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- 1828** Baptists in Nova Scotia founded Horton Academy
- 1830** Department of Pious Scholars was formed at Horton
- 1838** Canada Baptist College was founded in Montreal
- 1838** The Nova Scotia Baptist Educational Society established Queen's College at Horton
- 1841** Queen's College became Acadia College
- 1881** William McMaster donated funds to create a theological school in Toronto
- 1887** Toronto Baptist College obtained charter for an independent Christian university
- 1891** Acadia College became Acadia University
- 1894** Tyndale University College and Seminary began as Toronto Bible College (TBC)
- 1921** Calgary Bible Institute was established
- 1922** Prairie College was founded as Prairie Bible Institute (PBI) in Three Hills, AB
- 1923** German Baptists organized their first Bible School offerings in AB
- 1923** A School of Theology was organized at Acadia
- 1925** Providence was established in Winnipeg as Winnipeg Bible Training School
- 1928** Toronto Baptist College, now called McMaster University, moved to Hamilton
- 1928** **Pacific Life Bible College** began as LIFE Canada
- 1933** **Peace River Bible Institute (PRBI)** was founded by an interfaith group
- 1935** Bethel Bible Institute (BBI) was established in Star City, SK
- 1935** Briercrest College and Seminary began as Briercrest Bible Institute
- 1935** London College of Bible and Missions (LCBM) was founded
- 1935** PRBI relocated to Sexsmith, Alberta where the current campus is located
- 1936** South Abbotsford Mennonite Brethren Bible School was founded
- 1936** **Steinbach Bible College** was established
- 1939** Bethel Bible Institute (BBI) was founded in Abbotsford, BC
- 1939** Ontario Pentecostal Bible College (OPBC) was established
- 1940** Briercrest Seminary was launched to provide graduate education.
- 1940** Christian Training Institute (CTI) was founded in Edmonton, AB
- 1940** **Emmanuel Bible College (EBC)** was established
- 1941** British Columbia Bible Institute was established
- 1941** The Christian and Missionary Alliance established the Canadian Bible Institute in Regina, SK
- 1944** Full Gospel Bible Institute (FGBI) opened its doors
- 1944** Mennonite Brethren Bible College was founded
- 1945** BBI, SK was absorbed by the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
- 1945** Briercrest Bible Institute moved to Caron Airforce Base
- 1945** The Holiness Bible Institute (HBI) was founded, in Woodstock, New Brunswick, by the Reformed Baptist Church of Canada
- 1946** Canadian Northwest Bible Institute (CNBI) was founded in AB
- 1947** Canadian Mennonite Bible College was founded
- 1947** PRBI was incorporated as a Bible College in the Province of Alberta
- 1948** Central Baptist Seminary (CBS) was formed
- 1948** OPBC became Eastern Pentecostal Bible College (EPBC)
- 1949** United Baptist Bible Training School (UBBTS) was founded in Moncton, NB
- 1950** PBI grew to 1000 students becoming Canada's largest Bible college in post-war boom
- 1953** The Apostolic Missionary Training Institute (AMTI) was absorbed by FGBI
- 1955** Mennonite Brethren Bible Institute (MBBI) broke ground on a new institution building
- 1957** **McMaster Divinity College** became an independent, separately-chartered seminary and graduate school
- 1962** BBI was renamed Central Pentecostal College (CPC)
- 1962** Trinity Western University began as Trinity Junior College
- 1964** CNBI became Northwest Bible College (NBC)
- 1965** The HBI was renamed Bethany Bible College (BBC)
- 1967** Institute for Christian Studies welcomed students to its first home on Lyndhurst Ave, Toronto
- 1968** CTI became North American Baptist College (NABC)
- 1968** **Regent College** was established in Vancouver, BC
- 1968** Special Baptist Convention Assembly approved the concept of UBBTS becoming a Bible and Junior Liberal Arts College
- 1968** TBC & LCBM merged to form Ontario Bible College (OBC)

- 1968** **Acadia Divinity College** was established
- 1969** Reformed immigrants founded the Theological College of the Canadian Reformed Churches (TCCRC)
- 1970** BBI, BC and MBBI formed a partnership to operate Columbia Bible Institute
- 1970** Christian College Association (CCA Alberta) was incorporated
- 1970** Dr. James M. Houston became president of Regent College
- 1970** UBBTS name changed to Atlantic Baptist College (ABC)
- 1970** Winnipeg Bible College (WBC) moved to current campus in Otterburne, Manitoba
- 1971** **St. Stephen's University** was established
- 1972** ICS moved to College Street, Toronto and grants Master's-level certification in philosophy
- 1972** Trinity Junior College became Trinity Western College (TWC)
- 1972** Winnipeg Theological Seminary (WTS) began
- 1974** CCA Alberta was renamed The King's College
- 1976** Columbia Bible Institute curriculum was expanded; enrolment grows to a record 266 students
- 1976** London Baptist Seminary (LBS) began in London, Ontario
- 1976** Ontario Theological Seminary (OTS) was established
- 1979** The Alberta Legislature approved The King's College Act, giving the college the power to confer degrees in "divinity"
- 1979** TWC received university status as the only private institution in BC to achieve that status at the time
- 1980** North American Baptist Divinity School (NABDS) launched as part of NABC
- 1980** TWC became a full member of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, now Universities Canada
- 1981** The Salvation Army announced the establishment of a college in Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 1982** Catherine Booth Bible College (CBBC) officially opened
- 1982** EBC received accreditation to grant degrees
- 1982** **Redeemer University College** opened its doors as Redeemer College
