

# BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

## (B.Th)

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The B.Th program is offered as an extension of an education that was started three decades ago under the title "Paul's External Theological Education". Later in 1997, it was standardised for ATA accreditation. Recently, the B.Th program was made a four-year degree to enrol students in the M.Div. or any other Master's program as regular students.

### **Purpose**

The B.Th program is an external, foundational-level degree program designed to introduce Biblical Theology, Church History, socio-religious realities, and ministerial skills to Christians that will lay a foundation for them to become transformational leaders for the Church in India to fulfil the great commission.

### **Vision**

The vision is to see Christ-like emerging leaders who will begin to think and act biblically, make disciples of all people, mobilize, equip, and serve the local churches for the mission of God.

### **Admission Requirements**

- a) Any Christian living in India, regardless of denomination, who is fluent in English is eligible to register.
- b) A sound knowledge of English and completion of the 12th standard or its equivalent, or the 10th standard plus two years of the Diploma in Theology (ATA), are required.
- c) A qualifying examination consisting of three papers in Biblical Studies, Theology, and Christian Ministry is required of applicants who have successfully completed an unrecognised D.Th program. They must present and pass this examination.
- d) Be ready to travel to the main campus twice a year for exams and to attend seminars.
- e) Each seminar will last six days and feature teaching in all required and elective classes. During the seminar days, students must live on campus and use the library extensively.

### **Application and Registration**

- a) In order to receive an application and prospectus, applicants have to pay Rs. 500.
- b) The filled-in application forms, along with all necessary documents, need to be sent to the Principal of HBI, Chennai.
- c) Admissions are open throughout the year.
- d) Upon verification of certificates, an applicant is admitted on a provisional basis.