

Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College



II TIMOTHY 2
Lord "in that day: and in how
many things he ministered
unto me at Eph'e-sus, thou
knowest very well.

CHAPTER 2
THOU therefore, "my son,
"be strong in the grace that
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2 And the things that thou
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II Timothy 2:2

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From the College Principal



As a Pastor, the Lord laid upon my heart a desire to train men and women for the ministry not long after I arrived in Grafton. This burden led to the establishment of Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College in 1991. The college was established with express purpose and goal of equipping believers for a life of God glorifying service and dedication to the Lord. **II Timothy 2.2** spells out our vision **“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”**

It is my belief and that of our church that the task of preparing men and women who have recognised God’s call on their lives is our God given responsibility as a Church and therefore as a college. Therefore, by His grace this college is dedicated to effectively preparing pastors, teachers and Christian workers for the ministry.

Our college is an important part of the ministry of the CLARENCE VALLEY INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH. The college would not exist if the church did not share my burden and conviction to train God’s servants and equip them for that service.

This prospectus contains basic information with regard to your understanding of the course requirements, emphasis, doctrinal position and financial requirements of this college. Each year a student handbook is printed to supplement this prospectus to give prospective students all they need to know with regard to courses of study being offered that year and other needful information.

It is our desire that all who attend will have their lives enriched by their time with us and that they in turn will enrich the lives of those that they minister to.

Rev Nigel Davies

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Principal.

Faculty and Staff

God has assembled one of the finest teams anywhere at CVBBC. Every member of the faculty and staff is actively involved in a variety of ministries at Local Church. Students will soon realise that faculty and staff are a constant presence on campus and are always available to mentor them in their academic, social or spiritual lives.

Principal



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General Information

Distinctives

Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College is a ministry of Clarence Valley Baptist Church. As a result, there are many opportunities for practical ministry experience for those students attending Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College.



- Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College is a non-charismatic college.
- Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College uses only the King James Version of the Bible.
- Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College believes in the importance of preaching as well as teaching from the Word of God.
- Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College is opposed to the Ecumenical Movement and believes that the many inter-denominational meetings of our day are compromising doctrine for the sake of “unity”.

Education

Clarence Valley Baptist Church and Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College believe the purpose of Christian Education is “perfect the saints for the work of the ministry” Eph 4.11-12. We stand in opposition to atheism and secular humanism which have invaded the educational systems of Australia as a whole. We believe, according to Romans 1, it is a sin to serve and worship the creation more than the Creator. We further believe that the natural man cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God I Corinthians 2:14. Therefore, our goal in Christian Education is to develop the hearts and minds of born-again Christians both academically and spiritually.

Administration

As a ministry of Clarence Valley Baptist Church, Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College is held directly accountable to the pastor and the membership of the church. The deacons of Clarence Valley Baptist Church serve as directors of the college, are intricately involved in the daily affairs of the student body. The college principal, administrators, faculty, and staff are all faithful members of Clarence Valley Baptist Church or churches of like faith and practice.

The Basis For CVBBC

CVBBC follows:

The Pattern of Scripture: The Bible gives us examples of how God trains those He calls to serve. Joshua benefited from on-the-job training under Moses. In a similar fashion Elijah groomed Elisha to be his successor. In the New Testament Paul trained a number of successors including Silas, Timothy, and Titus. The Bible tells of more formal educational institutions as the school of the prophets and the school of Tyrannus where Paul taught for two years.

CVBBC is a ministry of the Clarence Valley Baptist Church:

We believe that the local church is God's instrument and program for this age. Therefore, the Board of this college is made up of the Pastor and Deacons of C.V.I.B.C. and Faculty is drawn from C.V.I.B.C. and churches of like faith and practice.

As this college is a ministry of C.V.I.B.C. it is answerable to the members of that church and they have the final say in all matters of policy. The college will only act within the bounds of the constitution and doctrinal position of C.V.I.B.C.

The Doctrinal Position of this college will be that of C.V.I.B.C. a summary of which is found in this prospectus. All the lecturers will be expected to teach within the bounds of the Church's Doctrinal Position.

Key Verse:

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." (II Tim. 2:2).

From this verse, we learn about the subject matter, type of students, and the concept of succession.

SUBJECT MATTER: Timothy was to pass on what he heard from Paul. CVBBC is a BIBLE college; dedicated to the task of teaching the "Whole counsel of God".

STUDENTS: It is nice to have brilliant students; but what we really want are faithful ones who are committed to do God's will.

SUCCESSION: Our teaching is not an end in itself. That is why in addition to Bible and Theology, we also teach Homiletics and Christian Education. We seek to train our students to follow the Scriptural pattern by communicating the precious truth of the Word to others who can succeed then.

The Purpose of CVBBC

Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College has been established for the purpose of training men and women in the Word of God. Our primary purpose being “The equipping of men for the gospel ministry” and assisting local churches in the preparation of ‘CHRISTIAN WORKERS’ for effective service.

Our goal is not only to communicate knowledge and facts to you; our goal is to impart life and give tools for a successful, balanced life in ministry. We will give everything we have as preachers and teachers of God’s Word to reproduce our walk with God in you.

Briefly, the purpose of Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College is as follows:

1. ***To train men and women to serve productively and to train others to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.***

*“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”
2 Timothy 2:2*

2. ***To train men and women to base their lives totally on the Word of God.***

“For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.” 1 Thessalonians 2:13

3. ***To train men and women through practical ministry experience.***

"Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you." Philippians 4:9

Philosophy

Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College's distinctiveness lies in its focused commitment to three primary ministry aims:

1. *Instruction*

To impart a knowledge of God's Word leading to a responsibility of following God's will, which establishes a basis for ministry.

2. *Comprehension*

To impart an understanding of God's plan leading to an accountability in following God's ways, which establishes a philosophy of ministry.

3. *Action*

To apply the knowledge of God's Word and the understanding of God's plan in the functioning of God's church leading to an outlet for ministry through evangelism, discipleship, and missions.