- 1983** ICS offered Master of Philosophical Foundations, courses for Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam PhD
- 1983** New Brunswick Legislature gave Royal Assent to bill authorizing ABC to award baccalaureate degrees
- 1983** PRBI was given Degree Granting status by the Province of Alberta
- 1983** The Province of New Brunswick authorized BBC to grant degrees
- 1984** UBBTS's first BA degrees were awarded
- 1985** **ACTS Seminaries** was founded by a group of cooperative seminaries
- 1985** Canadian National Baptist Convention voted to start Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary
- 1985** Trinity Western College was renamed **Trinity Western University**
- 1986** Redeemer UC opened its permanent campus on Garner Road
- 1987** Columbia Bible Institute became **Columbia Bible College**
- 1987** CSBS campus was built and first class of students were enrolled
- 1987** Redeemer University College joined Universities Canada
- 1988** Menno Simons College was founded
- 1988** The Baptist General Conference established Canadian Baptist Seminary
- 1988** The Evangelical Free Church of Canada, along with Trinity Western University, created Trinity Western Seminary
- 1988** The first Pastoral and Chinese Ministry (PCM) program in North America began in September
- 1988** To meet growing needs, WCBC college moved to its current downtown Winnipeg location
- 1989** A degree-completion program for Salvation Army officers was launched by WCBC
- 1990** NABDS was renamed Edmonton Baptist Seminary (EBS)
- 1990** PBI launched its Mission Aviation Program initiating its move into professional training
- 1991** WBC and WTS became **Providence College & Seminary**. Seminary is fully accredited by ATS
- 1992** ICS authorized to grant Master of Worldview Studies
- 1992** Mountain View Bible College merged with Hillcrest Christian College to become Rocky Mountain Bible College
- 1992** The King's University was accepted into membership of Universities Canada

1993	Heritage Bible College was established through merger between LBBC and CBS	2008	CSBS was accredited; became Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary & College
1993	The King's College was renamed The King's University College	2008	ABU began to grant degrees beyond the baccalaureate level
1994	CSBS campus buildings were expanded to include additional student housing and a new academic building	2008	Taylor University & Seminary becomes Taylor College & Seminary to focus on their seminary programs
1996	ABC became Atlantic Baptist University (ABU)	2010	ICS opened Centre for Philosophy, Religion and Social Ethics
1997	CBBC's name was changed to William and Catherine Booth College (WCBC)	2010	TCCRC became the Canadian Reformed Theological Seminary
1998	Redeemer UC's Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees were approved	2010	WCBC became Booth University College
1998	ABU added Bachelor of Education degrees	2010	ABU became Crandall University
2000	Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) was established	2011	BBC was renamed Kingswood University
2000	The Hudson Taylor Centre is established for Chinese ministries at Tyndale Seminary	2011	CMU announced the establishment of the Redekop School of Business
2000	TWU won Supreme Court case directing BC College of Teachers to allow education program to begin	2012	Cheryl Pauls became president at CMU
2001	EPBC became Master's College & Seminary	2012	Government funding contributed \$4.65 million to The King's UC \$16 million budget
2002	NABC and EBS renamed as Taylor University College and Seminary	2012	Tyndale Seminary and the North American Institute for Indigenous Theological Studies (NAIITS) signed an agreement to offer a Master of Theological Studies for Indigenous Studies
2003	Redeemer UC's Bachelor of Education degree was approved	2013	Dr. Melanie J. Humphreys became King's fourth president
2003	Tyndale received university status from the Ontario Government; the school's name was changed to Tyndale University College & Seminary	2014	Ambrose University College's name changed to Ambrose University
2004	Introduction of PhD (Christian Theology) degree at McMaster Divinity College	2014	Booth UC became the first Canadian international member of the Council of Independent Colleges
2004	NBC became Vanguard College	2014	Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute became a member of CHEC
2004	Western Pentecostal Bible College was renamed Summit Pacific College	2014	Official launch of Booth UC's School for Continuing Studies
2005	FGBI changed its name to The Full Gospel Bible College (FGBC)	2014	Tyndale celebrated its 120th anniversary
2005	ICS secured a Charter to offer PhD and Master of Arts (Philosophy) degrees	2015	King's was awarded a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair position
2005	The Canadian Chinese School of Theology at Tyndale Seminary was launched to offer the Master of Divinity degree program in the Mandarin language	2015	Rocky Mountain Bible College became Rocky Mountain College (RMC)
2005	WCBC opened the John Fairbank Memorial Library	2015	RMC launched Pathways, a fully online delivery of academic courses
2007	Alliance University College and Nazarene University College became Ambrose University College	2015	The King's University College became The King's University
2007	CPC was renamed Horizon College and Seminary	2016	Dr. Marjory Kerr became Booth UC's fifth president
2007	FGBC changed its name to Eston College	2016	Introduction of Doctor of Practical Theology (DPT) degree at McMaster Divinity College
2007	Tyndale Seminary was approved by the Association of Theological Schools to offer a Doctor of Ministry	2016	Prairie's programs (Bible/Theology, Aviation, Nursing, EMT, Digital Media) united under Prairie College