

Cebu Bible College

Expectations

A Letter to the Parents

Dear Parents:

We at Cebu Bible College (CBC) are happy that your son is interested to study with us. We would also like to commend you, as parents, for encouraging him to take this step toward possibly becoming a full-time servant/worker for the Lord.

Before you send your son to be with us for the next five to six years, it is important that you be aware of certain expectations in order to avoid future concerns and/or misunderstandings. Please be aware that we will expect the following for your son if he commits to enrolling with us:

SCHOLARSHIPS:

If your son is granted a full scholarship from CBC, it means that CBC will provide for housing in the dormitory (a bed space in a shared room), three meals each day, and the necessary allowance for him to attend worship and to do his weekly required evangelism.

If he is granted a “Pioneering Scholarship”, he will receive the above plus an additional P150/month to be used for incidental expenses.

The scholarship **DOES NOT INCLUDE** money for your son’s school supplies, phone load and other personal needs, such as clothes, shoes, soap, toothpaste, shampoo, etc. These are your expense.

MEDICAL NEEDS:

Our scholarships do not cover medical needs for your son. If your son has a medical condition that requires regular medication, you must provide the necessary medicines or funds for him to purchase those.

If your son requires hospitalization, while at CBC, which is due to a pre-existing condition (meaning to say, he has a medical condition before coming to CBC that could lead to hospitalization, such as heart disease, blood or skin diseases, sexually transmitted diseases, etc.), CBC is **not** under obligation to pay for the hospitalization and related expenses.

If your son participates in a dangerous sport or activity while enrolled CBC that is against our policy, or without our consent and supervision, and is injured as a result, CBC is under **no obligation** to pay for his medical treatment or hospitalization. (Note: such “dangerous sports or activities” are defined in our school policy manual and include such things as “boxing”, mountain climbing, rock or wall climbing, scuba diving, snorkeling, motorcycle racing, martial arts competition, and others.)

However, at times we assist our students with minor medical needs, such as medical check up, purchasing needed medicines for minor illnesses, such as colds, flu, etc, and/or even minor dental work, such as tooth extraction. But we do this out of necessity and goodwill, NOT because it is included in the student’s scholarship.

SUMMER FIELDWORK

Our students are required to complete at least three summers of fieldwork in order to graduate with a Bachelors Degree. At least one of these fieldworks must be completed with a congregation in a place other than their home congregation. CBC will assign the student to their fieldwork destinations. The host congregation is expected to provide the needed fares and support for hosting the fieldworkers.

New students will be expected to go home during their first summer and complete their first fieldwork under the supervision of their home congregation. If this is not possible, other arrangements will be made.

Thus, **the parents or the home congregation**, will be expected to provide the fare back and forth from CBC to home, as well as the needed support for the **first** summer fieldwork

SEMESTER BREAKS ... FARES & OTHER EXPENSES

In addition to the expected summer break (April & May), which is used for fieldwork, CBC gives the students two traditional breaks from classes:

- 1) At the end of the first semester (usually around 3rd week of October) we take a 2 to 3 week break, which covers the “All Saints’ and All Souls’ Day holidays.
- 2) A second break occurs around the 3rd week of December and ends a few days after the New Year’s holiday. This break is also 2 to 3 weeks in duration.

During these breaks we encourage the students to go home, unless we have a scheduled campaign or other activity for them. During these breaks the **dormitory is closed**, the school cook is sent home, and **no one is allowed** to remain on campus except for staff or assigned watchers.

Therefore, it is important that you **prepare for this financially**. CBC will **not provide the fare** for students to go home and, CBC will **not provide** food or allowances to the students during this time.

CBC is not, and cannot be, responsible for their well-being once the break officially starts. They will be on their own.

ACCREDITATION, TRANSCRIPTS & DIPLOMAS

Cebu Bible College is registered with the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission as a “religious activity”. Even though we use the word “college” in our name, and our program and curriculum are college standard, we are not in the true legal sense a college. In other words, CBC is not, and cannot be, accredited by “CHED” (Commission on Higher Learning). Therefore, our courses and degrees are not recognized by the Philippine government.

The purpose of CBC is to develop future preachers and leaders for the church, NOT to provide a degree whereby the student can use it as a qualification for obtaining a secular job, admission into a secular college or university, or for going abroad.

It is, therefore, expected that parents send their sons to CBC strictly **for the purpose of** training them **to become a preacher** or other similar church worker. Our donors in America are providing needed scholarship funds for this reason and **they expect their funds to be used for training preachers**.

In this light, you and your son need to be aware that CBC will **no longer** issue official transcripts of record (“TORs”) after graduation, **except for** the following situations:

- 1) The student is transferring to another Bible school or preacher training school and that school makes a request for the TOR for the purposes of transferring credit and/or establishing which courses need to be taken by the student at the new school.
- 2) A congregation of the Lord’s church, or church affiliated Bible school or training school needs the transcript as qualification for possible employment of the CBC graduate.

In these cases, and similar ones, CBC may issue an official transcript of record, subject to the discretion of the administration. But, it should be understood from the beginning that CBC is under no obligation to issue such transcript.

CBC will issue an official diploma upon the completion of necessary requirements for a degree, as per current policy. This includes the satisfactory completion of all fieldwork and internships, particularly the final one-year internship required AFTER the student completes all their classroom course work at CBC.

DURATION OF STAY AT CBC

In recent years CBC began implementing a new degree plan which is designed to give the student more needed training and time for maturing. The addition of required internships not only adds to the length of time spent with CBC in order to get a degree, but it adds significantly to their practical training experience thus, better preparing them for what lies ahead.

To complete a “Bachelor of Arts” degree the student must spend five years of study on the campus of CBC, and then one year after that as an intern under the supervision of a carefully selected church leadership and/or preacher anywhere in the Philippines. During the third year of study, the student will actually be a part-time student, serving 3 to 4 days each week as a part-time intern in one of Cebu’s local congregations. The other 3 to 4 days of the week will be spent in the campus, taking 2 to 3 subjects.

Thus, when the student finally receives his diploma from CBC, he will have completed a six (6) year program of study and training.

For the “Associate of Arts” degree, the student must complete two years of classroom study and one year of final full-time internship. Thus, a three (3) year program.

These policies and expectations are being made known to you, the parents, in advance for your benefit and planning. We look forward to our partnership with you in training your son. Please indicate, with your signature below, that you fully understand and are willing to comply with the above for your son while a student at CBC.

I/we, the parent/parents of _____, by affixing
(print your son’s name here)
our signature below, affirm that we fully understand the above expectations and policies of Cebu Bible College, and that we will do our very best to comply.

Father

Mother

Date signed