Bible principles and precepts will be presented, which, many times, differ from other teachings being offered through Christendom in Australia today. This distinctiveness stems from the fact you are learning ministry through a New Testament, Bible-believing local church. Our instructors take their commission seriously. We train men and women through the Word of God, in the local church as God designed that training to occur. We believe that no-one can train you for ministry like the local church. We are not trying to compete with the campus type colleges, but rather offering a local church emphasis training which is practical and personal.

Very little is taught in the classes that is private opinion. Instead, you will be receiving what has been the positive stand of local bodies of believers throughout history all the way back to the book of Acts.

By attending Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College either as an Internal or External Student, your willingness to be placed under the authority of the Bible, your church, and your pastor is recognised.



Ministry Objectives

Objectives

The purpose of Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College is to provide a balanced Christian education, which will fully equip born-again people with Bible doctrine that is distinctly Biblical, and also to provide practical hands-on training through the local church, which will prepare each individual to effectively reach and impact the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

A. The Instruction of Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College

- ◆ To give each student a working knowledge of the Bible.
- ◆ To give each student tools for his continued study of the Bible after he leaves CVBBC.
- ◆ To provide a balance between teaching absolute truth and showing how to apply it to our present day.
- ◆ To impart a knowledge of Bible doctrine, so that each student can build convictions and develop Christian character.
- ◆ To give a valid foundation of general studies to help each student meet the challenges of our day.
- ◆ To increase each student's desire to walk with God and apply God's wisdom to his life.

B. The Purpose of Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College

- ◆ To provide an environment which will develop a balanced life intellectually, socially and spiritually.
- ◆ To teach each student to take the truth that he learns in the classroom and to apply it though service in the local church.
- ◆ To require every student to receive hands on training in weekly Christian service.

- ◆ To help each student develop a servant's heart and a willingness to do whatever the Lord or those in leadership require and desire.
- ◆ To encourage each student to internalise Christian values so that the outcome is a life of faith, prayer, sound character and judgment, and a spirit-controlled life seeking to be conformed to the image of Christ.
- ◆ To teach each student how to apply his training to life situations, enabling him to resort to the Word of God and his practical training experience for help.
- ◆ To send each student out to serve God with the right balance of Bible doctrine and practical methods, discerning right doctrine through right methods, and never compromising doctrine for results.

C. *The Impact of Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College*

- ◆ To send graduates out into full-time Christian service in local churches.
- ◆ To produce a harvest of pastors, missionaries, teachers, church ministers, and evangelists to replenish the depleted numbers of Christian workers today.
- ◆ To plant local New Testament churches throughout Australia and around the world.
- ◆ To send forth missionaries to foreign fields to pioneer new works.
- ◆ To send out servants whose hearts are stirred to win souls to Christ and to disciple their converts!
- ◆ To impact whole regions, both in Australia and abroad.
- ◆ To preserve the work of the local New Testament church for the next generation.

Location



GRAFTON

The beautiful purple-flowering jacaranda trees are an integral part of the image of **Grafton**, and their flowering is celebrated in the famous annual Jacaranda Festival. Combining the arts, sport, ceremony and fun, the festival, which originated in 1935 is Australia's longest running floral festival and

showcases a cross-section of this city's culture and community.

Actually, the importance of the arboreal attractions of the city were under consideration as long ago as 1866, when the Grafton Council resolved to consider by-laws for the planting and preserving of trees and shrubs in the streets and recreation grounds. Historically, this might have a certain irony, because the city, like many other settlements in the area, was first opened up to white settlement by the cedar-getters.

It was an escaped convict, Richard Craig, who 'discovered' the district in 1831. With the wealth of 'red gold' cedar just waiting for exploitation, he was given a pardon and one hundred pounds to bring a party of cedar-getters on the cutter 'Prince George' to the region. Word of such wealth to be had did not take long to spread and one of the arrivals was pioneer John Small on the 'Susan' in 1838, and he first occupied land on Woodford Island. 'The Settlement' (as the embryonic Grafton was then imaginatively named) was established shortly after. By 1851, the first sale of town blocks was taking place and Governor Fitzroy officially named the town 'Grafton', after his grandfather, the Duke of Grafton.



By 1885 it had developed sufficiently to be proclaimed a city, and there are still many beautiful heritage buildings in Grafton which have been classified by the National Trust. Along with many private houses, the large Christ Church Cathedral and the notorious Grafton Jail are both included in the listings.



The Cathedral, built in 1884, was designed by John Horbury Hunt along Gothic lines, with towering arches and a spacious interior and is open daily. Historic homesteads have also been preserved, and 'Shaeffer House', which was purchased and restored by council, now displays the many collections of the Clarence River Historical Society.

The mighty Clarence River, which brought in the first white settlers, still

plays an important role in the city's life, though no longer the main 'highway.' Boating and water sports as well as fishing, both commercial and recreational, are a major attraction, with holidaymakers also enjoying actually living on the water in houseboats or sightseeing on hired cruisers. With many dozens of islands and quaint river towns, the Clarence is fascinating to tour by water. River cruises are also available at the river mouth. Passenger ferry services to more out of the way destinations are also an interesting way to cross the Clarence, and a relic of the time several decades ago before all of the highway's bridges were complete, when queuing for the ferry during peak holiday travel times was a regular occurrence.

With a population of over 20,000 Grafton offers the friendly and relaxed atmosphere of a large country city and also boasts city-sized shopping centres, quality restaurants and therefore a great place to live.



Practice Statement

Concerning Christian Living

The following is a list of some of the distinctive philosophies which are emphasised at Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College.



