Dear potential student,

As you open the pages of this catalog you are embarking on a new educational journey with West Coast Bible College & Seminary. 2020 represented the 14 year anniversary of the launch of WCBCS and in that time God has done amazing things! We have seen over 3,000 students enroll in one of our online degree programs and trained thousands more in conferences around the world. We have built churches and sacrificially supported missionaries, with the grace of God and our students. We've kept tuition costs low so our students can live out their ministry DNA without being in debt.

Now, in 2020, the board and administration of West Coast Bible College & Seminary has decided to take the next step in improving every phase of our college. The following information you are about to read is a by-product of years of hard work that has resulted in some significant changes to our programs. These changes are necessary and will certainly benefit our students. So, as you read this catalog, know that you have the potential to be a part of something special God has done and is continuing to do in our world! I look forward to hopefully having an opportunity to personally connect with you in the near future. Stay focused and finish what God has called you to do because God is amazing!

Because people matter,

President Kevin Harrison, DMin, MBA
WCBCS STUDENT CATALOG
2020-2022

WCBCS HISTORY
WCBCS began as a dream of President Kevin Harrison in 1987 after attending Impact '87 and hearing Lloyd Zeigler speak about his passion for training students. In 1999 the dream grew as Harrison focused in on creating a Bible college that is practical and relevant to life and ministry and yet one that would NOT create disciples of debt. Together with a team of educated men and women who have a passion for God and compassion for people, we’ve launched WCBCS as an online college and seminary so we could minimize the costs and allow people to continue their education without having to turn their family's lives upside down.

The official launch of West Coast Bible College & Seminary was in 2006 after two years of preparations. Since then we have been privileged to serve over 3,000 students from around the world in getting the education they need for life and ministry. We are affiliated with Casa do Oleiro Ministries in Brazil which means "Potter's House" in Portuguese. Since 2000, Casa do Oleiro has been involved with launching hundreds of churches in Brazil, Africa, India, Russia, and other parts of the world, as well as to start and run orphanages for those in need. The goal of CdO is to see over 1 million people accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior over the next 10 years and to plant 500 more churches. To do this, we MUST train ministers to reach people!

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT (WHAT WE BELIEVE)

THE BIBLE. WCBCS believes the Word of God is 100% divinely inspired and holds to the total authority of Scripture for effectively living the Christian life. Furthermore, we believe the Word of God is free from error in dealing with any subject matter, including scientific, historical, moral, and theological teachings.
THE TRINITY. WCBCS believes in the triune, Godhead—one eternal, transcendent, omnipotent, personal God existing in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God the Father, the first person of the Divine Trinity, is infinite Spirit—sovereign, eternal, and unchangeable in all His attributes. He is worthy of honor, adoration, and obedience. The Lord Jesus Christ, the Son, is fully human in His perfect sinlessness and and fully and absolutely divine. His unique incarnation is reflected in His miraculous conception and virgin birth. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead who convicts, regenerates, indwells, seals all believers in Christ, and fills those who yield to Him. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to all believers; however, the manifestation of any particular gift is not required as evidence of salvation.

HISTORICITY. WCBCS believes in the full historicity and accepts the clear explanation of the biblical record of primeval history. This belief includes the literal existence of Adam and Eve as the progenitors of all people, the literal fall of man into sin and resulting divine curse on the creation, the worldwide cataclysmic deluge, and the origin of nations and languages at the tower of Babel.

REDEMPTION. WCBCS believes in the substitutionary and redemptive sacrifice of Jesus Christ for the sin of the world, through His literal physical death, burial, and resurrection, followed by His bodily ascension into heaven.

SALVATION. WCBCS believes that personal salvation from the eternal penalty of sin is provided solely by the grace of God on the basis of the atoning death and resurrection of Christ. One receives salvation only through personal faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ.

LAST THINGS. WCBCS believes in the future, personal, bodily return of Jesus Christ to the earth to judge and purge sin, to establish His eternal Kingdom, and to consummate and fulfill His purposes in the works of creation and redemption with eternal rewards and punishments.

BIBLICAL CREATION. WCBCS believes the world was created in a literal six day span of time.
SATAN. WCBCS believe in the existence of a personal, malicious being called Satan. He acts as the tempter and accuser, for whom the place of eternal punishment was prepared, where all who die outside of Christ shall be confined in conscious torment for eternity.

BAPTISM. WCBCS believes in and practices baptism by immersion as an outward expression of the inward decision to place one’s faith in Jesus Christ, as well as taking communion to remember the sacrifice and suffering of Jesus on the cross.

PERSONAL DEVOTION. WCBCS believes Christians should develop in their faith and be committed to a life of personal devotion to God. Commitment is expressed through corporate and private worship, participation in small group Bible study, meaningful service in a ministry, giving financially in a God-honoring way and intentionally introducing others to a personal relationship with God.

LEADERSHIP. WCBCS believes in divinely called and Scripturally ordained leadership ministry that serves the Church.

