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Application received:
References requested:

Reference received from:
Church
Employer
Friend
Medical
GDPR

Interview date:
Decision:



Undergraduate Application Form

These questions are intended to help you and the College Management Committee to think through and pray about your application to pursue undergraduate studies for preparation for Christian service. Your replies will be treated as private and confidential. On receipt of your application the College will be in touch with you to outline the interview process.

COURSE APPLIED FOR:

(please circle)

Preparation for Ministry BTh Full Time

Preparation for Ministry BTh Part Time

Preparation for Ministry BD Full Time

Preparation for Ministry BD Part Time

Graduate Diploma

PERSONAL INFORMATION

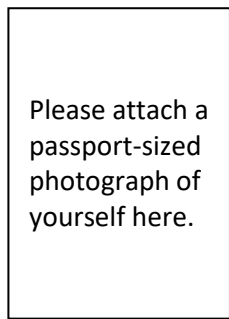
Surname:

First name(s):

Male/Female:

Date of Birth:

Address:



Place of birth:

Nationality:

Home Telephone:

Mobile Number:

Email Address:

What is your present marital status? (Please circle or underline the relevant one.)

Single Engaged Married Separated Divorced Widowed

Name of wife/husband/fiancé(e):

If married, have you previously been married?

Names and ages of children [if applicable]:

What will the practical implications for your family be if you come to College (move, finance, schools etc.)? Please indicate any particular difficulties you anticipate.

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

List your secondary level and further/higher education qualifications below beginning with the most recent.

Please attach copies of certificates.

Is English your native language? YES/NO

If no:

- State your native language:
- Which English qualifications do you hold?

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Give details (occupation, employer, dates, reason for leaving) of current and previous employment beginning with the most recent:

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LIFE EXPERIENCE

List any hobbies/sports/voluntary work you are involved in

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How do you think you relate to others?

What do you see as your personal strengths and how do you see these affecting your approach to Christian service?

List any perceived areas of personal weakness and how do you see these affecting your approach to Christian service?

What events, apart from conversion, have most influenced your life?

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

Do you have any disabilities for which you need additional support? E.g. Diabetes, asthma, sight/hearing/mobility impairment, epilepsy etc.

YES/NO

If YES, please give details:

CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

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

Have you been baptised as a believer? YES/NO

If YES, when and where?

Indicate the church of which you are currently a member.

Give details (including dates) of churches of which you have been a member in the past 10 years and the reason/s for leaving:

Describe your involvement in church life to date:

Give details of other areas of Christian service in which you have been/are involved:

Indicate any Christian training or study you have undertaken:

What Christian reading have you found interesting and helpful?

COLLEGE APPLICATION

Why have you applied to the Irish Baptist College?

How did you learn about the Irish Baptist College and this course?

How and when did you inform your church of your application?

What has the response been from your church?

How do you react to the pressure of hard work?

How do you react to views with which you disagree?

Indicate any other college(s) to which you have applied or intend to study:

How do you intend to finance your training?

Give full details of any grant or award which you have already received:

Do you accept the Doctrinal Statement of the Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland as set out in Appendix 1?

YES/NO

Indicate any reservations below.

N.B. Sincere differences of conviction relating to Article 8 'The Church' are respected.

REFEREES

Please supply the name, position, address, email and contact phone number of three referees. These should not be your relatives. You must obtain the agreement of each referee.

Pastor/Elder of your church:

Name:

Position:

Address:

Email:

Contact number:

Present Employer* (or tutor if you are a student):

Name:

Position:

Address:

Email:

Contact number:

**If you do not wish to nominate your present employer as a referee, please give your reasons and supply a suitable alternative. While the College respects this wish, it reserves the right to consult your employer if this is thought necessary. This would only be done after consultation with you.*

Friend who knows you well:

Name:

Position:

Address:

Email:

Contact number:

Please state how this person knows you:

CONSENT TO ACCESS NI CHECK

UK and Republic of Ireland Applicants only:

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 a separate sheet if necessary.

Please sign this declaration:

I understand that an Access 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:

For Overseas Applicants only:

Please sign this declaration:

I understand that if accepted as a student of the Irish Baptist College I may be asked to produce evidence that I have no criminal convictions.

Signature:

Date:

Note: Overseas applicants are asked to ensure that all information with respect to their application to study at the College, including sealed references, should be included with their application paper. This will help reduce the time necessary for processing applications and will help students who must apply for student visas and meet other necessary immigration requirements.

Please ensure you have included the following because we are unable to proceed with your application until all has been received:

A fully completed application form, a reference from employer (or other), reference from your pastor or elder, reference from a friend who knows you well.

DECLARATION

I _____, declare without reservation that:

- The above information is correct.
- This information, and that supplied by my referees, may be given to members of the Irish Baptist College Management Committee to facilitate their consideration of my application.
- If I am accepted as a student of the Irish Baptist College, I undertake to:
 - Conduct myself at all times in such a way as to commend Jesus Christ and uphold the good name of the College;
 - Conform to and endeavour to keep all College rules as set out in Appendix 2.
- If the College has to close temporarily or permanently for any unforeseen reason during my course, I will not make any claims against it or against the Association of Baptist Churches in Ireland.

Signed:

Date:

Please keep these for your own reference

APPENDIX 1: Doctrinal Statement

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.

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.

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.

The Holy Spirit

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

The Devil

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

Humanity

The creation of humanity, male and female, in the image of God, equal in value and complementary in role; the creation ordinance of marriage as the lifelong union of one man and one woman; the entrance of sin through Adam's disobedience; the fallen and totally depraved state of all humanity; their subjection to God's wrath and condemnation; their responsibility to repent and believe the Gospel.

Justification

The justification of the sinner by God's grace alone through faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ alone; the eternal security of the believer.

The Church

The church, the body of Christ, made up of those drawn from every tribe, language, people and nation throughout history who are added to it by the work of the Holy Spirit and the exercise of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; the scriptural expression of the church in the world as the local company of baptised believers gathered under the headship of Christ for worship, fellowship, instruction and evangelism, in separation from all systems of belief that do not adhere to the Scriptures and are unfaithful to the gospel of salvation by grace alone; 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.

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.

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.

Appendix 2: General Rules for Students

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.

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. The decision, granting or denying permission to change, shall be binding in each case.
3. Students are required to:
 - attend all lectures which form part of their course.
 - be punctual.
 - show consideration for those who are studying by maintaining a quiet atmosphere in the College.
 - observe the rule of silence in the library.
 - maintain the highest standards of behaviour when they represent the College in public. The drinking of alcoholic beverages is not permitted on the College premises.
4. Full-time students are required to attend Morning Devotions 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.
6. All term-time preaching appointments must be recorded immediately in College records. Bookings made by the College will take precedence over private appointments. Students are strongly advised to undertake no more than two Sunday engagements per month.
7. Students are required to help on the college premises as requested.
8. Students are expected to take 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.
9. Residents' visitors may be received in the Students' Common Room or in the Kitchen/Sitting Room of the Residential block.

10. Complaints by students should be made to the Principal normally through the Student Chairman.

Please complete all sections, sign all declarations and return to:
The Irish Baptist College,
The Baptist Centre
19 Hillsborough Road,
Moirá,
BT670HG

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