1. Students at Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College will be taught that the Christian life is a holy life.
2. Students will be taught the necessity of being separated unto the Lord and away from the world.
3. Students will be taught the importance of accountability to authority. Each student will also be taught that once he is in the ministry, every pastor and full-time worker should be accountable to the Word of God, to the Lord, and to those of his peers who will help him and admonish him in his walk.
4. Students will learn the meaning of the words of our Lord, *"My yoke is easy and my burden is light."* We will teach the joy of serving the Lord Jesus Christ and the importance of being faithful to the Lord until the end of this life, whether by death or by the rapture.

Concerning Christian Priorities

The following priorities will be taught in the order listed:

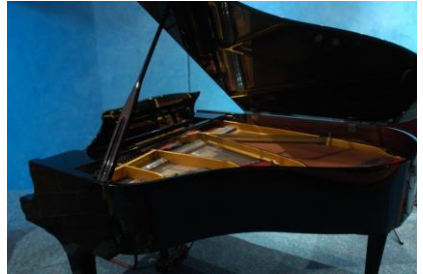
1. Our relationship with our Lord.
2. Our relationship with our spouse.
3. Our relationship with our children.
4. Our relationship to the ministry.

Concerning Godly Counsel

All students will be taught that the main counsel for a Christian must come from the Word of God. Furthermore, students will be taught that Jesus Christ promised the person of the Holy Spirit to every believer to guide us into truth. Finally, we will teach our students that they should seek counsel from their pastor, parents, and other godly Christians when making important decisions.

Concerning Music

Students at Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College will be taught the importance of appreciating and growing spiritually through the means of godly music. Students will also be taught that “worldly music”, “CCM” and “Christian rock” music are destructive to their maturing as a Christian.



Concerning our Ministry

- ◆ We are located in a regional area where extensive and various types of outreach opportunities are available.
- ◆ The teaching staff is involved with daily ministry in the church, which keeps them practical in their application.
- ◆ We are a ministry of a local church.
- ◆ We are part of a church that provides an exciting atmosphere with a warm, loving and friendly church family.
- ◆ Students are permitted to return to their home churches on weekends but are required to meet specific Christian service requirements in their home churches.



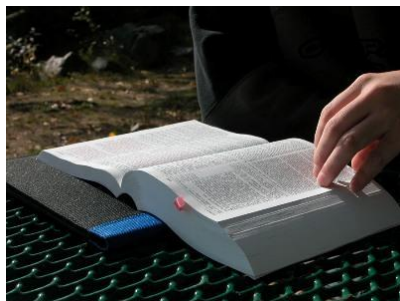
Doctrinal Statement

What we believe....

The following paragraphs simply summarize what we believe as a college – a full statement of faith is found in the constitution of Clarence Valley Baptist Church. A copy of this will be supplied upon request.

I. THE SCRIPTURES

We believe that the Scriptures, which consist of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, are verbally inspired of God; plenary in content, inerrant in the original writings, complete in revelation, and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life. **Isa. 40:8; Prov. 30:5, 6; II Tim. 3:16, 17; John 10:35; II Peter 1:19-21.**



II. THE GODHEAD

We believe in the One true and living God, eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; equal in every divine perfection and executing distinct but harmonious offices.

III. GOD THE FATHER

We believe that God is a sovereign, living, intelligent, rational being who is the creator and supreme ruler of heaven and earth. He is Spirit, Life, Light and Love. He is eternal, almighty, omniscient, inexpressibly glorious in holiness, and worthy of all possible honour, love and worship. **Gen. 1:1, 26; Prov. 30:4; Mark 12:29; Matt. 28:19; II Cor. 13:14; John 1:1-4; Acts 5:3, 4; John 10:30.**

IV. JESUS CHRIST

We believe in the Deity of the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who was begotten of the Holy Spirit in a miraculous manner; born of Mary, a virgin, as no other man was ever born or can ever be born of women, and that He is true God and true man. Gen. 3:15; Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-35; Phil. 2:6-11; John 1:1-14.

V. THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a person who convicts the world of sin, indwells all believers in the present age, baptizes them into the body of Christ, seals them unto the day of redemption, and that it is a duty of every believer to be filled with the Holy Spirit (**Romans 8:9; I Cor. 12:12-14; Ephesians 1:13-14; 5:18**).

VI. THE DEVIL

We believe in the personality of Satan; that he is not merely an abstract power of influence but a living, personal being; that he is the unholy god of this age; and that author of the powers of darkness; and is destined to the judgement of an eternal justice in the Lake of Fire. **Matt. 4:1-4; Mark 1:13; II Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2:2; Rev. 20:10; John 8:44; I Peter 5:8**.

VII. CREATION

We believe and accept the literal Genesis account of creation; that man came by direct creation of God, and not by evolution. **Gen. 1:2; Col. 1:16, 17; John 1:3**.

VIII. THE FALL OF MAN

We believe that man was created in the image and likeness of God; that he sinned and thereby incurred not only the physical death, but also that spiritual death which is a separation from God; and that all human beings are born with a sinful nature, and by choice are sinners in thought, word, and deed. He became alienated from God and is totally unable to retrieve his former condition by his own merit. **Gen. 1:26, 27; 2:7-9, 16, 17; Psalm 51:5; 58:3; Rom. 3:9-18; 5:12; Eph. 2:1-3; Rom. 3:23; Deut. 1:39**.

IX. SALVATION

We believe that the Lord Jesus died according to the Scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice and rose again for our justification; and that all who believe in Him are justified on the basis of His shed blood and are saved by grace through faith wholly apart from human merit and works. **Acts 13:38; 16:31; Rom. 3:21-28; Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 3:3-8.**

We believe that all who receive by faith the Lord Jesus Christ are born again by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God and thereby become the children of God, possessing eternal life. **John 3:3-16; 1:12, 13; 5:24; 10:18, 29; I Peter 1:23; II Peter 1:4-11.**

X. SECURITY & ASSURANCE OF THE BELIEVER

We believe that all the redeemed, that is, those who are born again, are kept by God's power and are secure in Christ for eternity. **John 6:37-40; 10:27-30; Rom. 8:1, 38, 39; I Cor. 1:4-8; I Peter 1:5.**

XI. ETERNAL DESTINY

We believe that everyone, saved and unsaved, shall face God in judgement. According to the Scriptures, the judgement of the saved will be separate from the judgement of the unsaved. We believe that the Scriptures teach these judgements shall be as follows:

XII. LAST THINGS.

We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord, in His ascension into heaven, and in His present life there as High Priest and Advocate.

