



PURPOSE AND OBJECTS OF ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE

The Purpose of St Stephen's College (hereinafter The College) is to maintain and conduct an academic institution specializing in theological education which offers for-credit degree, diploma and certificate programs and not-for-credit educational opportunities for the wider community.

As a theological College which stands within the Christian tradition but which is both ecumenical and interfaith, we believe that study and integration in all areas and for all persons is fundamental and necessary both for individual transformation and for the shaping of the society in which we live. Therefore, to achieve the Purpose, the Objects of St Stephen's College are:

- to serve as a centre for theological inquiry which is situated within a network of partnerships local, national and international; and which seeks to discern new ways of doing theological education which is both rigorous and creative;
- to foster a college community which nourishes and encourages the personal and spiritual formation of seekers of all faith traditions;
- and, thereby, to equip the members of our communities to exercise their own unique ministries in a continuously changing world.

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Collaborative Agreement between
St. Stephen's College and:

Centre for Christian Studies

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Contact the College for an
Application Package,
or for further details.

BTS Diaconal Program

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Bachelor of Theological Studies in Diaconal Ministry Joint Program



ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE AND
CENTRE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE and
CENTRE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES
BACHELOR OF THEOLOGICAL
STUDIES IN DIACONAL MINISTRY
JOINT DEGREE PROGRAM

Collaborative Agreement between St. Stephen's College and
the Centre for Christian Studies

St. Stephen's College and the Centre for Christian Studies
have collaborated to offer a program of study in diaconal
ministry leading to a Bachelor of Theological Studies in
Diaconal Ministry degree granted under the Charter of St.
Stephen's College. This degree will be conferred after
completing the Centre for Christian Studies (CCS) Diploma
in Diaconal Ministries, and the additional requirements of St.
Stephen's College (SSC).

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

120 Credits

Equivalent to four years of full-time study. Work should be
completed within 7 years of entering the BTS program.

WORK COMPLETED AS PART OF CCS DIPLOMA:
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT MODULE (6 credits)

[cross-listed with SSC]

THREE PROGRAM THEME YEARS (54 credits)

Social Ministry
Educational Ministry
Pastoral Ministry

THEOLOGICAL INTEGRATION YEAR (21 credits)

including Global Perspectives Experience

FACILITATED FIELD EDUCATION (3 credits)

EIGHT COURSES (*24 credits)

Five core courses: Intro Christian Scriptures, Intro Hebrew
Scriptures, Intro Theology, Intro Christian Ethics, Intro
Church History

Three Electives: chosen in consultation with faculty

*at least half of the 24 credits must be taken at St. Stephen's
College

POST CCS WORK:

THESIS WRITING COURSE (3 credits)

'Writing a Thesis 573V' online course

THESIS PROPOSAL COLLUM/THESIS WRITING

WORKSHOP (recommended, 0 credit)

UNDERGRADUATE THESIS (9 credits)

(40-60 double-spaced pages; 10,000-15,000 words or
equivalent)

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Diploma in Diaconal Ministries, granted 1999 or later, from
the Centre for Christian Studies or current enrollment in that
program. Applicants with a Diploma in Diaconal Ministries
granted prior to 1999 are eligible to apply; equivalencies will
be determined on a case-by-case basis.
2. General readiness to function in an integrative theological
program in terms of both personal qualities and academic
competencies
3. Commitment to one's lay profession or employment (paid
or volunteer) as a ministry
4. Willingness to engage in a program that is grounded in the
Christian faith but is also broadly ecumenical and interfaith

Applications are submitted to the Registrar's Office along
with the application fee and all transcripts. CCS students and
graduates since 1999 will normally register for the BTS
program within 5 years of completing CCS Diploma. CCS
graduates of prior to 1999 are eligible for the degree
program; equivalencies are determined on a case-by-case
basis for credit both within the CCS study program and in
additional academic and life experience. When admission to
a degree program has been denied, a student may make an
appeal to the Dean, whose decision is considered final.

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