

1: About Master's College and Seminary

1.1: General Description

Located in Toronto, one of the most culturally diverse cities in the world, Master's College and Seminary is committed to the preparation of credentialed ministers and the training of laypeople for the Western Ontario, Eastern Ontario, Quebec and Maritimes Districts of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada. In providing this theological and biblical training, within a practical context, Master's is committed to the distinctive priorities of Pentecostal doctrines, experience and practice. The following streams assist Master's in accomplishing this mandate:

○ Master's Bible College

The focus of Master's Bible College is to prepare and equip students for vocational ministry in Canada and around the world as pastors, missionaries, and ministry leaders. With its emphasis on ministry formation, the College seeks to integrate personal spiritual growth, theological reflection, and practical ministry skills in the lives of students as they prepare for leadership in Christ's Church. The degrees, diplomas, and certificate programs of the College include courses in Biblical and theological studies, practical ministry skill development, and general studies. Vital to the training provided by the College is the cultivation of a mentoring environment where both faculty and pastors in active ministry speak into lives of students. The College offers live courses at the Main Campus and at extension sites in local churches across Eastern Canada. The College program is also supported by "state of the art" online course instruction, making ministry training accessible to students already active in a ministry setting and/or involved in their local communities. Graduates from Master's fulfill the credentialing requirements for ministry in the churches of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador.

○ Master's Intercultural Bible College

In order to make Master's College and Seminary culturally relevant, there has to be an educational model that attempts to train Pentecostal leaders who will be able to minister to the several cultural communities especially in Toronto, the most multi-cultural city in the world. Master's Intercultural Bible College (MIBC) affirms the various cultural groups that constitute the Canadian Mosaic. Pentecost in the 21st century is a global phenomenon and Canada has become the home of several growing church groups from almost every country in the world. They generate leaders who have the call of God and are keen to be trained in effective Pentecostal ministry within a Canadian context. The college equips those who are ministering or intend to minister to Canada's people groups whose first language is not English. The streams presently functioning are First Nations, Spanish, Tamil, Deaf (ASL) Korean, Chinese, Filipino, and Arabic. The college intends to extend such training to other people groups, if and when the need arises. Some of the graduates are now pastoring thriving cultural churches in GTA, some giving leadership to several areas of ministry in churches and some even involved in missions in turbulent parts of the world. MIBC's Certificate program is accredited, contextualized and relevant in content, delivery and application to the various cultural communities. MIBC is founded on the conviction that Christ of the Campus will become Christ of the Nations.

○ Master's Seminary

Master's Pentecostal Seminary (MPS), formerly Canadian Pentecostal Seminary, was established in 1996, with one primary objective: to train graduates for ministry in a pentecostal context. MPS is a church-based program, which is located in Agincourt Pentecostal Church in Toronto. The dean, Dr. Van Johnson, is on the pastoral staff there. MPS is partnered with Tyndale Seminary in North York, which means that all courses offered by MPS are accredited through Tyndale. Our signature degree program is the *MTS in Pentecostal Studies*. Launched in 2002, this program provides an intensive look at Pentecostalism within a framework of evangelical studies.

1.2: Mission Statement

- Our mission is to develop Pentecostal Leaders for effective ministry.

1.3 Vision Statement

- Our vision is to fulfill the Great Commission through the creation of a learning community that prepares and equips leaders for Pentecostal ministry through a process of spiritual and ministry formation that integrates growth in character, the fostering of a servant mindset, the cultivation of theological reflection on life, ministry, and culture, and training in practical ministry and leadership skills.

1.4: Core Values

Our approach to learning is characterized by theological education and ministry training that is:

- **Formational:** Learning at Master's will encourage the development of Christ-like character and spiritual, theological, and practical formation through an integrated program of mentoring, ministry, and participation in Christian community.
- **Biblical:** Learning at Master's will be based on sound and thorough Biblical Studies as foundational to the formation of a integrated worldview, to personal spiritual growth, to healthy theological reflection, and application of Biblical principles and paradigms to life and ministry.
- **Practical:** Learning at Master's will equip students with practical skills essential to leadership and ministry in the church and in the world.
- **Missional:** Learning at Master's will prepare students to carry out the Great Commission through culturally-relevant mission and ministry in the Canadian and global contexts.
- **Pentecostal:** Learning at Master's will seek to establish a Biblical and theological foundation for Pentecostal identity and ministry and nurture vibrant Pentecostal spirituality and practice.

1.5: Institutional Goals

- To help the student become knowledgeable in the Bible, God's inerrant Word, the infallible rule for personal and corporate faith and conduct, and competent in its interpretation, proclamation, and application.
- To help the student understand the biblical foundation of historical development of Christian doctrine and practice as a basis for contemporary holy living.
- To help the student clarify the call of God as he/she seeks God's will for life and ministry, to provide him/her with a knowledge of the ministries within the PAOC and the community in general, and to equip the student with the necessary skills to function within these ministries.
- To help the student apply a Christian worldview to disciplines relating to human thought and behaviour, and value the biblical ethic as always superior to other religious and secular humanistic ethics, thereby motivating the student toward holiness.
- To help the student understand the biblical basis and historical development of our Pentecostal

heritage, distinctives, and mission, emphasizing the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit, and cultivate an attitude and practice of loyalty under God to the PAOC.