We believe in "that blessed hope" - the personal, premillennial, pre-tribulational and imminent return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, When the church 'which is His body' will be gathered unto Him.

XIII. THE CHURCH.

We believe that the Church, which is now the body and bride of Christ, is a spiritual organism made up of all born-again persons of this age irrespective of their affiliation with Christian organizations. **Eph. 1:22-23; 5:25-27; I Cor. 12:12-14.**

We believe that a local church is a congregation of baptised, born again believers, who are called out of this world unto Christ, and associated by the common faith and fellowship of the Gospel; organized to meet together for the purpose of observing the ordinances, and to carry out the principles, precepts and commission of Christ; and for the exercise of worship, prayer, testimony and all the rights, privileges, and gifts invested in them by God's Word. **I Tim. 3:15; Acts 2:41-47; 14:23; Eph. 4:11-16; Matt. 28:18-20.**

We believe that the Scriptural ordinances of the church are Baptism and the Lord's Supper and are to be administered by the local church, that Baptism is by immersion and that it should be administered to only believers and as symbol of their belief in the death burial and resurrection with Him, and that the Lord's Supper should be partaken of only by believers to show forth His death, till He come.

XVI. SIGN GIFTS.

We believe that the sign gifts, namely "Healing," "Working of Miracles," "Tongues," and "The Interpretation of Tongues," were temporary in nature. The function of these gifts of the Holy Spirit was confirmatory. God was authenticating the authority and message of His servants by "bearing them witness" through the manifestations of supernatural power. Since we now have the completed Scriptures to authenticate the claims of Christ and to point the lost to Christ, we believe the sign gifts are no longer valid for today. **I Cor. 13:8-13; I Cor. 14:22; Hebrews 2:3-4.**

Clarifying Statements.

A. We believe that Christ died to provide Salvation for all mankind and to secure it for all those who believe in him.

B. We believe that the sign gifts (such as tongues, healing, working of miracles, etc.) were given to authenticate the New Testament message and that these gifts ceased by the time the New Testament canon was complete. Therefore, we reject the charismatic, Pentecostal, and similar movements.

Student Life

Spiritual Life

For the student at Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College, the college experience depends upon the spiritual condition of the heart. *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you"*, Matthew 6:33. Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College does not exist only to train the mind or the body, but to touch the heart. All church services are mandatory because it is our belief that the most important classroom is the church auditorium. Every class period begins with prayer.

An open-door policy is maintained by all members of the Administration, and students are encouraged to seek out help with the spiritual battles that they face.

Christian Service

At Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College, we understand that God has chosen the local church to be His instrument for reaching this world. Our students are taught not only to study the ministry during the week, but also to be involved in the ministry during the weekend. Our students help in Sunday school classes, retirement homes, youth ministries and much more. Our goal is to develop Christian leaders who know the importance of serving.

While attending Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College, each student will be involved in Christian service each week. If a student is travelling to another church for Christian service and ministry, a letter from the pastor must be given to the Principal's office explaining his ministry responsibilities. The training received from real ministry experience is worth the price of an education in itself. Upon graduation, we believe our graduates will be able to step into the void of servant leaders and help claim a generation for Christ.

Church Services

The pulpit of the local church is the most important teaching lectern in the college and the church services are the most important classroom on campus. Soul-stirring music and powerful Bible preaching are a combination that God uses over and over in our students' lives.

The church services allow students not only to be challenged personally, but also to see a vibrant, growing, and caring church family that is dedicated to the ministry of reaching people for Jesus Christ.

Admissions Procedures

Admission Policies

No person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity of the school because of race, colour, sex or national origin. However, only persons who have a testimony of Biblical salvation and have a sincere desire to serve Christ are eligible for admission.

When to Apply

A prospective student may apply any time. There is no application deadline date, but we encourage you to apply early to reserve your place and discount.

Once an application is received, it will be processed as soon as possible. No reservation is final until the prospective student completes all forms and receives an official letter of acceptance.

Application Procedure

- ◆ Read this prospectus to familiarise yourself with Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College.
- ◆ Get counsel from your pastor regarding your desire to attend (*Hebrews 13:17*).
- ◆ Completely fill out the Application Form.
- ◆ Provide us with a written statement of your salvation testimony.
- ◆ If not a member of Clarence Valley Baptist Church, your pastor must complete the Pastor's Recommendation provided with the Application Form.
- ◆ Send your application to

Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College
P.O. Box 817 Grafton, NSW 2460

Transfer students are accepted based on the following criteria:

1. All previous college transcripts are found to be satisfactory.
2. A statement of good standing both spiritually and financially from the prior institution is provided.

Attendance

Believing that an education at Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College will prepare students for the ministry, we place a high importance on being in the classroom consistently. The ministry does not need more workers who will answer the call “when they feel like it” or who will ruse up early to pray “if it is convenient”. Consequently, slothful attitudes toward attending classes are not allowed. Each student is allowed a minimum number of absent days, after which, his/her grade is marked down 5% for each unexcused absence. After six class absences, a student will receive an “F” for that class. Tardiness is also unacceptable as punctuality is a Biblical character trait and more than two late arrivals to class without suitable excuse will also be penalized.

Transcript of Records

Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College sends transcripts only to those students who have paid their accounts in full.

Graduation Requirements

The faculty must approve all candidates. The following guidelines have been established to be considered for graduation:

- ◆ Each candidate must have displayed consistent Christian character and conduct. And lived within the spirit as well as the letter of the standards and practices of this college and CVIBC.
- ◆ Each candidate must have satisfactorily completed the required units of his/her course.
- ◆ All financial obligations must be satisfied before a diploma will be awarded.

