



## **Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary**

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### **ACCREDITATION - TRANSFER OF CREDITS - PURPOSE**

This document is to help Administrators and students better understand "accreditation," "transfer of credits," and "our purpose."

#### **ACCREDITATION**

Webster's Dictionary defines it as: to give trust or confidence to; to vouch for; to recommend; to furnish with credentials, as an envoy or ambassador. An accreditation commission is like a "watchman on the wall." The main purpose of accreditation is quality assurance. It assures the student that he/she will receive good quality material, grades and records of the courses taken, and a certificate, diploma, or degree upon completion of the program in which they are enrolled. Every accreditation group is not the same.

There are different accrediting groups, focused in different areas of accreditation. Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary is accredited with the National Bible College Association, which exist to help the religious world to obtain accreditation that is not government affiliated. The National Bible College Association sees that quality cannot be finally judged by the size of the student body, the size of the buildings or rich financial endowments. Students must receive education in a proper climate to receive the quality education they need.

National Bible College Association is an international accrediting Commission, which holds as its primary objective the encouragement, and maintenance of sound scholarship and the highest academic achievement in the areas of private education. Quality education is the goal at all times. This is an international accreditation society for preparation of quality education in private schools, colleges, and theological seminaries. This Commission is a General Not For Profit Corporation.

## OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL BIBLE COLLEGE ASSOCIATION

### ACCREDITATION PURPOSE

*This form is to be read, initialed, and signed by all prospective students upon application to the college, including the next page.*

1. To stimulate excellence at reasonable cost.
2. To assure the public that, particular institutions, who have been approved for membership offer programs that meet national and international standards.
3. To protect institutions against encroachments.
4. To encourage non-traditional learning, such as the extended campus concept, yet to insist on quality.
5. To recognize external degree programs, but to constantly search for new definitions of quality.

**As a member of this Agency, Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary must follow certain criteria's.**

A few examples of such are:

1. We must follow a standard of excellence.
2. Students must be evaluated upon admission to school.
3. We must have a fair grading policy.
4. We do not guarantee job placement
5. We must assure that courses, curriculum and instruction are of good quality.
6. Our students must have a high school diploma or its equivalent to enter degree college work.
7. Students must have a Bachelor degree to enter graduate school.
8. We must encourage students to work toward a quality education.
9. We must obey state and federal laws.
10. We must be registered in the state with the Post-Secondary Commission. Some states grant religious exemption, and allow Bible colleges to grant Degrees. Other states allow only certificate and diplomas

### **Transfer of Credits:**

**Secondly**, we would like to explain the "transfer of credits. Webster's Dictionary defines "transfer" as: .to move from one place to another; to transport; to remove; to pass an impression from one surface to another, as in lithography, photography, etc.; to convey, as property, legally to another.

Concerning the transfer of credits: A student who has studied nursing in college and who has taken all of the courses could not transfer their credits to a college that does not offer nursing. They could transfer some for electives if a college chooses to accept any of those credits. Colleges are not required to accept credits from another college who does not offer the same course of study. You could not go to Bible School and decide to transfer to a liberal arts college to study History and receive any credits transfer. The credits will not transfer to the liberal arts college because they do not have a Bible program.

Every college can accept or reject courses from other colleges. Major colleges do not like to accept credits from schools they consider inferior to their school. Many Bible colleges do not readily accept transfer of credits from other Bible colleges due to denominational and traditional differences. We accept credits from other colleges if the grade is a "C" or above, and if the credits meet the criteria for the Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary required and elective courses. That is why we evaluate students.

We make no guarantee of transfer of credits outside of the National Bible College Association memberships.

This does not mean that other colleges will not accept credits from us. Every college evaluates each student on an individual basis.

### **Our Purpose:**

**Thirdly**, we want to address "Purpose," in the context of why a student wishes to enroll in Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary. Students must decide their purpose in wanting to enroll with us.

*"And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do." Exodus 18:20 - NKJV*

Our commission is to teach the ordinances and laws of God so that God's people can clearly see the way they should live and the work they must do to build the Kingdom of God. The student's spiritual growth is the most important focus of our college/seminary programs. Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary has not been designed to provide jobs for the graduates, students, or teachers. It is designed for students to learn. Education is not just for consuming. It is a tool to be used to benefit the Kingdom of God.

The New Testament declares, *"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2: 15- NKJV).*

Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary was established to equip men and women for the work of the ministry. Although we expect that you will see personal spiritual development and growth while you are at Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary, our goal is to provide you the tools with which you can reach out to meet the needs of others. You will receive from your training from us exactly what you put into it. If you apply yourself diligently to your studies and to your personal development, you will leave Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary ready to stand in the ministry to which God has called you. It will be wise for you to heed the words written to believers in Galatians 6:7-8, *"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption, but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting."*

**Funding:**

Each student is responsible for their own school funding. We are not federally nor state funded. We do not receive government grants of any kind. Another question asked pertains to employers paying for schooling. There again it is on an individual basis. Some employers will pay for the schooling if they feel it will benefit their company or help the employee perform their job. If an employer does pay for schooling, the payment is made directly to the student. It is the responsibility of the student to pay their school bill, no matter what their employer pays for. Students should not enroll with Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary based upon hope of payment from a source other than themselves. \_\_\_\_\_(initial)

**Job Market**

Job placement should not be the reason a student enrolls with us. We do not guarantee job placement. No jobs are guaranteed! We do not have a placement service! \_\_\_\_\_(initial)

We want each student to carefully consider what their purpose is when they enroll with Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary. Your focus and purpose should be a desire to receive knowledge, understanding, and wisdom in the Word of God. In addition to this, your purpose should be to fulfill the call that God has placed upon your life.

We are strictly a Bible based, Theological Seminary. \_\_\_\_\_(initial)

Sign to indicate that you have read and understand the Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary Accreditation, Transfer of Credits, and Purpose.

Student name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Electronic Signature Agreement.** By signing your name, you are signing this Agreement electronically. You agree your electronic signature is the legal equivalent of your manual signature on this Agreement. By signing you consent to be legally bound by this Agreement's terms and conditions. You also agree that no certification authority or other third party verification is necessary to validate your E-Signature and that the lack of such certification or third party verification will not in any way affect the enforceability of your E- Signature or any resulting contract between you and Sound Doctrine International Bible Seminary.

