



Portland Bible College

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# A Word from the President

Marc & Susan Estes

In today's culture, it is more important than ever that you have a deep understanding of truth and grace. It is also vital to know what the Bible says, how it applies to the issues of life and culture, and how it can create a solid Christian worldview that generates strong values rooted in a deep relationship with Jesus. Whether you are looking to enter full-time ministry, business, government, the classroom, or wherever God leads you, Portland Bible College gives you the environment necessary to cultivate the tools and character required to be an informed and strong Christian leader.

For the last 50 years, Portland Bible College has been an extension of City Bible Church, providing real life opportunities for students to experience the next level of ministry and a chance to grow and learn from some of the best leaders in our generation. From its humble beginnings in 1969, under the founding leadership of Pastor Dick Iverson, Portland Bible College has

sought to champion the cause of the local church, recognizing that the Church is God's instrument to reach people and bring the hope of Jesus to every human being. We are committed to raising up leaders who are fully equipped with an understanding of Scripture and a vibrant relationship with Jesus so they can impact and influence their world.

I want to personally invite you to consider what might be in store for you at Portland Bible College. We offer opportunities throughout the school year for you to get a feel for classes and campus life, and to learn more about PBC. We hope to see you soon.

The best is yet to come,

## **Pastor Marc Estes**

President of Portland Bible College  
Lead Pastor of City Bible Church





# Get ready to make a difference.

If you had one shot, one opportunity to make a difference, one moment to stand, let your voice be heard – would you capture it? Would you let it slip by? How would you make a difference?

The world in the 21<sup>st</sup> century needs more than business-as-usual. God is preparing people, for every sector of society, who understand how to move mountains. People of faith who have prepared themselves for the challenges ahead, people who are interested in penetrating culture with the presence of God and cultivating change in people and societies.

Portland Bible College is about preparing you for the future God has in store for you. It might be full time Christian work, business, media, education, medicine... regardless of where you're going, you'll learn to connect with God's presence and develop a set of values that will prepare you for your future. You'll leave with the confidence and leadership qualities you'll need to play your role in God's story.

***We're ready to make an investment in you. Are you?***





# Programs and Emphases

## ASSOCIATES DEGREES

### **Associate of Theology**

This program is suited for the student who desires more Bible training for the purpose of serving in the local church. The program offers a wide range of courses relevant to lay-pastoral and educational ministries in the local church. Bible knowledge, Christian doctrine and practical training form the basis of the core curriculum. The Associate of Theology degree is also available online.

### **Associate of Christian Humanities**

This program is designed for two types of students: those who plan to continue their education and transfer to another college or university and those who will pursue their life's work apart from continuing education. This degree will assist the student in understanding the broad history of human thought from a Biblical perspective, with a focus to establish a Christian worldview.

### **Associate of Church Leadership**

Acceptance into the Church Leadership Program is by special application only. Applicants must be over the age of 25 with significant ministerial involvement.

This is a highly flexible program with emphases in church leadership, biblical studies, church music, world missions and youth ministry. The dean will assist the student to design a program that will fit the student's ministry focus.

### **Associate of Church Music**

The Associate of Church Music Program (ACM) is designed to equip the worship leader for effective local church lay ministry by laying a solid foundation in Biblical worship, nurturing a deeper walk with God and developing necessary musical disciplines.

The ACM Program contains core worship ministry classes with four distinctive tracks of emphasis:

#### ◆ **ACM: Worship Ministry**

This track is for the student desiring to serve in a local church in worship ministry on a lay-level but without a specific worship leading or songwriting focus. Training includes pastoral leadership,







team building and administration and a Biblical foundation of worship with a broad knowledge of music and rhythm instruments.

#### ◆ **ACM: Worship Leader**

This track is for students passionate to be worshippers and to lead in worship. It focuses on training for worship leading, rehearsing a worship band, reading lead sheets and entry level piano.

#### ◆ **ACM: Worship Musician**

This track equips students for a higher level of excellence in a specific rhythm band instrument, individually and as part of a worship band. It includes focused instrument training and lessons.

#### ◆ **ACM: Worship Songwriter**

This track is for students desiring to express worship through writing presence-driven songs for worship services, special events, evangelism, dramas and musicals. Training in songwriting principles, creating lead sheets/chord charts, arranging, studio recording, understanding basic piano or guitar fundamentals and MIDI are included.