- ◆ Diploma and Certificates will be granted only to baptised believers whose Christian life and service merit recommendation by the faculty to the Board of Directors.
- ◆ Each 3rd year Diploma graduate will be required to prepare and present and defend their own doctrinal position on all major doctrines of the Bible. The men will do this before both the faculty and the students. The ladies before the faculty. Each diploma graduate will also be required to present a doctrinal thesis on a chosen subject, agreed to by the principal.
- ◆ Each 4th year Graduate Diploma recipient will be required to present an extended doctrinal thesis on a subject agreed to by the principal. This will be a far more extensive thesis than for the 3rd year graduate.

General Guidelines

The purpose of Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College is to glorify God by providing not only an educational environment, but also a spiritual environment for developing servant-leaders in the 21st century. Therefore, while a student is enrolled at Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College, he is required to maintain strong separation from worldliness. Every student must realise that he is a personal representative of the Lord Jesus Christ, Clarence Valley Baptist Church and Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College. Our mission is to teach and to train students to live by the principles of God's Word and to serve in local churches.

Students are expected to abide by the spirit, rules, and standards of Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College.

The following standards of Biblical conduct have been established:

- ◆ **Dedication to God:** an unreserved lifetime commitment to God (*Romans 12:1,2*)
- ◆ **Devotion to others:** an unselfish, sacrificial love for others (*1 Cor 13; Mark 10:44*)
- ◆ **Disciplined Living:** a sustained daily effort to be controlled and directed by the Holy Spirit (*1 Timothy 4:7; 1 Corinthians 9:25-27*)
- ◆ **Dependable Spirit:** doing what I ought to do (*1 Corinthians 4:2; Proverbs 25:19*)

- ◆ **Discerning Mind:** the ability to see people and circumstances as they really are (*Hebrews 5:14; 1 Corinthians 2:14*)
- ◆ **Discreet Lifestyle:** the ability to avoid words, actions and attitudes that are not pleasing to God (*Psalms 112:5; Romans 13:14; Ephesians 4:29-30*)
- ◆ **Discipleship Ministry:** transferring convictions to others (*Matthew 28:19,20; 2 Timothy 2:2*)

General Dress Guidelines

One of our purposes at Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College is to glorify God in our attire and physical appearance. Our aim is to lead students to develop hearts for God and to conform to Christ's character. We must maintain this Christian discipline by always wearing conservative and modest clothing. We believe at Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College that the outside is an indicator of the attitude of the heart (1 Kings 21:27-29; Gen. 41:14).

Some Biblical dress principles by which we should be guided are as follows:

- ◆ Distinction versus Unisex - *Deut 22:5; Jeremiah 34:9; 1 Cor 6:9; 11:14,15; James 4:4*
- ◆ Emulation of godliness versus imitation of worldliness - *1 Cor 4:16; Hebrews 13:7*
- ◆ Sensible versus impractical - *1 Timothy 2:9 "sobriety" means sane, sober, practical.*
- ◆ Smart versus untidy - *1 Timothy 2:9 "modest" means well arranged, orderly.*

Dress code:

To be of modest apparel.

Minimum requirements are to be:

- a. Men - Collared (dress) Shirt (No Golf Shirts, T-Shirts, or Knitted Shirts) and dress trousers (No jeans or similar style trousers). All shirts must be tucked in.
- b. Women - At least knee length skirt or dress and modest top.
- c. Footwear-Dress shoes, No Runners, Thongs, Ugg Boots or Work Boots or anything other than Dress Shoes.

- d. Hair length: For men - neat and clean; no longer than the shirt collar.
- e. All beards and moustaches must be neat and tidy. All male students without a beard or moustache must attend classes and services clean shaven. No five o'clock shadows!
- f. All students must dress up for church. Men must wear a shirt and tie, dress pants and shoes to ALL Sunday Services.

Student Conduct

Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College, as a Christian institution, expects that its students shall not only live lives that are above reproach, but that they shall also exemplify Christian unselfishness and kindness in dealings with faculty and fellow students. Attendance at Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College is a privilege and not a right. If, based on the college's judgment, a student's spiritual response, character, or conduct is considered to be sub-Christian or sufficiently spiritually deficient as to make him unworthy of the privilege of holding a degree from this Christian college, the college retains the right to deny that student further enrolment or to deny him his degree. It is imperative that all conduct be appropriate and above reproach for Christian ladies and gentlemen. It is the desire of Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College to lead students to strike a Biblical balance in their lives by instilling honesty, obedience, respect for others, loyalty, and integrity.

Students by virtue of their enrolment, agree to live within the framework of the college standard of conduct. While some may not have personal convictions in accord with these standards, agreeing to them obligates the student to assume responsibility for honourable adherence to them while under the jurisdiction of the college. It should of course, be understood that any behaviour, either at college or away, which indicates that the student has disregard for the spirit of the school standards, would be sufficient reason to ask them to withdraw from the college.

Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College stands firmly on Biblical, personal holiness. We recognise the need to re-kindle the fire and zeal in each life. Each student is personally responsible for his walk with God. The policies and standards of conduct at Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College are designed to direct students to God's best for their lives. Our standards and rules are not an end in themselves but are another means of fulfilling the purpose of glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ.

As students will be trained to be tomorrow's leaders, the student will be seen as a leader in training and must understand that leadership has its own Biblical implications of influence that sometimes require sacrifice that others are not necessarily called to offer.

If you are not interested in following the godly requirements of Biblical leadership, then Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College is not for you.

Christian Service Requirements

The college offers many opportunities for developing spiritual leadership. Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College emphasises the importance of the local church. This includes the Visitation program. All students must serve in at least one ministry. Your Pastor should be consulted as to which ministry you should serve in.

