

Christianity Speaks

Ministry Preparation Course

vocational training in pastoral or missionary studies

- validated as a university degree, BD or BTh
- reasonable fees
- high academic standards
- practical placements
- excellent facilities
- effective preparation for gospel ministry



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IRISH BAPTIST COLLEGE



Founded in 1892, the Irish Baptist College (IBC) has a long standing tradition of preparing individuals for Christian ministry, youth and missionary work. Training for Christian service is at the heart of the College's vision and, central to that, is the Gospel. IBC prides itself on providing excellence in teaching at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. The College moved to modern, purpose built premises near Moira (just south of Belfast) in 2003 and, in an ongoing expansion plan, will see the development of a new library and student study area in 2010. The College's Preparation for Ministry Course was launched in 2008 and aims to provide students with the experience and knowledge needed to move into long term ministry either at home or overseas. The College's tutors are widely experienced in communicating the Word and caring for the pastoral wellbeing of the students in their care. The course features three integrated streams of study; Biblical Studies, Christian Thought and Ministry Studies. Passionate about providing the most effective preparation for pastoral and missionary ministry, the IBC course combines solid theological and practical teaching in the classroom and on placement. This dual approach has received praise from past IBC students: "the final piece of the jig-saw" which made sense of many of

the lessons taught in the classroom. For pastoral students the many opportunities to minister in local churches offers openings which can lead to full-time Church ministry. The Preparation for Ministry Course is ideal for first time learners and is University accredited (BD or BTh) as a vocational qualification, which is both practical and academically rigorous. The College also offers further training for people already serving in ministry. The post graduate MA in Theology or MMin and Doctorate in Ministry are specially designed part-time courses to offer flexibility, so that students can continue to work whilst they learn. The postgraduate courses involve private study and attendance is only required for short teaching blocks, not requiring relocation. Offering competitive (all-inclusive) fees, IBC is accessible to other denominations, other than Baptists. The College is of a small to medium size, enabling it to offer high levels of personal care and pastoral support to students in their studies. Relocation does not need to be an issue. Moving to Northern Ireland can be simple and a small sacrifice to make when looking to prepare for Christian service. Some residential rooms are available in the College, rental accommodation is available locally and the area also features property that is considerably cheaper than in many parts of England. Considering training for future service? Want to be well prepared? Give the Irish Baptist College a call on: 028 9261 9267 or visit: www.irishbaptistcollege.co.uk for further details.



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An online database of courses from many colleges throughout the UK and world-wide

www.trainforChrist.org

Where can you find out about the whole range of evangelical training through a trustworthy source? We might see occasional adverts from Bible colleges, or hear recommendations, but not see the whole selection. The Evangelical Training Directory provides a way of searching through the large number of bona fide training programmes to find the ones that best prepare you for serving God.

The Evangelical Training Directory at www.trainforChrist.org, a searchable internet database of evangelical courses world-wide, helps people find the training they need to serve Christ better – whether in tackling AIDS, communicating with Muslims, showing how the Christian faith is compatible with modern science, preaching, translating the Bible, or running a business in a way which honours God. The database currently has interfaces in nine languages – and translations are planned for all major languages.

Training organisations can register free of charge and post information on their courses. These are then searchable by subject category, language, country and region, academic level and keywords.

This unbiased database is also accessible through the Evangelical Alliance website at www.eauk.org under "Training Search".

The Evangelical Training Database is also working with Global Connections (Evangelical Missionary Alliance), and evangelical alliances in other countries. The World Evangelical Alliance, an association of 128 national evangelical alliances serving over 420 million believers, has also just endorsed the project.

For further information please visit: www.trainforChrist.org, e-mail: info@trainforchrist.org, or call Ian Benson on 020 7932 0728.