

Diploma of Biblical Studies Prospectus

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INTRODUCTION

Every Christian needs training. Without training, we will not experience and enjoy Christ's riches in full. We also need training to function and serve the Lord profitably. The Full-Time Training provides a special opportunity to be trained to enjoy Christ, grow in His life, and serve Him to build up the church as His Body.

THE FOCUS OF THE TRAINING

THE BIBLE TRUTH

"Our Saviour God... desires all men to be saved and come to the full knowledge of the truth." 1 Tim. 2:3-4
Truth in the Bible is fathomless, and to begin to arrive at the full knowledge of the truth requires intensive study. The training classes cover key books in the Old and New Testaments, an overview of the whole Bible, in-depth studies of the high peak truths, and biblical truths concerning the Christian life and Christian service. Trainees are equipped not only for the spread of the truth, but also to know truth from heresy and false teaching.

CHARACTER

"He will be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, useful to the master, prepared unto every good work." 2 Tim. 2:21b

Years of experience clearly reveal that a person's usefulness depends to a great degree on his level of character. For example, a Christian worker may be very gifted and consecrated, but if he is never punctual his suitability is dissipated. Therefore this training affects numerous areas of a person's character, with the positive result of uplifting his inherent traits. These areas include diligence, stability, patience, accommodation of all races and strata of people, submission, exactness and endurance, just to name a few.

DIVINE LIFE

Every life needs training and regulation to help it grow properly and become fruitful. This is especially true of the life of God that we received when we believed into Christ. By classes, daily life practices and shepherding, the training helps each trainee to experience and enjoy this life, resulting in the development of its function and fruitfulness.

GOSPEL

This training is designed to bring each trainee into active and fruitful preaching of the gospel, with very positive and long term results. This will be attained through a strict and scheduled training programme.

NEW TESTAMENT GREEK

Greek is the original New Testament language. To be trained in Greek allows a much fuller view of God's thought and ultimate purpose as revealed in the Bible. The goal is that each trainee will be able to use the Greek Interlinear New Testament. This will expand the trainee's ability to accurately decipher and convey the truths of the Bible.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Training Centre is located at **33 Beale Street, Hamilton East, Hamilton, New Zealand.**

The Training Centre accommodates trainees in a secure community environment. Accommodation blocks are in close proximity to the classrooms and dining area and serve the main housing needs of the trainees. Other houses and apartments for trainee use are near the Training Centre and serve the married couples that may attend the training. Each housing unit is furnished to provide a comfortable environment. All meals are provided as part of the training at the dining hall of the Training Centre.

The training may provide housing to married couples when both spouses are participating in the training. Married couples need to provide their own housing when only one of the spouses joins the training as a full-time trainee. There are many apartment buildings and rental homes within walking distance of the Training Centre.

HOW CAN I JOIN THE TRAINING?

Criteria for Entry

All seeking Christians with the following qualifications may apply:

- University degree or three-year Polytechnic or trade qualification
- Age 21 to 50 years
- Sound physical and mental health
- Recommendation from church elders

In addition, mature Christians will be considered based on their life-experience as a qualification.

All elders and learners in the eldership may also apply.

The training is open to all applicants who fulfill the qualifications above; there is no discrimination on the grounds of gender, race, culture, or nationality. We practice everything in the principle of equality as set forth in the New Testament.

Married couples and those with children

- Married couples without children may apply, and may be lodged in the Training Centre.
- Those with children may be lodged in the Training Centre if there is enough space. However, they should be prepared to take accommodation outside the Training Centre.
- Accommodation Options for International Students with Families

All students who are single will be accommodated in the Training Centre. If there is enough room, married couples without children will also be accommodated in the Training Centre. If there is not enough room, they will need to rent accommodation. Students who have a family will need to rent accommodation. Such students would attend the training as "Day Students" (8 a.m. to 3.15 p.m.). The following information may be of benefit, but such trainees need to discuss their particular situation with NZTC staff.

1. [Availability and characteristics of living accommodation options](#)

There are a large number of two bedroom units ("flats") and three bedroom houses near the Training Centre. There are smaller numbers of larger houses. If you do not drive, you will need to rent accommodation within walking distance. If you drive you can rent accommodation anywhere in Hamilton, although we would recommend the Eastern suburbs (near the Training Centre). The best time to rent houses is October-December, when students leave Hamilton.

2. Costs

Normally tenants need to pay two weeks' rent as bond and two weeks' rent in advance.

For a two bedroom unit the weekly rent is \$200-\$300

For a three bedroom house the weekly rent is \$300-\$400

If a house is rented, the tenant is expected to cut the grass and keep the garden.

In such cases, students will need to provide their own furniture and household utensils.

The costs for these depend on what their personal needs are and what items they can borrow from others.

3. Process for securing accommodation

Discuss with NZTC your situation.

If you are in Hamilton locate a rental property (or ask someone else to do it for you)

Pay the bond, and settle in before the semester begins.

4. NZTC assessment of accommodation

NZTC staff will inspect the property in order to confirm its suitability. The student will be notified of the result.

Applications and late enrolment

- All applicants should fill out an Enrolment Form and have the elders sign it before mailing it in. It should be sent to the Training Centre by 1 January (for Semester One).
- Envelopes should be marked "Full-Time Training Registration", and should be mailed to **PO BOX 7151, 33 Beale Street, Hamilton East, Hamilton**. Include the registration fee (\$100 for applications from New Zealand, \$250 for overseas applications). Those accepted to the training will be notified at a later date.
- If trainees intend to arrive at the training late, they must make this clear on the enrolment form and notify staff early. When they arrive they must watch the Pre-training videos in their own time.
- The maximum length of delay is two weeks. Trainees who are absent from any part of the course for longer than two weeks are considered to have withdrawn from the course and NZTC is obligated to notify the Ministry of Education of any trainees who do so (leading to revoking of Student Visas, Allowances, etc).
- Trainees who apply to come to the training later than two weeks after the semester's start may be allowed to attend the training. If they do they will be expected to fulfill all training requirements including assessment. However, they are not officially enrolled students.

Student Fees - For 2011

TOTAL FEES PAYABLE for one year's tuition and board are:

New Zealand and Australian trainees **\$12,384**

International Trainees **\$18,103**

What do I do now?

Fill in the Enrolment form (available from our website or on request from info@nztc.ac.nz).

Mail it with your registration fee to **NZTC**.

SEMESTER DATES

2011

Semester One	7 February - 15 July	22 weeks
Semester Two	25 July - 23 December	21 weeks

2012

Semester One	6 February - 13 July	22 weeks
Semester Two	23 July - 21 December	21 weeks