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KIND OF
GAP YEAR

MOUNT CARMEL BIBLE COLLEGE





MOUNT CARMEL: A GOOD PLACE TO START

Faith is the adventure of following Jesus into the real world. Faith is trusting that God can change me and empower me. Faith pulls and propels us to think and see and respond differently to the people around us.

Mount Carmel is about everyday Christian faith. We focus on helping people connect their faith in Jesus Christ to the normal events and relationships of their lives. Our unique one-year program mixes college level learning with hands-on service and deep community designed to help bring faith to life. We will encourage and help you to live life differently as a follower of Jesus.

When faith meets life, life takes on a whole new significance.

WHO AM I
BECOMING?

LEARNING: KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE

The Bible. Depth. Understanding. Trips. Classroom. Truth. Study Groups. Questions. Books. Insight. Conferences. Confidence. Discovery.

We live what we know, and we cannot live what we do not know. Mount Carmel wants to help students stretch their minds and learn to view life from the perspective of God first. Jesus invites us to think about the world and our role in the world in a new way.

We offer a uniquely concentrated one-year program. This means we are focused on your eight months here, providing as many opportunities for learning as possible in that time. Upon successful completion of our program, students receive a Diploma in Christian Studies. However, the ultimate goal is transformed hearts and lives, never simply head knowledge.

Mount Carmel teaches college level courses that will help students grow in their understanding of Scripture and essential Christian truths.

Our courses include:

- Christian Life
- Introduction to the Bible
- Old Testament Survey
- New Testament Survey
- Theology
- Christian Relationships
- Missional Living





SERVICE: WHERE FAITH MEETS LIFE

Neighbours. Late nights. Impact. Skatepark Planning. Kids' club. Sorting clothes. Leadership. Games. Chopping onions. Youth groups.

As followers of Jesus, we are often on the move. Jesus intends for His people to make an impact in the world, particularly by our service to others. Together, we learn to put Jesus' love into action in order to improve the lives and situations of others.

Being a follower of Jesus should make a difference to the world around us. Learning to love and serve others is a very important part of the overall discipleship process.

Each week, students spend several hours volunteering in two or three different placements such as:

- Inner City Ministry
- Children & Youth Ministry
- Nursing Homes
- Youth Drop-In Centres
- Elementary Schools
- Support Services



1 DEEP COMMUNITY

Life is not meant to be lived alone. Explore community and connection as part of a group committed to living well together.

2 BALANCED ACADEMICS

Knowledge matters, but knowledge that is applied and practiced changes lives. Through in-depth biblical study, we aim for personal transformation in how people think and live.

3 ONE YEAR

That's it, that's all. An intensely concentrated one-year program (September–April) aimed at real life transformation.

4 TRAVEL ADVENTURE

Whether we're jumping on a bus to Vancouver or sleeping under a wet tarp in the Crowsnest Pass, we will spend over four weeks out of the classroom, serving, loving, and bonding on trips and retreats.

5 AFFORDABLE

We work hard to stay affordable without hidden costs or fees. We think you will find our costs significantly lower than other post-secondary institutions or comparable gap-year programs.

10 REASONS WE'RE DIFFERENT

6 RELATIONSHIPS WITH PURPOSE

Our staff are intentional about being involved in student lives. They actively participate in the program and want to walk alongside you in your faith journey.

7 INTENTIONALLY SMALL

Our close community allows students the opportunity to form friendships and deep connections, many of which last long after the program ends.

8 CITY LIVING

Since most people will spend most of their lives in a city, it seems to us that the city is a great place to live as you learn to follow Jesus.

9 REAL-LIFE LIVING

No student residence or dorms here. Students arrange their own accommodations and manage their own lives, with a little help from their friends.

10 HANDS-ON LEARNING

Learn to serve by serving. Learn to love by loving. Students spend time every week volunteering with a variety of organizations.



COMMUNITY: GROW TOGETHER

Friendships. Singing. Carpooling. Floor hockey. Worship. Laughter. Listening. Roommates. Coffee shops. Teamwork. Ping-pong. Discussion. Music. Pizza.

How we spend our moments really does matter. Who we spend our moments with really matters too. We believe that individuals need community to fully experience the life Christ calls us to. Enlarge your heart in a transformational, loving environment where people are welcomed as they are and helped to become what they can be.

Mount Carmel wants to connect students with God and each other. Together we work to foster these deeper relationships through group activities, regular chapels, spiritual retreats, small support groups, and worship times. Relationships between staff and students matter to us. Staff work to model and set a tone of openness to the life of Jesus, and are committed to coming alongside students in their personal journeys.

We aim to become a community where interactions support, stimulate, and encourage vibrant faith and interconnectedness.

- Chapels
- Community Lunch
- Small Groups
- Retreats
- Prayer Groups
- Sports & Activities



ON THE ROAD: NEW PERSPECTIVES

Northern Lights. Road Trips. Slurpees. Poorest postal code in Canada. Campfire. The least of these. Sleeping bags. Culture. The bus. Hikes. Beauty. Brokenness.

Throughout the school year, students spend just over a month traveling together. Two ministry trips give students experience with loving overlooked people groups and help them become more aware of their own gifting and ability. Two retreats help students connect and recharge as they learn to live well together and to love each other deeply.

Life on the road together helps students learn to balance the social aspects of the community with service to other people; to hold work time and play time in tension, and to spend time interacting with people who may approach life quite differently.

- Mountain Retreat
- Vancouver Ministry Trip
- Winter Retreat
- Northern Alberta Ministry Trip

SOME REFLECTIONS FROM ALUMNI

"I REALIZED THAT I NEED TO BE ACTIVE IN MY FAITH. I CANNOT SIMPLY SIT AND WAIT FOR MY LIFE TO PASS BY." -DAVID



"SETTING ASIDE 8 MONTHS TO INVEST IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST IS SOMETHING OF ETERNAL VALUE. YOU ARE GOING TO MAKE FRIENDS WHO WILL CONTINUALLY CHALLENGE YOU TO GROW DEEPER WITH GOD, LEARN TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S WORD BETTER, AND DEVELOP A GENUINE HEART FOR SERVING." -DANIKA



"MY FAITH HAS BECOME MY OWN, AND I HAVE MADE SO MANY MEANINGFUL FRIENDSHIPS IN THE PROCESS. I FEEL LIKE I NOW HAVE A FOUNDATION TO BUILD MY LIFE ON." -JADA



"THE BIBLE IS NO LONGER A BOOK OF OLD STORIES TO ME, IT HAS MEANING IN MY LIFE." -MACKENZIE

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FIND OUT MORE



Do you have questions or need more detailed information about Mount Carmel? Would you like to start the application process, arrange a visit or sign-up for an open house?

Please feel free to contact us.
We would love to talk.

Mount Carmel Bible College exists
to be a Christian community that
disciples students to know God
and live for Him.

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