WCBCS MISSION STATEMENT - “Creating disciples of Christ without creating disciples of debt”
The mission of West Coast Bible College & Seminary is to honor God by educating and ministering to a diverse community of students for the purpose of developing servant-leaders who will radically impact the world where they live with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We accomplish this through biblically based programs and services that have an appreciation of past traditions, but that utilize cutting-edge technology and the latest resources to equip our students for the future.
PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION
WCBCS is an online Bible college that is wholly committed to educating and training men and women to serve in ministry, whether vocationally or voluntarily. As a Bible college, the heart of the teaching will center on the infallible and inerrant Word of God and its' relevance to all areas of life. However, we also understand there are numerous practical issues in education that must be addressed. As such, this is the WCBCS philosophy of education statement:

1. Education is focused on truth, and God is the ultimate source of Truth. He reveals Himself to us in nature; in His Son; and in the Bible, the only inerrant, authoritative, and sufficient rule for faith and practice (Psalm 8:2-4; Hebrews 1:1-3; II Timothy 3:16, 17).
2. The Lordship of Christ and the sovereignty of God are all-inclusive; therefore, all areas of life and learning are regarded as sacred (Romans 11:36).
3. Christian education is the result of all knowledge being tested against, and integrated with, a biblically based view of God and the world (Colossians 1:16, 17; John 1:3).
4. The Christian teacher/professor, empowered by the Holy Spirit, guides and nurtures students through instruction, admonition and personal example. The Christian teacher/professor seeks to encourage the spiritual development of students since this is the foundation for their academic, social and personal growth (Colossians 1:28; Proverbs 1:7).
5. Christian education occurs as the Holy Spirit works effectively in the hearts and minds of the students. Through general revelation students learn of God and His world (Acts 14:17; Romans 1:18-20). Special revelation and regeneration are regarded as essential components of Christian education because a personal relationship with Jesus Christ provides students with the ability to view life from a Biblical perspective (1 Corinthians 2:14).
6. God has created all students with unique talents as well as particular developmental growth patterns. Therefore, the learning process is enhanced as teachers develop teaching strategies and environments to help students grow (Psalm 139:13-15; Romans 12:4-8).
7. Service to others inside and outside the online classroom environment contributes to the development of each student's talents and abilities (1 Corinthians 12).
8. Excellence in the quality of education offered to students brings glory to God and provides a compelling witness to our neighbors (Philippians 1:9-11).
9. The goal of Christian education is to develop students who will serve God and impact their community and the world by thinking and acting biblically in all areas of life (Romans 12:2).
10. An online educational community allows for the training of anyone, anywhere, at any time and offers a relevant, contemporary means of fulfilling The Great Commission to “go and make disciples” (Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15).

WCBCS INSTITUTIONAL OBJECTIVES

WCBCS is a Bible college that believes every Christian is called to be a minister, regardless of their occupation. As such, WCBCS provides an environment of academic excellence from a distinctly Christian perspective. Students who enroll at WCBCS can be assured that their education will be:

- **Uncompromisingly biblical** in its approach to every subject
- **Unmistakably driven** by the Great Commission to create disciples of Christ
- **Unambiguously adhering** to the traditional Christian understanding of history
- **Unencumbered academically** to explore various denominational beliefs
- **Undeniably relevant** in both subject matter and in use of technology
- **Unabashedly practical** in course content and application
- **Unashamedly devoted** to the development of Christ-like character in students
- **Unswervingly committed** to best academic and business practices
WCBCS CORE VALUES
WCBCS is a non-denominational seminary that exists to provide high-quality ministry training at the lowest cost possible to ensure that finances will not be a hindrance to the global training of leaders and the spread of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

1) Christ-Centered - Our reason for existence centers around the person of Jesus Christ and therefore all of our programs, professors, and instruction will reflect this core value.

2) People-Focused - We know that all people matter to Jesus and they matter to us, as well. Therefore, we will do everything in our power to ensure that all people are treated equally, fairly, and with respect because they are made in God's image and likeness (Genesis 1:27).

3) Uncompromisingly Bible-based - We neither neglect, compromise, nor apologize for teaching the Word of God in every class.

4) Educationally Relevant - We are committed to using the latest resources and delivery methods for our students to experience a culturally relevant education that will enable them to be effective wherever they live.

5) Spirit-led - We believe the Holy Spirit leads all believers into fellowship with Jesus Christ and will direct the steps of those whose hearts are set on Him. We are committed to listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit in all facets of the educational process.

6) Missions-oriented - We are committed to pouring 10% of all finances that come into West Coast Bible College & Seminary back into missions to build churches and to provide practical needs for those in countries outside of the U.S.

7) Theologically sound - We are committed to theologically sound education that is based upon the Word of God. While methods will certainly change throughout the ages, the principles of God’s Word are a firm foundation that must be properly discerned and taught so that our students will have a strong base of learning for life and ministry.

8) Great Commission-driven - The entire reason for our existence is the Great Commission; to go into the world and preach the Gospel to everyone. Our ultimate goal is to build the Kingdom of God and not an empire for ourselves!