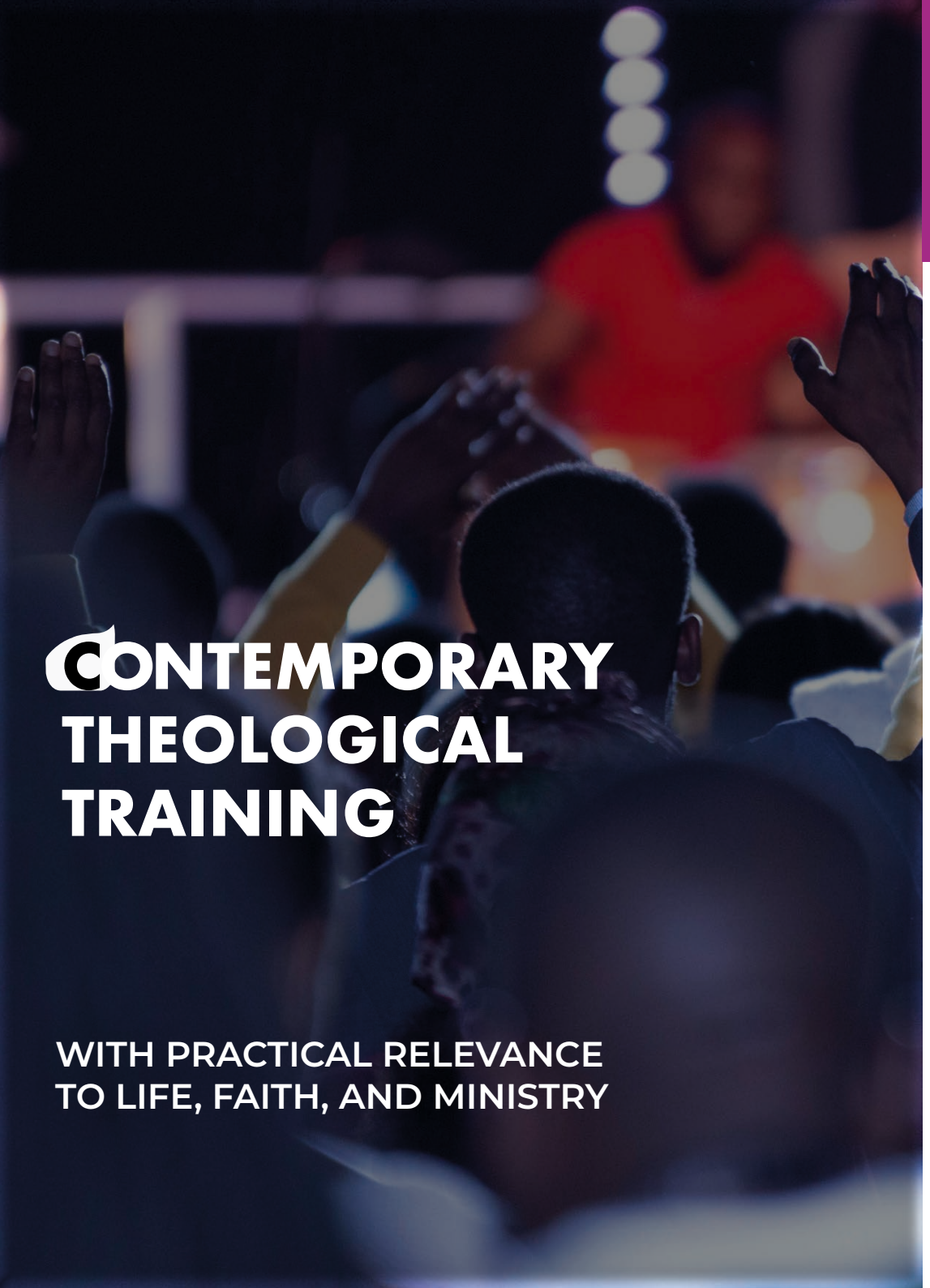
He is an accredited minister of AoG, GB. He currently serves as the Senior Minister of Birmingham Pentecostal Fellowship.

JOYCE DONKOR
VISITING LECTURER

Joyce is a Counsellor and Psychotherapist, a member of the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapists (MBACP) and a member of the Association of Christian Counsellors (ACC) UK.

She holds a BA degree in Christian Counselling and Christian Ministries from Cornerstone Christian College and Stellenbosch University, Cape Town in South Africa, Postgraduate Diploma in Counselling from Birmingham University, UK and an MA in Psychodynamic Counselling from Newman University, Birmingham, UK.

BCC is located in a serene and peaceful part of Selly Oak, Birmingham. The tranquil atmosphere of the college makes studies more enjoyable. Students enjoy walks in our beautiful green space and landscape during their time here.



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