# BACHELOR DEGREES

## Bachelor of Theology

This program is designed for students with full-time church ministry in mind. It is PBC's premier leadership emphasis and is suitable for lay ministry preparation as well as students who plan to continue on to seminary in related graduate-level programs.

Within the Bachelor of Theology degree we offer a variety of emphases to allow students to focus in specific areas of study.

### ◆ General Studies

Students who wish to avoid being locked into a specific track or those who have an interest in more than one of them will find this track suitable. Its requirements are relevant to a broad range of life & ministry directions. There is also more flexibility to combine elements of other emphases.

### ◆ Biblical Studies

Some students have a particular passion to study and handle God's Word. Those who feel called to a "Word ministry" will be interested in this track.

### ◆ Pastoral Leadership

This track is for students who are passionate about pastoral leadership in the local church. The

full range of pastoral skills—from preaching to counseling to team building—will be developed. Practical leadership is also a major focus of this track.

### ◆ Pastoral Counseling

This track is designed for students who have a specific passion to give themselves to Biblical counseling. It includes specialized courses such as Introduction to Counseling, Counseling Techniques and Advanced Counseling. It also provides a solid base of Biblical understanding.

### ◆ Intercultural Studies

Designed for students who are serious in their pursuit of training for missionary or local cross-cultural ministry. One of its strengths is the opportunity for involvement in various ethnic ministries.

### ◆ Youth Ministry

This track will add several features to the Pastoral Leadership track designed specifically for those training to be youth pastors. Students will obtain practical training through the Generation Unleashed ministry of City Bible Church.

### ◆ Worship

This track is for those who are not pursuing a church music degree but still want to include some of the courses from the worship programs into their church ministry program.





## Bachelor of Church Music

The Bachelor of Church Music Program (BCM) is designed for students with local church music leadership in mind and deeper excellence, character, anointing and skill.

All Associate of Church Music Emphases may continue on to the Worship Pastor third and fourth year program. Students receive mentoring while gaining hands-on experience through PBC chapels, City Bible Church services, and various ministries.

Additional details about all of our programs are available by requesting a Course Catalog from our Admissions Office.

## Accreditation

Though Portland Bible College is committed to academic excellence and institutional soundness, we have chosen not to pursue accreditation with the appropriate associations due to a religious conscience issue. This primarily has to do with our local church governance and integration which has proven to be central to our effectiveness.

However, through our 50-plus year history, we have been able to demonstrate our academic credibility to the satisfaction of many agencies and accredited institutions. The college has been given an exempt degree granting status by the State of Oregon and the State of Washington. This enables the school to offer theological degrees under Oregon law (ORS 348.835) and Washington law (WAC 250-61-060 (6)).

## A Glimpse at Your First Two Years

### BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY: GENERAL STUDIES EMPHASIS

#### FIRST YEAR

FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
Course Name	Credits	Course Name	Credits
Old Testament Survey	2	New Testament Survey	2
Life of Christ	3	English Composition	2
Intro to College Writing*	(2)	Intro to Bible Study	1
Practicum	1	Practicum	1
Personal Destiny	1	Personal Discipline	2
Human Dev. & Relationships	3	Personal Finance I	1
Basic Doctrine	5	Personal Evangelism	2
Elective Credits	1	Holy Spirit	2
		Doctrine of the Church	2
		Elective Credits	2
<b>Semester Subtotal</b>	<b>(16-18)</b>	<b>Semester Subtotal</b>	<b>17</b>

#### SECOND YEAR

FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
Course Name	Credits	Course Name	Credits
Pentateuch	3	Old Testament History	5
Speech Communications	2	Acts	2
Physical Education	0.5	Physical Education	0.5
Practicum	1	Practicum	1
Bible Research	2	Social Responsibility	2
Local Church	3	Covenants	3
Elective Credits	5	Elective Credits	2
<b>Semester Subtotal</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>Semester Subtotal</b>	<b>15.5</b>



# Transferring Credits

Let PBC help you achieve your goals! We can assess credits previously earned at other colleges or institutions and provide you with a plan on how to complete your degree live or online.

A number of students choose to pursue further training after PBC. Several formal transfer agreements have been established with regionally accredited colleges and universities, both public and private. These include Portland State University, Warner Pacific College, Concordia University, Northwest Christian College, Multnomah University, Life Pacific College and Pittsburgh State (Kansas). Many other colleges and universities, even without formal articulations, have accepted our credits as well. These would include the University of California at Berkeley, Arizona State, Boise State, Baylor and Northwest. Each institution accepts PBC credits at their discretion.

