

**Faith Missionary Bible Institute (*Advanced Standing Application*)**  
**HOW TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR YOUR LIFE/WORK EXPERIENCE**

Over 2,000 colleges and universities in the U.S.A. customarily award academic credits and/or degrees based solely upon:

- Transfer of credits from other schools
- Documented life/work learning experiences
- Passing proficiency examinations
- Writing a thesis and/or Dissertation

*-----without any course work whatsoever!*

These schools of higher education appropriately grant “advanced standing” upon satisfactory evaluation of a student’s previous study and life/work learning.

Faith Missionary Bible Institute is happy to do the same in order that you may join many others across the nation in attaining your degree goals in record time and save a lot of money. This widespread practice is based upon the simple premise that a person should get credit for what they already know.

At Faith Missionary Bible Institute a resume or portfolio will be evaluated and a substantial amount of credit may be awarded for previous study; either personal or formal, as well as ministerial or educational activities; however, no honorary degrees will be awarded and no student will be awarded any degree without completion of some academic studies or capstone project with Faith Missionary Bible Institute. When a resume, portfolio or transfer credits on an official transcript from another reputable educational institution warrants advanced standing; a degree completion packet will be produced and forwarded to the student that will enable the student to complete all necessary assignments and earn an official degree from Faith Missionary Bible Institute. Applicants with an advanced amount of credits may apply for a multiple degree completion program.

Learning doesn't take place just in a cubicle or only from courses. One can acquire great spiritual insights without ever setting foot on a college campus. In fact, most of what you know came to you outside a formal classroom setting. The whole world is your university, and everything you see, hear, or do can be an educational experience.

Jesus showed that all life is a seminary and the Holy Spirit is our Instructor. The best learned lessons are intertwined in our daily walk with the Lord. Granting credit for life work is founded upon the old proverb, “Experience is the best teacher”. You can learn more about preaching by preaching, than from sitting around with an outdated text on homiletics. The idea of on-the-job-training used to be called apprenticeship. Therefore, our approach to higher education is that if you have acquired Biblical knowledge and ministerial skills, you're entitled to receive credit for it. It's not necessary to retrace foundational doctrinal teaching, which you already know. If you qualify for advanced status, you can skip one, two, or even three levels of our courses.

**When you receive a degree for your past study and life work, it is not considered an HONORARY degree, but an EARNED degree!**

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

**Provide Faith Missionary Bible Institute with a comprehensive portfolio containing all your institutional Christian education and extra institutional learning experience. It should be neat, preferably typed, and contained two parts:**

#### **PART I**

**: A record of all your previous formal study from other schools. We gladly accept transfer students, and transferable credits from other reputable colleges and universities to be applied towards a higher degree from Faith Missionary Bible Institute.**

#### **PART II**

**: A record of your informal learning through significant life/work experience. Then Faith Missionary Bible Institute will consolidate Part I and Part II, and translate it into equivalent academic credits, advancing you to the corresponding educational degree.**

### **(Now for more details)**

#### **PART I**

**List all post secondary schools (beyond high school) that you have attended, or taken courses from, with subject titles, credits earned, and dates, even if you only audited them.**

**Document your study as much as you can, telling where, what, and when. Just send us a photocopy of all your certificates, diplomas, and and/degrees. Also, send us all special awards you may have received. Never send originals, just copies.**

#### **PART II**

**Prepare a Spiritual resume of all your major achievements and important accomplishments for Christ. VERY IMPORTANT (GIVE DATES, APPROXIMATE IF NECESSARY): Give the date of your conversion and your age at conversion, The approximate year and your age when you entered the ministry if you are a minister, church leader or teacher, and any other spiritual experiences that you feel are relevant. If you have been in the ministry for some years, you may have a substantial list of credit-worthy endeavors that you have performed for the Lord that may even surprise yourself. Here's a checklist:**

- Churches or storefront missions founded.
- Knowledge gained through pastoral ministry or evangelistic field, past or present.
- Conferences and/or conventions sponsored.

- Administering a Church department or outreach.
- Teaching or participating in a workshop or weekend seminar.
- Conducting revivals.
- Working closely with/under some great man or woman of God.
- Letters of recommendation or official commendation.
- Christmas or Easter plays, or other Biblical dramas performed.
- Art---painting a water baptismal mural.
- Musical or other talents you have employed for the Lord.
- Street witnessing, preaching, marches, tent work.
- Competency in various Church projects and activities such as V.B.S.
- Organizing fund raising drives.
- Writing a Christian column for a local newspaper.
- Preparing news releases, P.S.A., and ads.
- Communication skills developed in teaching, preaching, or counseling.
- Operating a prayer hotline.
- Teen/children's church work/leadership.
- Being a counselor or recreation director at a youth camp.
- Independent study and original research.
- Christian classic books read.
- Audio recordings or video programs for radio or T. V.
- Samples of your writings, tracts, brochures, newsletters, booklets, books.
- Mass distribution of Gospel literature.
- Home or foreign missionary trips, especially Holy Land Tours---just give a brief report of what you saw and did.

If in doubt about something, list it anyway, but substantiate each item as much as possible. And finally, conclude your portfolio with a brief statement about your short and long-range career goals for God. Remember, never mail originals. Send only copies.

### *EVALUATION*

From this information, we will be able to determine your allowable credits towards a degree or degrees. Of course, everyone's past educational and ministerial history is different, and must be individually assessed to see what level of advanced standing you qualify for, but we will be fair and as generous as possible.

Please indicate what study program you're interested in, and what your degree goals are, and in what field. EXAMPLE: B. Min., M. Min., and D. Min. in (Ministry)

### *FEES*

Please refer to the website and or current catalog/handbook for program fees.

### *APPLICATION FOR EVALUA TION*

(Please type or print plainly your name exactly as it is to appear upon your

certificate/certificates)

Name.....

Address.....

City.....State.....Zip.....

Phone.....

Date of Birth.....

High School Diploma or GED: Explain which and where completed.....

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Date Earned :.....( Faith Missionary Academy has an Adult High School  
Diploma Completion Program for those who have not earned a diploma or a GED.)

(CHECK BELOW)

.....Enclosed are copies of my certificates

.....Enclosed is my spiritual resume.

Degree/Degrees desired .....(Check All That Apply)

- Bachelor
- Master
- Doctor

Check what field:

- Biblical Studies
- Ministry
- Religious (Christian) Education

Evaluation Fee.....FREE

Degree Program Fee..... \$.....

Amount Enclosed..... \$.....

Please mail application, materials, and appropriate fees together, not separately. You may direct all Questions or Comments to:

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