

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION

The following criteria will be used to evaluate each candidate:

- **Scripture Knowledge:** Each student applying for admission to the M.Div program must pass a brief test to demonstrate their understanding of the theological and spiritual verses found in the Bible, as well as their memorization of a few verses. They must also demonstrate their understanding of how to use the Bible to deepen their faith and live as witnesses.
- **Biblical Languages:** All students pursuing admission to the M.Th program at HBI must have completed the Biblical Hebrew and Greek Grammar courses. Those who want to study M.Th. in NT should have completed enough Hebrew and Greek exegetical courses in addition to grammar. They will be evaluated based on their ability to read, translate, parse, and write exegetical notes on the original text of the New Testament. If they cannot demonstrate their ability in Hebrew or Greek, they will be asked to do a one-year qualifying period to fulfill the requirement.
- **English:** Each program will be taught in the English language, so it is essential that the learner has a strong command of the language. To demonstrate their proficiency in reading, understanding, and speaking English, candidates for the M.Div. and M.Th. courses must complete an exam.
- **General Knowledge:** All M.Div students will take a test to assess their knowledge of current national and international events in the fields of history, economics, politics, sports, culture, etc.

Personal Interviews

A panel consisting of the Principal, Academic Dean, Registrar, Director of Spiritual Formation & Pastoral Care, and Faculty will interview the applicants.

Certificates and Documents to be Enclosed

Applications can be obtained from the Academic Department of HBI by paying the amount required by MO or DD. The completed application form should be submitted to the Principal of HBI by March 31st of each year. Applicants must submit the following papers and letters with their application:

- 1) All school, pre-degree, degree, diploma, and theological certificates must be xeroxed and attested. (Do not send the original along with the application; the original will be verified at the time of admission.)
- 2) A certificate proving the candidate's Date of Birth.
- 3) A letter from his or her church's pastor outlining membership requirements.
- 4) A Certificate of Good Conduct from the Dean of the Institution where the candidate last studied.
- 5) A letter of recommendation from a local Christian leader expressing the candidate's desire for ministry and training.
- 6) A letter from the student's parents or guardians granting permission to study at HBI & College.
- 7) A financial guarantee letter from the family, sponsor, or church/organization to cover the costs.
- 8) If a student transfers from another seminary or college to HBI in the middle of a course, the student must provide a "No Objection Certificate" or "Migration Certificate" from that seminary or college.
- 9) A Medical Certificate indicating physical and mental fitness should be submitted.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission Eligibility Criteria

A candidate who holds a Bachelor degree from any Indian university in the (10+2+3) pattern or any other degree recognized by the university with at least 50% marks in aggregate is eligible to apply for admission to any of the professional courses.

Admission Process

Candidates for admission will be chosen in a one-and-a-half-hour process:

- Written Test (50 marks)
- Group Discussion (30 marks)
- Personal Interview (20 marks)

Only qualified applicants with a minimum score of 50% in the Written Test will be allowed to participate in the Group Discussion and Personal Interview. The Written Test will evaluate a candidate's understanding and sensitivity to modern media environments, social issues, general knowledge, and analytical skills in English. The Group Discussion would last no more than 20 minutes per group.

Documents to be Submitted with the Application

- Transcript of Records showing eligibility for the course, including Pass Certificates and Marks Sheets from HSLC or Pre-University.
- Character certificate from the most recent institution visited.
- No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the employer (if employed) for taking the course.
- A medical certificate from a licensed medical practitioner attesting to the candidate's fitness.
- Proof of financial stability is required to finish the course.