Discipline

At Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College, we believe that the students' college years should be filled with enjoyment and that these years will become among the most memorable years of their lives. Because the spiritual climate at Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College is Christ-centred, each student can achieve personal discipline in his own life. The goal in the lives of the students is godliness and faithfulness. The student will be directed and instructed in learning and living the principles of God's Word. He will establish daily devotions, a scripture memorization schedule, and an effective prayer life.

Entrance Requirements

1. All applicants must give evidence of a definite Christian conversion and have qualities and character above reproach.
2. All applicants must be high school graduates or have passed their 17th birthday. The level of previous education may be a factor for acceptance as a student at CVBBC but if anyone believes God is leading then to apply, they should.
3. All applicants must be able to sign our Doctrinal Statement. There may be areas of uncertainty, but there should not be disagreement with our stated position.
4. All applicants must sign the form giving the standard of conduct.

Class Attendance

Except in extenuating circumstances the number of class absences per term without penalty is equal to the length of the class. (E.g., a two-hour class allows for two hours off per term). Penalties incurred will be by way of a reduction in grade for the class in question.

Students must attend 80% of class sessions to receive credit for that class.

General Conduct:

- All students will be required to pay \$2.00 a day for Morning & Afternoon tea. I.e., For students who attend one day a week the cost will be \$2.00, for students who attend 2 days a week it will cost \$4.00.
- All male students will be required to wear a tie to **ALL** college services, i.e., Commencement and Graduation, and at any time designated by the faculty.
- All textbooks will need to be paid for prior to the due date on the invoice supplied by the college. No extensions here can be given.
- All students are required to always dress appropriately. Men should dress up for all church services. Men should wear a collared shirt and tie to all Sunday Services and ladies should wear a dress or skirt and top to all Sunday Services.
- All full-time students are required to attend all regular services of their church. That is Sunday School, Morning and Evening Services and Wednesday Night Bible Study. Failure to do so will result in loss of marks and even expulsion from college.

Weekly Lecture Times for 2025

Face to Face classes will meet each Monday and Tuesday and Monday and Tuesday Evenings.

Correspondence Classes either Full-Time or Part-Time will be located online @ www.cvibchurch.wixsite.com/cvbbc - Access Codes will be provided once a student has enrolled.

Courses on Offer for 2025

The Book of Romans	1 Class Hours	2 Credit Hours
A verse-by-verse study of the Book of Romans.		

Hermeneutics	1 Class Hours	1 Credit Hours
To cause the first-year student to mould a clear and definite literal, Pre-millennial view of the Bible because of knowing and apply correct principles of interpretation. This course will also act as a foundation for Homiletics – which is sermon preparation, structure, and delivery.		

Homiletics I	1 Class Hours	1 Credit Hours
To instruct the student on the best method of message presentation and to develop an ability to speak publicly in a way that is interesting. To instruct the student on the art of expository Preaching.		

Homiletics II	1 Class Hours	1 Credit Hours
To continue the instruction of the student on the best method of message presentation and to develop an ability to speak publicly in a way that is interesting. This course is designed to help the student develop the art of expository Preaching. Helping students to present messages with a few notes as possible.		

Survey of Bible Doctrine I	1 Class Hours	2 Credit Hours
A summary of the major Bible doctrines which lay the foundation for fundamentals of the faith.		

Survey of Bible Doctrine II	1 Class Hours	2 Credit Hours
A summary of the major Bible doctrines which lay the foundation for fundamentals of the faith.		

Survey of Bible Doctrine III	1 Class Hours	2 Credit Hours
A summary of the major Bible doctrines which lay the foundation for fundamentals of the faith.		

Systematic Theology I: 2 Class Hours 4 Credit Hours

4 Credit Hours

A comprehensive and systematic study of the following subjects to enable the student to gain a general foundation of Bible truth in preparation for future ministry. This year we will be studying – Bibliology (The Doctrine of the Scriptures) and Theology Proper I and II (The Doctrine of God).

Systematic Theology II: 2 Class Hours 4 Credit Hours

4 Credit Hours

A comprehensive and systematic study of the following subjects to enable the student to gain a general foundation of Bible truth in preparation for future ministry. This year we will be studying - Christology (The Doctrine of Christ) and Soteriology (The Doctrine of Salvation).

Systematic Theology III: 2 Class Hours 4 Credit Hours

4 Credit Hours

A comprehensive and systematic study of the following subjects to enable the student to gain a general foundation of Bible truth in preparation for future ministry. This year we will be studying – Anthropology (The Doctrine of the Man), Hamartiology (The Doctrine of Sin) and Pneumatology (The Doctrine of The Holy Spirit).

Adding to Your Faith	1 Class Hours	2 Credit Hours
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2 Credit Hours

This subject is designed to present a Biblical study of the Principles of Spiritual Growth. This course is based on II Peter 1.3-8.

The Book of Acts **2 Class Hours** **4 Credit Hours**

4 Credit Hours

A verse-by-verse study of the Book of Acts.

The Book of Romans **2 Class Hours** **4 Credit Hours**

4 Credit Hours

A verse-by-verse study of the Book of Romans.

The Life of Christ	1 Class Hours	2 Credit Hours
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2 Credit Hours

This course takes the student on a journey through the Gospel of John. Featuring maps, photographs, and recreations of biblical landmarks, this study examines the ministry of God's Son within Israel's historical and geographical context. This one-year, 35-lesson course dives deep into the Gospel of John. Students will explore the life and work of Jesus within 1st century Israel, comparing His teaching to the political and religious movements of this time. As students learn about the beliefs and culture of Jesus' original audience, they will better appreciate the Messiah who offers grace to all.

Christian Education	1 Class Hours	2 Credit Hours
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2 Credit Hours

This course is designed to establish a Biblical philosophy of education. To show the vanity of education without God and His Word. To help each student to develop a personal philosophy of Christian Education. To help each student in understanding each pupils need and developing lessons to meet each age group's needs. To give each student some Techniques for teaching others.