There are a growing number of graduate schools who have honored our degrees by accepting our four-year graduates into their graduate level programs such as: George Fox University, Western Seminary, Fuller University, Regent University, Liberty University, Azusa Pacific, Multnomah, etc. They, of course, would evaluate each applicant on a case-by-case basis.



**PASTOR JUDAH SMITH**

*Lead Pastor, City Church, Seattle, WA*

The PBC courses I have taken over the last ten years have shaped my life and ministry dramatically. It has been such a blessing to be able to learn from true leaders and fathers in the faith. The flexibility of distance learning has enabled me to continue in full-time ministry while simultaneously giving me tools to be a more effective minister.

# Online Program

**Join our thriving community of students online.**

Our goal in creating an online program is to replicate the PBC classroom experience with audio lectures, PowerPoint presentations and interactive forums with other students and faculty. We want to offer our distance learning students more than a simple connection to course materials and content. We want to connect you with professors and other students in order to allow for a true academic and educational experience. Whether you live across town or around the world, a life-impacting Bible College education is as close as your internet connection.

**What is taking an online course like?**

Over the period of 14 weeks, students are assigned a series of tasks in their course(s) to accomplish each week. Tasks could include assigned reading, watching video clips of lecture material, participating in discussion forums with other students, submitting assignments and taking quizzes. All of these activities are done within the PBC Online Classroom. Students do not need to be online at specific times during the week; instead all lectures and assignments must be finished by every Monday night. The great



**RANJY THOMAS**

*Business Owner and Lay Pastor, Portland, OR*

As a husband, dad, business owner and lay pastor in my local church, I never thought I would have the time to get a formal Bible college education. Taking online courses at PBC gave me the Bible education that I want, with the flexibility my schedule requires. No ministry leader from the business community should feel that a formal Bible education is out of reach. It's never too late.



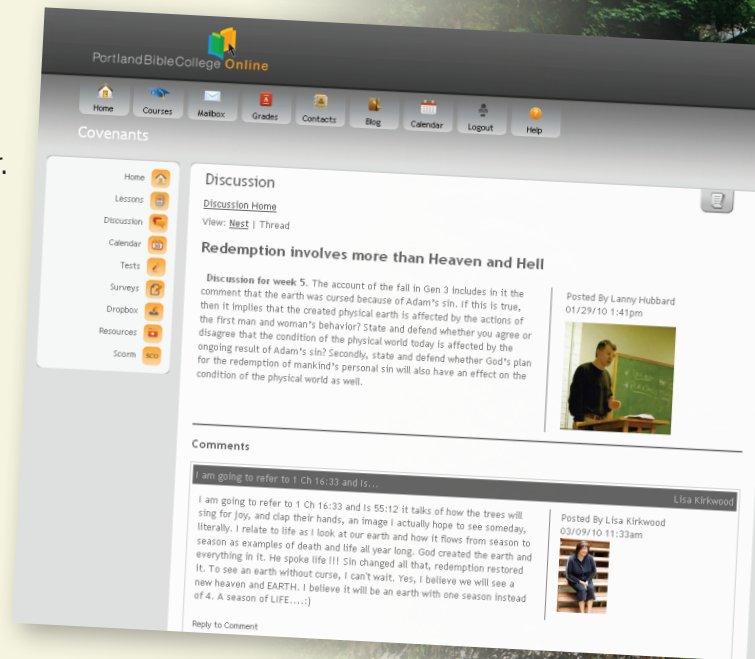
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thing about online classes is that students can see who is also in their classroom and they can interact with and get feedback from the teacher.

**Students interested in Bible education without the credit can audit PBC courses for one-third of the cost.**

The lectures and student notes provided for audit students are exactly the same as those provided for credit courses. However, audit students do not gain access to an online classroom with other students. They also do not turn in homework, take tests, interact with the teacher or engage with other students on topics.





## Credit for Ministry

The PBC experience happens in the midst of a thriving local church. That means every student gets the opportunity to immediately apply what they've learned in the classroom with real life ministry opportunities and receive credit for time spent serving.

Portland Bible College's mission is not simply to educate the next generation of leaders with the knowledge of God's Word, but to help each student experience and apply that truth to life now. Training happens best in the context of doing. In every strata of society – politics, business, media, church – Portland Bible College has made a commitment to partner with each student to help them develop their gifts and callings in the context of real life ministry. Students can earn up to 12 credits for practical experience within the local church while pursuing a four-year degree.

