



Vision International Education Network is a ministry designed to assist in the task of “equipping the saints for the work of the ministry, for building up the Body of Christ (Ephesians 4:12)”. In essence, we are here to equip the equipper to equip the saints of God. We have established an International Network of Training Centers in local churches and ministries, and are working with pastors and other national and international leaders to develop quality ministry education for their congregations and constituencies. For more than 30 years, Vision has established this extensive network serving thousands of students worldwide.

George Barna reports that only 1 in 5 (that's 20%) of all church members actively participate in the work of the ministry. We believe that we can help you change this statistic.

By partnering with Vision International, you can offer a variety of education programs from our network of colleges and universities to meet the specific needs of your church and community.

No longer must your men and women be sent away to be trained for ministry.

By establishing a Vision International Resource Center in your local community as an educational outreach program, you can have your own “School of Ministry” utilizing Vision’s programs and curriculum as your primary resource. When you become a Resource Center, students in your program become official distance education students of one of the colleges or universities in the Vision network, depending upon their individual needs.

Students study under your local supervision, studying the dynamic curriculum developed by the VIEN Team. The Resource Center has proven to be an invaluable tool for men and women who desire to be trained and thus develop the skills to serve the vision and mission of the local ministry.



- The Vision International Education Network colleges and universities have degree granting authority in the United States, recognition in various nations including the Bahamas and Nigeria, and government accreditation in Australia. Vision’s programs are increasing in recognition worldwide.
- Vision was founded for the purpose of developing and making available a dynamic educational and training system of high academic excellence, international in scope, and able to be contextualized to meet the specific needs of individual churches and ministries.
- Vision offers local churches and ministries a “turn-key” operation for the establishment of a high-quality in-house School of Ministry operated under local leadership, with the assistance of Vision’s educational experts. We provide you with a comprehensive four year curriculum consisting of over one hundred courses to train men and women for effective service under your authority and professional mentorship.
- Vision International Resource Centers make it possible for Christian leaders and workers to fulfill their aspirations of completing their education and/or receiving academic credit, all without leaving their community, family, job, or local church! This can be accomplished right from your Resource Center under the tutelage and mentorship of your leadership; leaders who best know and have a keen pastoral interest in their spiritual development. No longer does the local church need to send its young people and developing leaders off to a faraway academic institution with curricula far removed from practical ministry and the “Vision of the House”.

- Our role is to assist the local church in preparing leaders for service in their church and community. We believe that the church needs flexible delivery systems such as Vision Resource Centers to accomplish the Great Commission: to teach all nations (Matthew 18).

The Resource Center Program

Vision International maintains a strong commitment to vocational ministry training within the local context. While Vision's curriculum is deep-rooted in a Pentecostal-Charismatic heritage, it remains open-ended and adaptable to any immediate cultural context. Vision encourages students studying in **Resource Centers** to apply their educational experience to their church environment, denomination, and faith community.

The first three years of the undergraduate program of the Vision International Education Network is completed via Vision International College Australia, accredited by the Vocational Education and Training Accreditation Board (VETAB). Vision International Education Network facilitates the Vision International College Australia program, which focuses primarily on vocational training for ministry. Students who have completed the first three years of study may then transfer into Vision International University USA's Bachelor's Degree Completion program.

Competency-based Vocational Training

The Australian model for competency-based vocational training perfectly compliments Vision's commitment to training within the local church and community. The first three years of study are *competency-based*, meaning that the student is less required to memorize and repeat information, and more required to demonstrate that he or she is competent to perform essential skills for vocational ministry. Competency is demonstrated by collecting and submitting *evidence* to qualified assessors. We believe that this is best accomplished in the context of the local church.

Community Service Emphasis

Community Service is an essential component of Vision's vocational ministry training emphasis. For more information, please see Community Service.

Our Five Values of Competency-based Vocational Ministry Training:

Vision affirms the following values for vocational ministry training, adapted from Dr. Malcolm Webber, Dean of Vision's graduate Leadership program:

- **Christ**
All teaching will be centered in Christ – seeking to bring students into a Christ like life and thinking.
- **Community**
Training will be carried out and proven in the context of community life (relationships). The student's ministerial vocation will be expressed and worked out in the daily life of his or her various communities: family, church community, society, and the broader community of the world.
- **Character**
Building strong character will be the goal of all training, not just an accumulation of knowledge. The indwelling life of Christ expressed and worked out in community will develop godly character.
- **Calling**
Will be observed, developed, and proven within the immediate context of the community.
- **Competency**
Competency in a particular area of life and ministry is developed and nurtured in the environment of a loving community. Competency is demonstrated by practical, hands-on training in the immediate context of the local church and community.

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