The Grading System

Units of Credit:

1. A unit of credit is the credit given for each 50-minute period of instruction throughout the semester. For example, a class which meets for three periods weekly normally gives the student three units of credit.
2. Therefore, for a Christian Worker's Certificate will require 32 credits.
3. A Diploma in Biblical Studies and Theology (3 years full-time) will require 96 credits.

Student's grades are computed from a composite of factors, including Attitude, Attendance, Assignments and Academic Achievement.

The grading scale for each subject is as follows:

94% to 100%	A /High Distinction
87% to 93%	B /Distinction
79% to 86%	C/ Credit
70% to 78%	D /Pass
Below 70%	F / Fail
Incomplete	I
	W / Withdraw

The grading scale for each Honours is as follows:

High Honours	3.75 grade point Average
Honours	3.50 grade point Average
Low Honours	3.25 grade point Average

An Accumulative Grade Point Average of 2.00 is required for graduation.

For External Students - All Assignments/Exams/Completed Course notes are to be sent to: -

**The Administrator
Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College
PO Box 817
Grafton NSW 2460
AUSTRALIA**

Faxed material is not always legible but will be accepted as confirmation that the due date was met. However, the original must be sent by mail to the Administrator within one week of the fax and it must be identical to the faxed document.

Graded course work and assignments will be returned along with a grade transcript. This transcript will include grades from all completed classes to date, showing student's status in relation to three-year curriculum. All grades become final six weeks after grades are published. Appeals within the six-week period should be addressed to the principal.



Tuition Fees

Internal Students

All tuition includes the cost of study guides, workbooks, and handouts for students. Any textbooks required or recommended would be an additional cost to the student.

For all “**Internal students only:**” Any husband attending the college may have his wife attend free of charge.

The yearly fee for full time study is \$2,600.00 or \$1300.00 per semester + \$200.00 Annual Internet Access Fee, a total of \$2,800.00 annually.

A discounted fee is available to students who pay **ALL** their tuition fee before the first lecture of the year. The discounted fee is \$2,200.00 + \$200.00 for Internet Access, a total discount fee of \$2,400.00 annually. There will also be a one-off graduation fee of \$100.00 for all graduates.

A fee of \$100 per subject, per semester is required for individual subjects.

If at the beginning of a New Year, a student still has not paid for his last year’s tuition, that student will not be allowed to begin the New Year’s work until outstanding fees are paid.

External/Correspondence Students

Tuition costs for External Students includes the cost of the student notes and postage for sending the course and notes and any correspondence such as returning assignments.

Each 32-credit hour year will cost \$2,200.00.

A discounted fee is available to external students who pay their tuition fee before February in the year of study. The discounted fee is \$2,000.00.

A fee of \$100.00 per subject per semester is required for individual subjects.

Fees must be paid prior to the exam week at the end of each semester. Failure to pay will result in students not taking exams and failing their course of study.

“Labour not to be rich: cease from thine own wisdom. Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an Eagle toward heaven”.

(Proverbs 23: 5)

Courses of Study

- A.** Students can attend on five bases:
- a. Full-time: This requires attending all lectures set for the prescribed courses for each year.
 - b. Part-time: This requires earning enough credit for each prescribed course. E.g. a one-year full-time course could be completed over three years.
 - c. Audit: this allows people to attend any subject within a course for their personal assistance but without having to adhere to assessment requirements.
 - d. Correspondence: This allows those students who cannot attend the campus as full-time students to take some or all the courses via the internet.
 - e. Extension Studies: These are classes conducted away from the campus by other pastor's but allows students to gain credit for the work undertaken.
- B.** Students can achieve the following types of qualifications:

Certificate of Bible

Christian Workers Diploma

Graduate Diploma in Biblical Studies and Theology

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Post Graduate Diploma In

Biblical Studies and Theology.

Grad dip.th.

Post Graduate "Ministerial" Diploma.

Grad dip.min

Distance Education Program – [CORRESPONDENCE COURSE]

Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College realises that not everyone will be able to attend an on-campus course. CVBBC will be offering The Distance Education Program. This makes it possible for the student to study at home, in their local church, working around the student's own personal schedule.

The study materials, which will be available on the College Website, are designed to help the student successfully complete the courses externally.

External studies are recorded each year allowing students to receive updated courses. This allows us to keep up to date with the latest recording technologies, offering you the most up-to-date recorded material.

The Distance Education courses are offered on an institute (non-credit) or college (full credit) basis, with all practical courses being conducted in the student's local Church.

This is a course designed to train workers for service in the local church, who are unable to attend college as a Student at Grafton.

To ensure the integrity of our college and its courses.

Correspondence courses are given on the College Website as well as written notes. The student must watch the lecture of each lecture and follow along with the notes.

Each correspondence student will complete all weekly assignments and return via mail or email each week the work set by the lecturer.

We believe that our students should be accountable to their Pastor or someone who we can place our confidence.

That each correspondence student should have placed on them the same expectations as the students who attend college here. These expectations are listed in this prospectus.

To apply simply fill in the normal application form and note on its Correspondence Course.

Fees will be the same as that for Full-time students.



Post graduate Diploma of Biblical Ministry
Ministerial Studies
Four-year course

When we established our college, we did so to primarily *“Train men for the ministry.”* We have always realised that the training of our graduates does not end with their graduation. We have always acknowledged that there is a need to take those men who believe that God has called them to so called *“Full time ministry”* and finish their training by helping equip them for that ministry. We have always realised that our responsibility is primarily to graduates who have come from our own ranks, for ideally those who come from another church to college will return to that church to finish their training. We however realise that this is not always possible and so where it is not, we have a responsibility to any graduate who believes God has called him to further fulltime service and has proven to be faithful while in college.

We as a Church and College have established a **One Year** Post Graduate course (program) for those graduates who believe God has called them to fulltime service.

Admittance into the post-graduate program will be for Graduates of Clarence Valley Baptist Bible College only.