1.6: Statement of Faith

We believe the Holy Scripture to be the divinely inbreathed, infallible, inerrant and authoritative Word of God. We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in the persons of the Holy Trinity. We believe in the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, His unqualified deity, His sinless humanity, and perfect life, the eternal all-sufficiency of His atoning death, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the Father's right hand, and His personal coming again at His second advent. We believe that justification is a judicial act of God on the believer's behalf, solely on the merits of Christ and that regeneration by the power of the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation. We believe in holy living, the present day reality of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and the Lord's supernatural healing of the body. We believe in ordinances of Christian baptism by immersion for believers, and the Lord's Supper. We believe in the eternal blessedness of the redeemed in heaven and the eternal doom of the unregenerate in the lake of fire.

1.7: History

Sensing a great need to train Pentecostal ministers, the 1925 General Conference of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada authorized the establishment of a national Bible College. This college, which was named the Canadian Pentecostal Bible School, was located in Winnipeg and Dr. J.E. Purdie, a former Anglican minister, was the first principal. In 1930 this school was relocated to Toronto but it closed its doors in 1932 in the midst of the Great Depression. Throughout the 1930s there was a growing sense among pastors in Ontario for the establishment of a Bible College to serve Eastern Canada. During the 1938 General Conference of the PAOC, a motion was passed to create a Bible College in Toronto. A year later in the Fall of 1939, Ontario Bible College accepted its first forty-five students. These students found nearby living accommodations and used the street car to commute to their classes, which were held in the basement of Bethel Pentecostal Church (later renamed Danforth Pentecostal Church). The first principal of the new College was James Swanson, who was also the pastor of Bethel. Under the direction of C.B. Smith, who was principal from 1940 to 1944, the College changed its name to Ontario Pentecostal Bible School and it also came under the jurisdiction of the Districts of Western Ontario and Eastern Ontario and Quebec. With increasing enrollments during the seven year tenure of the next principal, Tom Johnstone, the College moved to more spacious accommodations at Evangel Temple. When the Maritime District of the PAOC and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador began to officially support the College, it was renamed Eastern Pentecostal Bible College in 1949 to more accurately reflect the constituencies that supported it.

With continual growth and little room to expand, the Board of Directors authorized the purchase of Nicholls Hospital in Peterborough and relocated the College to Peterborough in 1951, where it became a residential college. During the next half century, the College experienced phenomenal growth with students coming, not only from eastern Canada but from many countries around the world. In the mid-1980s Eastern, as it was commonly referred to, added degree programs alongside the ministerial diploma program and it also became accredited by the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges, now known as the Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE).

In Spring 2000 the district conferences of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada in Western Ontario, Eastern Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritimes, along with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador determined that the time was right to bring Eastern Pentecostal Bible College together with Canadian Pentecostal Seminary East (which had been formed in 1996 in cooperation with Tyndale Seminary), expand training options to those whose first language was not English, create a discipleship school based on The Master's Commission, and create a campus in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). Master's College and Seminary was selected as the new name for this

institution. Then in June 2003 Master's College and Seminary relocated from Peterborough to a new campus in Toronto at Yonge and Lawrence. This campus serves as the hub for the network of theological education and pastoral training that spans Eastern Canada, including seminary courses that are taught in conjunction with Tyndale Seminary as well as undergraduate courses that are taught face to face, online and in local churches throughout Eastern Canada. In Fall 2008 Master's relocated to 282 Cummer Avenue. Classes, as well as chapel and an array of student activities, are held at Willowdale Pentecostal Church, which is located next to the administrative office.

1.8: Accreditation and Affiliation

Master's College and Seminary is approved by The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada (PAOC) and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Newfoundland and Labrador (PAONL) for the training of candidates for Christian ministry. It has been accredited with the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE) since 1989. ABHE is accredited by CHEA (Council for Higher Education Accreditation) and the United States Department of Education. Master's is also chartered by the government of Ontario to offer programs of ministerial training and to grant appropriate undergraduate degrees.

Individuals who have concerns that Master's is not meeting standards for accreditation may contact the Association for Biblical Higher Education, 5575 S. Semoran Blvd., Suite 26, Orlando, FL 32822-1781, telephone (407) 207-0808, e-mail info@abhe.org

Successfully completed studies at Master's are recognized in full by colleges accredited by the ABHE and students completing baccalaureate degrees are accepted in graduate programs at seminaries. A number of Canadian universities grant transfer of credit to their baccalaureate programs. For additional information regarding graduate/seminary studies or the transferability of credits, please contact the Registrar's Office.

1.9: Important Notice

Master's College and Seminary reserves the right to make changes to this Calendar, in its printed or electronic form, without any prior notice. At the time of publication the information presented in this Calendar was believed to be accurate. Any policies established by the Board of Governors, Lead Team and the Faculty Council shall take precedence over any material contained in this Calendar

Master's also reserves the right to modify or cancel any course offerings or programs. If programs are modified or cancelled, Master's will attempt to enable students who are registered in the affected programs to complete their graduation requirements. Not all courses listed in this Calendar will be available each year. Check the website or the Registrar's Office for a listing of courses, which will be offered each semester.

Although advice is available, students hold the responsibility to ensure that they are fully aware of their program requirements and that they fulfill all of the graduation requirements of the program in which they are enrolled.

By virtue of registering for courses, students agree to abide by the regulations and policies of Master's College and Seminary that are in effect at the time of their registration.