

Articulation Agreement between Trinity Bible College & Graduate School and Faith Bible College International (Charleston, ME)

Introduction: This articulation agreement formally recognizes that Trinity Bible College & Graduate School (hereinafter TBCGS) and Faith Bible College International, Charleston, ME, (hereinafter FBCI) are educational institutions that agree to work together to provide educational opportunities for the students of their institutions.

Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to establish the conditions under which TBCGS will make their Master of Arts, both 48-credit and 36-credit, degree programs available to FBCI graduates.

Motivating Principles and Values: TBCGS and FBCI agree to the following principles:

- Students are well served by the partnership and the high-quality programs offered through this agreement.
- This partnership serves the educational needs of the region by providing graduates of high quality.
- The partnership provides the ability to deliver a high-quality program of study to students in a convenient, timely, and cost-effective manner.

Accreditation: TBCGS is accredited by the Association of Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). TBCGS also currently has associate-level accreditation with the Association of Theological Schools (ATS).

Longevity of Agreement: This agreement will be in effect for four (4) years, starting August 1, 2025. At the end of the four (4) years (August 1, 2029) students who have begun the program and are in the process of completion will be allowed to finish (within a two-year timeline).

Amendments to the Agreement: Mutually agreed upon amendments to this agreement may be approved by those who sign this agreement or their successors. The agreement may be terminated at any time through joint action of the two presidents with adequate provision for currently enrolled students.

Terms of the Agreement:

- Graduates of FBCI who have earned a baccalaureate and/or graduate degree from FBCI can be considered for admission into the TBCGS M.A. Bible and Theology (MABT); M.A. Community and Healthcare Chaplaincy (MACH); M.A. Global Theology (MAGT); M.A. Missional Leadership (MAML); or M.A. Rural Ministries (MARM) through the Alternative Pathway.
- If an FBCI graduate is accepted into the graduate school at Trinity, he or she will be eligible for the 20% credentialed minister tuition waiver, based on their status as an FBCI graduate.
- Trinity Bible College and Graduate School will:
 - a. Accept FBCI graduates' and/or students' transcripts at face value.
 - b. Encourage FBCI students and graduates to attend course(s) on campus at TBCGS during the August sessions.

Graduation Requirements: Graduates of FBCI who complete the MA program will graduate from TBCGS with an MA degree.

Admission: FBCI graduates taking TBCGS course(s) must apply and be accepted for admission to TBCGS.

Financial Arrangements: FBCI graduates will be eligible for the 20% credentialed ministers' tuition waiver based on their status as an FBCI graduate. FBCI graduates may qualify for other financial assistance as well:

- Spouse Match Tuition Waiver: the non-ministerial credential spouse of a credentialed minister is eligible for the same level of waiver as the credentialed spouse.
- Trinity Alumni Waiver: Trinity alumni (graduates or attendees) are eligible for a 5% tuition waiver for graduate school programs.
- Missionary Waiver: foreign, and in certain cases US-based, missionaries are eligible for a 30% to 50% tuition waiver, based on need, for graduate school programs.
- American graduates from FBCI may be eligible to apply for federal aid. Please go to studentaid.gov for more information.

Finances:

Students enrolled with TBCGS's graduate program will have all aspects of their billing administered by TBCGS's Office of Student Accounts. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Processing of applications, determination of eligibility, awarding, and disbursement of funds;
- Assessment and enforcement of satisfactory academic progress standards;
- Calculation and distribution of refunds;
- Notifying changes in enrollment status to lenders under the Federal Family Educational Loan Program and other regulatory bodies (IPEDS, National Student Clearinghouse, etc).

SIGNATURES:



Dr. Paul Alexander, President, Trinity Bible College & Graduate School 22 May 2025
Date



Dr. Carol Alexander, Dean of Graduate School 22 May 2025
Date



Rev. Michael French, Dean of Academic Affairs 26 May 2025
Faith Bible College International Date