

APPLICATION FORM – Gap Year in Theology

These questions are intended to help you and the College Management Committee to think through and pray about your application to pursue studies on the Gap Year in Theology programme. Your replies will be treated as private and confidential.

The College will arrange a short interview with you on the basis of the information supplied in this application.

FULL NAME:

ADDRESS:

Contact Details

Mobile:

Email:

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date and place of birth:

Describe briefly your family background and relationships within the family.

What is your present marital status: single / engaged / married / widowed / divorced?

Name of wife/husband/fiancé(e):

Names and ages of children [if applicable]:

Describe briefly your conversion – how did you come to personal faith in the Lord Jesus as your Saviour?

What events apart from conversion have most influenced your life?



Indicate the church(es) of which you are/have been a member or in regular attendance.

What has been your involvement in church life and work, and in other forms of Christian service?

What do you see as your strengths and weaknesses, and how do you see these affecting your approach to ministry?

What Christian reading have you found interesting and helpful?

What non-Christian reading have you found interesting and helpful?



Do you accept the Doctrinal Statement of the Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland as set out below?
Indicate any reservations. N.B. Sincere differences of conviction relating to Article 8 'The Church' are respected.

Please supply the name and address of your minister/pastor/church elder from whom we may receive a personal reference.

Name: _____ Position: _____
 Church: _____ Address: _____
 Telephone: _____ Email: _____

If I am accepted as a student of the Irish Baptist College, I undertake to:

(a) Conduct myself at all times in such a way as to commend Jesus Christ and uphold the good name of the College;

(b) Conform to and endeavour to keep all College rules. Note that these rules are framed for full-time students and some of them are not applicable to day-release students.

Signed Date

APPENDIX CONSENT TO POC (NI) CHECK

1. Have you ever been convicted at a court or cautioned by the police for any criminal offence? YES/NO
2. Do you have any prosecutions pending? YES/NO
3. Please give details if you have answered YES to either of the above questions – use separate sheet if necessary.

Please sign this declaration:

I understand that a POC (NI) check may be carried out as a condition of the offer of a place at College. I am aware that spent convictions may be disclosed. I declare that the information I have given is accurate and up to date, and consent to this check being made should it be deemed necessary.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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Application received:

Reference requested:

Reference received:

Interview Date:

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

Each member church of the Association affirms the following doctrines which are commonly believed among us:

1. THE SCRIPTURES

The verbal inspiration and total inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as originally given by God; their sole - sufficiency and final authority in all matters of faith and practice.

2. GOD

One God in three persons, the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, co-equal, co-eternal, sovereign and active in creation, providence and redemption.

3. THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

The essential deity and perfect humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the only mediator between God and men; His virgin birth, sinless life and sacrificial death on the cross as the only substitute for sinners; His burial, bodily resurrection and ascension to heaven; His high priestly ministry and personal return.

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT

The work of the Holy Spirit in regenerating the sinner and indwelling, sanctifying and empowering the believers

5. THE DEVIL

The personality of the devil; his evil activity and final doom.

6. MAN

The creation of man in the image of God; the entrance of sin through Adam's disobedience, the fallen and totally depraved state of all men; their subjection to God's wrath and condemnation; their responsibility to repent and believe the Gospel.

7. JUSTIFICATION

The justification of the sinner through faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ; the eternal security of the believer

8. THE CHURCH

The local church as a company of baptised believers gathered under the headship of Christ for worship, fellowship, instruction and evangelism; the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper:

- baptism being the immersion of believers on profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and a symbol of their identification with Him in His death, burial and resurrection;
- the Lord's Supper being a remembrance of Christ until He comes and a renewal of commitment to Him;
- the offices of elder and deacon; the gifts of evangelist and pastor-teacher; the priesthood of all believers and their unity in the Body of Christ; the separation of church and state.

9. THE FUTURE STATE

The unconditional immortality of the soul: the resurrection of the body; the eternal joy in heaven of the believer; the conscious eternal punishment in hell of those who die impenitent.

10. CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOUR

The responsibility of all believers to obey and serve the Lord and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives; the duty of each church to exercise godly discipline in a loving and caring Fashion.

GENERAL RULES FOR STUDENTS

Believing that no community can function happily without some code of behaviour, and wishing at the same time to have as few rules as possible, the College requires all students to accept and work within the following rules, which the College Management Committee reviews and amends from time to time to take account of changing circumstances.

1. All students are accepted on probation and are regarded as being on probation throughout their entire College course. The College reserves the right to direct that a student's course be amended or, if necessary, terminated or to dismiss a student whose conduct is deemed unsatisfactory.
2. A student desiring to change the courses for which (s)he was accepted into the College shall apply in writing to the Board of Studies through the College Director of Training.

Permission to change shall only be considered in circumstances deemed by the Board of Studies to be exceptional, and shall be granted only after due consultation with the Committee and with its consent.

3. The decision, granting or denying permission to change, shall be binding in each case.

Students are required:

- to attend all lectures which form part of their course.
 - to be punctual.
 - to show consideration for those who are studying by maintaining a quiet atmosphere in the College.
 - to observe the rule of silence in the library.
 - to maintain the highest standards of propriety in their behaviour and also in dress when they represent the College in public. Smoking and the drinking of alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the College premises.
4. Full-time students are required to attend Morning Prayers and to have lunch in College on all 'lecturing days'.
 5. No full-time student may at the same time be a full-time pastor. Any student approached by or in negotiation with a church about a pastorate must immediately consult with the Principal and staff.
 6. All term-time preaching appointments must be recorded immediately in College records. Bookings made by the College will take precedence over unrecorded private appointments. Students are strongly advised to undertake no more than two Sunday engagements per month.
 7. Students are required to advise the Principal of an engagement and/or plans for marriage.
 8. Students are required to help in the garden and on the college premises as requested.
 9. Students are expected to exercise proper care of all College property. Any damage must be reported immediately to the Registrar or Director of Training by the person responsible. Where such damage is due to the student's negligence it must be made good.
 10. Residents' visitors may be received in the Students' Common Room or in the Kitchen/Sitting Room of the Residential block.
 11. Complaints by students should be made to the Principal normally through the Student Chairman.