## Spiritual Life

One aspect that distinguishes Portland Bible College as an effective training environment is that the presence of God is both valued and embraced. In fact, life at PBC revolves around the presence of the Holy Spirit, whether in a chapel service or in the classroom.

Not only are the church and chapel services presence-driven, but also the classroom experience. Portland Bible College is known for having remarkably dynamic teachers, and the students not only look forward to great didactic teaching, but also fresh impartation from anointed men and women and from the Spirit's presence.

Most importantly, God's Spirit is present in the hearts and lives of the students—whether they are seeking Him privately, hanging out, making important decisions or changing the world. At PBC, God's presence is preeminent.

## International Students

PBC has been making a difference around the world by training strong leaders that impact their culture. International Students from all over the globe comprise approximately 25% of the student body, helping define the core of PBC. We are authorized by the US Department of Homeland Security to enroll international students into degree-seeking programs. Upon acceptance to the school, the student will be able to apply for an F-1 student visa. We look forward to partnering with you to make a difference in your nation.



### KELLY RUBULIAK

*SongSelect Administration, CCLI*

I attended Portland Bible College from 1999–2003. From Richmond, British Columbia, Canada, I came to PBC already having a background in both music and church ministry. However, Portland Bible College not only expanded my knowledge of music theory but it also trained me further with important

leadership qualities. I am currently employed by CCLI (Christian Copyright Licensing International) to help administrate music content on our SongSelect website for global church use and also sing regularly on my church's worship team in Portland, Oregon at City Bible Church. The teachings that I received at Portland Bible College were vital in shaping my personal character and skills; I use them continually to read and analyze sheet music in a job that I love to do everyday!



### MARK CONNER

*Senior Pastor, City Life Church, Melbourne, Australia*

I am currently the Senior Minister of City Life Church in Melbourne Australia, a church of over 6,000 people.

My time at PBC laid a great foundation of theological and Biblical studies for my life and ministry. It also helped me establish important personal spiritual



# PBC Athletics

In 2007, PBC started an intercollegiate men's basketball program. From its inception, the program has produced amazing results: two PCAC conference titles, two NCAA West Region titles, five national tournament appearances, nine all-conference players, six All-Americans and even one national title. In 2011, PBC started a JV program to give even more young men an opportunity to excel athletically. PBC is also in the process of expanding its athletic program by adding additional sports to help enrich the overall PBC experience. If you are interested in using your athletic skill to grow spiritually and promote the gospel, please contact [athletics@portlandbiblecollege.org](mailto:athletics@portlandbiblecollege.org).

