

Accreditation

Frequently Asked Questions

Is EBC accredited?

No, Eternity Bible College is not currently accredited, but EBC is currently pursuing accreditation.

Which accreditation agency is EBC using?

EBC is pursuing accreditation through the Association for Biblical Higher Education (5575 S. Semoran Blvd., Ste. 26, Orlando, FL 32822-1781.; (407)207-0808). ABHE is a North American agency that is an officially recognized “national accrediting association” by the U.S. Department of Education and is an officially recognized “faith-based” accrediting agency by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.* For more information about ABHE visit their website at www.abhe.org. We chose ABHE because we believe they provide the best option for helping us to maintain high academic standards while also sharing our Christian faith.

*This information is taken from www.abhe.org.

Where is EBC in the accreditation process?

Eternity Bible College holds applicant status with the [Association for Biblical Higher Education](#). Applicant status is a pre-membership status granted to those institutions that meet the ABHE Conditions of Eligibility and that possess such qualities as may provide a basis for achieving candidate status within four years.

What are the four biggest concerns to overcome as a student attending an unaccredited college?

The four biggest concerns to overcome are admission into Graduate School, transferring units, financial aid and international student admission. See the following questions below for detailed information on each of these four concerns.

Will I be able to go to Graduate School if I have a Bachelor degree from EBC?

When it comes to decisions made by other schools, it is important to recognize that these types of decisions are completely up to the registrar of the other school, so EBC cannot promise anything. To this point we have had 4 graduates accepted to The Master's Seminary. We have also had one student admitted to Liberty University and one to the Bethlehem Seminary.

We also work to build relationships with any graduate school that a student is interested in, and provide any information that a Graduate School may need to be able to accurately assess a graduate of EBC.

If I come to EBC and take some classes then decide to transfer to another college, would the units transfer?

This is the most difficult question for us to overcome. In most cases, schools are more reluctant to accept transfer units from an unaccredited institution than they are to accept a graduate of an unaccredited institution into a graduate program. This is understandable because they are actually exempting students from part of their program (that is not the case if they are coming into a graduate program). To this point we have not had a lot of success with transferring units, but at the same time we haven't had many students attempt it.

We do have a credit transfer agreement with Northwestern College in Minneapolis, MN and Prairie Bible College in Canada.

Does EBC accept financial aid through FAFSA, student loans or a GI Bill?

Until our accreditation status changes EBC is not eligible for financial aid through FAFSA, student loans or eligible to receive the GI Bill. However, our tuition is very low and is heavily subsidized which makes our tuition affordable. For the tuition and fees of EBC go to:
<http://www.eternitybiblecollege.com/future/tuition.html>.

Can EBC take International Students?

Currently EBC is not able to accept international students, once we reach accreditation we plan to begin the process of applying for the ability to accept international students and grant student visas.

Will my degree be “grandfathered” after EBC is accredited?

The concept of “grandfathering” a degree does not apply since accreditation applies to the school and not to a degree. If a student graduates from EBC prior to accreditation, they will graduate from an unaccredited institution. If they graduate after accreditation they will graduate from an accredited institution.

What happens if EBC gets accredited while I am still in school?

If a student is applying for another school, the registrar will ask or look to see if the school is accredited. If it is accredited at that time, then the conversation will usually end there. Sometimes they may look further to see the actual date of accreditation and compare that date to when the student was taking classes. However, since accreditation is a long process that requires continual improvement rather than just meeting a set of requirements, they should realize

that the education offered in the years prior to receiving accredited status was comparable to that received after.

When will EBC be accredited?

We are unable to make any predictions or guarantees regarding future accreditation because that is up to ABHE to grant. We entered in **Applicant** status in February, 2007. A normal timeline with ABHE is to be granted **Candidate** status in 4 years and **Accredited** status in 8 years from Applicant status. If we follow the 'typical' timeframe, we would be granted Candidate status in 2011 and Accredited status in 2015.