



# CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION IN CANADA

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