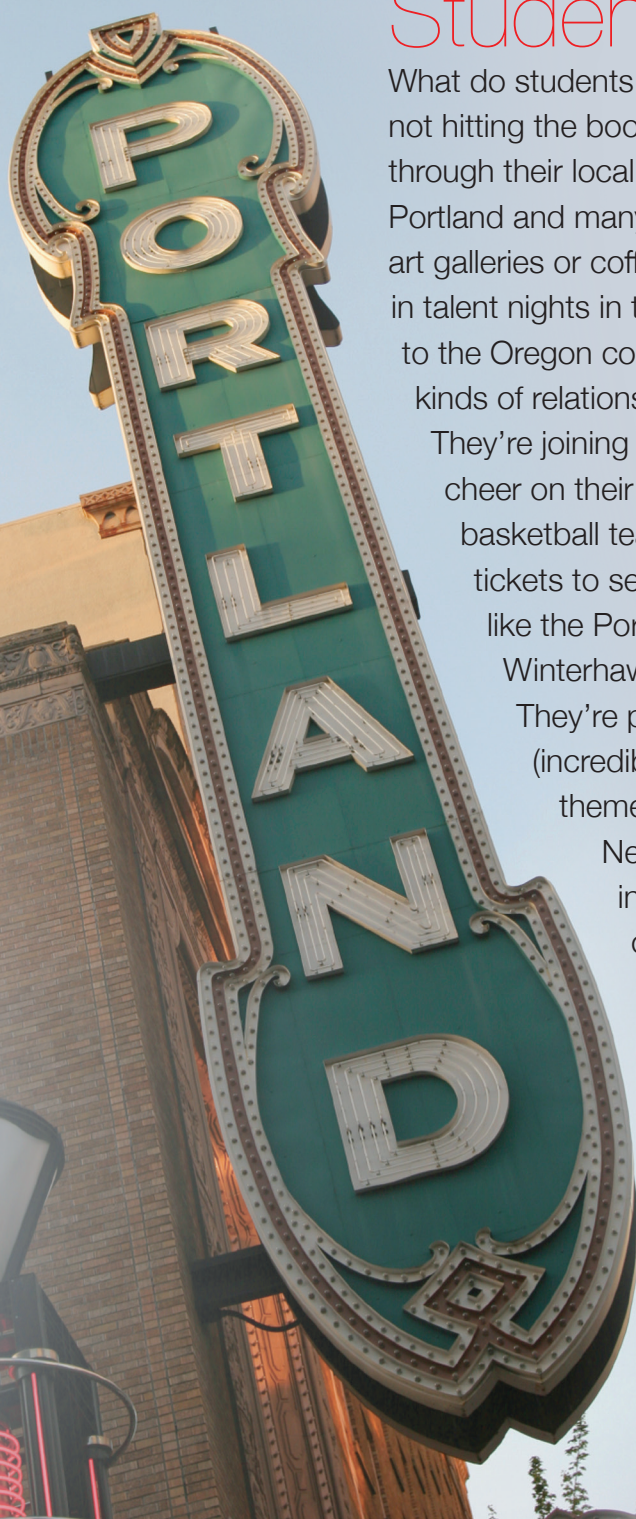


disciplines in my life that are irreplaceable.

I attended PBC from 1980-1981, I did a 2 year Associate of Theology. The early morning prayer times and weekly chapel services were times of personal encounter with God and the classes gave me a broad foundation and preparation for ministry. Relationships were a great part of living in the dorms and created lots of fun memories and helped provide an environment to integrate the class teachings.







## Student Life

What do students at PBC do when they're not hitting the books or involved with ministry through their local church? They're experiencing Portland and many of its unique neighborhoods, art galleries or coffee shops. They're participating in talent nights in the student lounge or heading to the Oregon coast. They're forming the kinds of relationships that will last a lifetime.

They're joining with classmates to wildly cheer on their school's talented men's basketball team, the Wildcats, or scoring tickets to see a professional sports team like the Portland Trail Blazers, Portland Winterhawks or Portland Timbers.

They're planning Dorm Wars (incredibly creative dorm parties with themes ranging from Revenge of the Nerds to Superheroes). They're involved in changing the lives of thousands of people in the metro area through real life ministry experience, whether on the job, through community services outreach or student initiated ministry teams. Portland Bible College is about more than just the classroom.

## Living in Portland

Whether you see Portland, Oregon as a small town with a big-city feel or a big city that feels like a small town, it is a cool place to live.

Located on the banks of the Willamette River only 90 minutes from snow-capped peaks and the Pacific Ocean, you might not realize Portland's bustling downtown and waterfront are the heart of a metropolitan region with more than 2 million people. Twelve bridges span the Willamette River that runs through downtown, connecting the east and west sides of town. Throughout the metro area are thriving neighborhoods filled with restaurants, art galleries, funky clothing stores and more coffee shops than you can count.

Portland also has an abundance of movie theaters, new and used bookstores (including Powell's, the largest new and used bookstore in the world) and a whole lot to do – everything from hiking, biking, snowboarding and shopping. Portland really is a great college town!





# Housing

Living in the PBC dorms not only offers the convenience of on-campus living, it provides you with personal ties to a tight-knit community and connects you to the vibrant life of PBC. It is a vital part of a rich, well-rounded experience. The dorms offer students a place to live and study that distinctly enhances their college experience by putting them at the center of everything: classes, the library, recreational facilities, ministry experiences, volunteer opportunities and more.

Dorm life links your daily life more intimately to the goings-on around campus. You'll live in close proximity to friends, peers and colleagues who are all having similar experiences and together, you'll create a campus community that is purposeful, energetic and full of life.