Admittance into the post-graduate course will only be for those graduates who are called to be pastors, evangelists, or missionaries.

Admittance into the post-graduate program will be by ‘**Application**’ only and **ALL** Graduates are welcome to apply.

Upon receipt of an application the applicant will be interviewed by the diaconate to ensure the applicant understands the requirements of the program.

This course will be called **“Ministerial Class”** and will entail the following elements:

1. **Graduates** will be required to Attend the **“Ministerial Program”** class at college (approximately 2 hours a week), to learn about the internal workings of a church. I.e., Church Bulletins, church finances, how to conduct a funeral/wedding, etc.
2. **Permission** will be given to attend certain Deacon’s meetings but without the right to vote or influence decisions. (Graduates will be required to comply with all standard restrictions and expectations placed on deacons.)
3. **Ministerial Class Graduates** will have opportunity to be involved in other organisational matters of the church.

4. **Ministerial Class Graduates** will be given opportunity to assist in the setting up and running of certain church activities.
5. **Ministerial Class Graduates** will be required to be involved in the visitation of the church and to undertake the menial tasks of the church – i.e., church set up etc. to learn all aspects of ministry.
6. **They will be used in services** - song leading and preaching etc.
7. **They will be the first choice** when we are asked to supply preachers for other churches.

It is intended that this course be a “hands on” course that will benefit the church as well as helping equip these men for the ministry.

To be admitted into the “**Ministerial Program**” graduates must have proven themselves to be faithful in line with the principles laid down in:

Luke 16.10 “He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.”

For - **II Tim 2.2 “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to FAITHFUL MEN who shall be able to teach others also.”**

- I. **Postgraduate “Ministerial Program”** applicants must have demonstrated the qualities and qualifications laid down in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1 (The qualifications of Pastor’s and Deacons.)
- II. **Post Graduate** students who have been accepted into the “**Ministerial**” program will be required to comply with all behaviour, expectations, and dress standards that any Pastor in Training, Assistant Pastor or Pastor is required to comply with. These men are training for the ministry where these things will be required.
- III. **Post Graduate** applicants must realise that this position is **NOT A RIGHT**, but a privilege bestowed upon them by the church and the college and can be withdrawn at any time. Any failure to comply **with any** of the standards laid down by the college/church will be grounds for removal from the program. Accountability must accompany responsibility.
- IV. **Postgraduates’** students must also understand that we are under no obligation to offer such a program to any or all graduates and that the church can reject any graduate if they believe they do not qualify. The post-graduate program is all about assisting in finishing the training of future church leaders at home and for other ministries around the world. Therefore, only those graduates who are called to the ministry should consider applying for this program.

2025 Full-Time - Application Form

1. Personal Information

Mr. Mrs. Miss. _____
First Name Middle Surname

Home Address: _____
Street Name City State Postcode

Phone No: _____ Email: _____

2. Enrolment:

At CVBBC do you intend study?

- A. Full-Time \$1300.00 per semester - \$2600.00 annually [\$2400 for early payment] plus Internet Access Fee \$200.00 [\$2800.00 or \$2600.00 total]
- B. Part-Time (See Below) What courses do you intend to take?

- C. Post Graduate Church Administration Course – \$100.00 per semester.

3. **Fees:** \$100.00 per course per semester. My fees are therefore \$

4. Practical Information.

Students because of their enrolment, agree to live within the framework of the school's standards. Agreeing to them obligates the student to assume responsibility for the honourable adherence to them while under the jurisdiction of the college, it should of course, be understood that any behaviour, either on campus or away, which indicates that a student has disregard for the spirit of the school standards, would be sufficient reason to ask them to withdraw from the school.

5. Doctrinal Statement.

Please read the doctrinal statement in this prospectus before you sign below and only sign if you agree the doctrinal position of the College as stated.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

6. Pastoral Recommendation.

Pastoral Signature: _____ Phone Number: _____

2025 Part-Time - Application Form

1. Personal Information

Mr. Mrs. Miss. _____
First Name Middle Surname

Home Address: _____
Street Name City State Postcode

Phone No: _____ Email: _____

2. Enrolment:

a. Systematic Theology IV ☐

b. Romans ☐

3. Fees: \$150.00 per course per semester. My fees are therefore \$

4. Practical Information.

Students because of their enrolment, agree to live within the framework of the school's standards. Agreeing to them obligates the student to assume responsibility for the honourable adherence to them while under the jurisdiction of the college, it should of course, be understood that any behaviour, either on campus or away, which indicates that a student has disregard for the spirit of the school standards, would be sufficient reason to ask them to withdraw from the school.

5. Doctrinal Statement.

Please read the doctrinal statement in this prospectus before you sign below and only sign if you agree the doctrinal position of the College as stated.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

6. Pastoral Recommendation.

Pastoral Signature: _____ Phone Number: _____

**2025 Ministerial Post-Graduate Course
Application Form**

1. Personal Information

Mr, Mrs, Miss _____

First Name

Middle

Surname

Home Address: _____

Street Name

City

State

Postcode

Phone No: _____ Email: _____

2. Enrolment: At CVBBC do you intend study:

- a. Post Graduate Ministerial Course – \$150.00 per semester.
- b. Do you plan to take other courses in 2023 _____ (Y or N)?

3. Fees: \$150.00 per course per semester. My fees are therefore \$ _____

4. Practical Information.

Graduates because of their enrolment, agree to live within the framework of the school's standards. Agreeing to them obligates the graduate to assume responsibility for the honourable adherence to them while under the jurisdiction of the college, it should of course, be understood that any behaviour, either on campus or away, which indicates that a student has disregard for the spirit of the school standards, would be sufficient reason to ask them to withdraw from the school.

5. Doctrinal Statement.

Please read the doctrinal statement in this prospectus before you sign below and only sign if you agree the doctrinal position of the College as stated.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

6. Principal Signature: _____ **Date:** _____