# 10 *for* 10

## Ten Things to Do in Portland for \$10 or Less

1. Stop by Ace Hotel for some of the best coffee Portland has to offer, Stumptown Coffee Roasters. Relax in their trendy lobby and take some pics in the photo booth.
2. Hike Multnomah Falls. Whether you're out for exercise or just to snap a photo, Multnomah Falls is something you won't want to miss, and it's FREE!
3. Check out Powell's Books. With thousands of books available, some spend hours at a time inside one of Powell's bookstores looking for just the right book to sit down with in the Powell's café.
4. Join the animals at the Oregon Zoo. Go on the second Tuesday of the month and it will only cost you \$2!
5. Visit of the largest city parks in the US at Forest Park off of downtown portland. This gorgeous park spans At 5,157 acres, with more than 80 miles of hiking trails, overlooking the city skyline, as well as the columbia and willamete rivers.
6. Lose yourself in the Chinese Gardens. This authentic garden has a wide variety of things to do from getting a cup of tea in the teahouse, to watching the Chinese Master Artist, to just taking in the beauty of the Garden itself. \$6.50 with your Student ID.
7. Take in the works of some of Portland's greatest artists on First Thursday in the Pearl District and it won't cost a penny!
8. Eat at a Food Cart and enjoy the true Portland experience with dozens of options all over the city. From gourmet smore's to Japanese bistro's, you can truly try it all!
9. Step back into the past at Historic Pittock Mansion. This century old mansion is filled with treasures and beauty of what life once was. \$8 gets you in the door.
10. Treat yourself to some of the most unique ice cream flavors at the one-of-a-kind, Salt & Straw ice cream parlor. Be prepared to stand in line, as they are known to attract a crowd!





# Tuition and Fees

## OUR PHILOSOPHY ON STUDENT DEBT

Imagine graduating debt free! PBC is strongly committed to helping make your educational goals a reality without leaving you in debt for decades to come. How can we do this? First, City Bible Church subsidizes a large portion of the cost for operating the college. This allows us to keep tuition relatively low in comparison to many schools. Second, the class and fee schedule have been arranged to allow students to work and pay their way through school.

In fact, more than 85% of our students graduate debt free!

Most students are able to find a good part-time job in the Portland area, go to school until noon and then work in the afternoons.

The cost per semester is specifically determined at registration. However, a good per semester estimate is as follows:

Full-time, on-campus students pay about \$4,500. (The cost for music students tends to be a little higher due to private music lessons.)

Full-time, off-campus students pay about \$2,800.

We are happy to work with all students in order to avoid unnecessary debt encumbrances. Visit our website to find out how we may be able to assist you to financially meet your educational goals.

## INTEREST-FREE PAYMENT PLANS

PBC offers a 0% interest payment plan to all students consisting of a down payment and subsequent monthly payments. Students are required to put 50% down for the Fall semester and 35% down for the Spring semester at registration.



## WORK STUDY PROGRAM

Each semester there are a limited number of part-time work opportunities available on campus, usually on our custodial, maintenance or cafeteria teams. Student-workers generally earn minimum wage. In the event that the student is unable to obtain gainful employment off campus, they may apply for this program.

## THE DESTINY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The school currently has a fund designated to help continuing students (with proven track records personally and academically) who are facing financial difficulty. The amount awarded is determined on a case-by-case basis.

## PRIVATE GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Private grants, loans and scholarships that do not require federal participation are generally accepted by PBC. It is up to each individual student to determine his/her qualification and application for the scholarship. The student needs to inform the Finance Office or Registrar if there are any requirements on the school's part in order to obtain the funds.

## VETERANS TUITION BENEFITS

Portland Bible College welcomes US Veterans! Most of the Portland Bible College programs are approved for Veteran Affairs (VA) educational benefits. If you are an eligible veteran or dependent, contact the Registrar before registration so that your enrollment can be certified by the VA.

# Campus Tour

There's nothing like experiencing Portland Bible College to truly get a feel for what life is all about here! Campus tours are scheduled on Fridays from 9 am to 1 pm while school is in session, August through December and January through May\*. The tours include being shown around the campus, sitting in on a class, worshipping with us at student-led chapel, meeting some of our faculty and staff and enjoying lunch on us! If you are interested in scheduling a campus tour please call the Admissions Office at 503.255.3540.

\*Please note, we are not able to accommodate lodging for overnight visits due to space and dorm availability. If you plan to visit from out of town please ask the admissions representative to recommend affordable places to stay when you call to schedule your visit!

# Admissions

The PBC admissions process is designed to help us explore the potential fit between you and us. We place a strong emphasis on a student's character, values and academic aptitude. Although SAT scores are not required, a high school diploma or GED equivalent is necessary. Our entire admissions process is completed online. Please visit [www.portlandbiblecollege.org/admissions](http://www.portlandbiblecollege.org/admissions) to get started. For specific questions regarding admissions procedures please call the Admissions Office at 503.255.3540.

**READY TO APPLY? PLEASE VISIT**

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