

# VISION INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION NETWORK

## NETWORK FACT SHEET

### HISTORY

- Vision was established in 1974 in Australia as Vision Bible College under Dr. Ken Chant and simultaneously in San Diego as Logos Bible Institute under Drs. Joseph Bohac and Stan DeKoven.
- Dr. Chant brought his unique teaching ministry to San Diego in 1985 and merged with Logos Institute (Directed by Dr. Stan DeKoven) in 1987. Dr. Chant returned to Australia in 1990, and Vision was expanded in California under the direction of Dr. DeKoven.
- The program grew to its present status, with the assistance of Dr. Bohac, and Dr. Randy Gurley, Chairman of the Board of Regents, and a dedicated staff.
- Vision is now headquartered in Ramona, CA, with affiliated churches and centers around the world;
  - Over 100 schools of ministry in over 35 states,
  - 5000+ church based training centers in over 150 nations. Further, Vision has established...
  - Schools and churches in North and South Americas, Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East, utilizing...
  - Over 100 originally written texts to restore and equip God's people, and a dynamic administrative system to help develop and expand bible education and ministry training in the world.

### QUALIFICATION/ACCREDITATION

- Since 1990, Vision International University has maintained authorization to grant degrees by religious exemption in the State of California. In 2005, Vision International University submitted its application for State Approval by the California Bureau for Private Post-Secondary and Vocational Education (BPPVE) to be recognized as a degree-granting institution. The Bureau regulates approximately 3,000 schools serving an estimated 400,000 students in California. The Bureau establishes educational and operational standards to serve as regulations for instructional quality, fiscal and administrative responsibility, and institutional stability for private post-secondary schools.
- In June 2006, Vision International University received a temporary approval to operate from the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education (BPPVE). A temporary approval is merely an interim designation the Bureau can authorize pending a qualitative review and assessment of the Institution. At the time it is issued, the Bureau has not yet conducted a site visit. It is issued if the Bureau determines the institution's operational plan satisfies the minimum standards listed in Education Code (CEC) Section 94900 or 94915, whichever is applicable. The temporary approval will remain in effect for at least 90 days, but not more than 360 days in order to enable the Bureau to conduct the site visit and inspection of the institution. After that visit, the Bureau will then determine whether the institution should be approved on a permanent basis.

#### **Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education (BPPVE)**

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- Vision International University received full institutional approval from BPPVE on April 4, 2007. The academic programs and policies are designed to fit the needs of students and are reviewed frequently and updated as necessary to remain current with emerging practices as well as State and Federal policies and procedures.
- Vision International University is not accredited by a U.S. Department of Education-approved accrediting agency. Various secularly accredited Universities and seminaries throughout the USA may accept transfer students, credits, and degrees from educational institutions such as Vision.

### **Association for Biblical Higher Education Affiliate Membership:**

- Vision International University is an Affiliate member of the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE), a US Department of Education Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) recognized accrediting agency. Affiliate Institutions are not accredited by the ABHE. Acceptance as an Affiliate institution with the ABHE is not equivalent to accreditation and does not guarantee that Vision International University will someday be accredited, but it does indicate that Vision International University has met an initial standard for ABHE recognition.

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- **The Association for Christian Schools International (ACSI)** has approved Vision International University for students completing the Bible course requirements for teacher certification. Further, students completing the Bachelor's degree in Christian Ministry or the Master's degree in Christian Education are eligible for provisional (interim) certification as a Christian teacher.
- Vision is a member of the **Evangelical Training Association (ETA)**. Undergraduate students are eligible for the Associate Teacher Diplomas awarded by ETA. Students completing the Bachelor's degree in Christian Ministry are eligible for the Standard Teacher Diploma awarded by ETA. Further, students completing the Master's degree in Christian Education are eligible for the Graduate Teacher Diploma awarded by ETA.
- Vision is approved as a professional counselor training program with the **International Association of Christian Care Professionals (IACCP)**.

### **OPTIONS FOR OPERATION The Recommended Programs**

There are several delivery systems for the Vision educational program, allowing for maximum flexibility of training. They include:

- **Vision International Extension Institute/VIC – Church Based Day or Evening Program** - A local church provides Facilities, Faculty, Administrative services, up to two Vision Seminars per year by qualified faculty. This is accredited; up to three years of education.
- **Vision International Extension Institute/VIC – Seminar Campus.** In larger communities, one course per month is offered for several affiliated churches. Church provides Facilities, some Faculty, and Administration. National Vision faculty is used for 2 or more seminars per year.
- **Vision International University– External Studies Program.** Correspondence and On Line programs leading to Bachelors, Masters and Doctoral Degrees, designed for specific and advanced leaders. Resource Center students desiring a Bachelor's degree, do so by direct distance or online with local church mentorship.
- **Vision International Bible College in A Box®** – complete educational programs offered through the World Wide Web and via CD for international schools. Transfer of credit allowed to Vision International for diploma/degree recognition. A two year program on side by side translated video or DVD is available in multiple languages through our affiliated International School of Ministry.

### **Starting the Process**

- To begin, a local ministry would agree that this is the Lord, and enter into an agreement to this joint venture. With affiliation comes the Certificate of Affiliation, Administrative Manual, Catalog, Syllabi, transcribing and accreditation from Vision.

- The leadership of the Resource Center in the locality is in the hands of the leadership of the local church, with assistance from the Vision Leadership. The local leaders decide the following:
  - **Who teaches** – You decide who shares your vision and who has the skills and education to teach. The faculty may be a combination of local qualified instructors and VIC/VIU faculty.
  - **What is taught** – Courses are available that are within the vision the Lord has given you. VIC/VIU gives significant guidance to insure a well-balanced program of studies.
  - **When classes are held** – For the Seminar program, students take one course per month with 8-10 hours of Seminar Instruction over a Friday evening and Saturday or Sunday afternoon and evening and Monday evening, as desired.
  - **What level to start with** – Start at any level and build a foundation. It can be a short-term school depending upon the local capabilities.

The Resource Center responsibility is to:

1. Forward Student Applications for Admission and transcripts of former College work to Vision.
2. Pay Registration Fees according to Covenant Agreement.
3. Pay Tuition Sharing as per Covenant Agreement.
4. Utilize Vision Books and Study Guides unless approved otherwise.
5. Complete grades for each course, forwarding them to Vision in a timely manner.

Vision responsibility is to:

1. Provide books as available as per Covenant Agreement.
2. Provide support to the Resource Center as needed.
3. Provide Accreditation, transcribing and degree granting and all legal requirements for the Resource Center.
4. Provide a syllabus as a guideline for each course.
5. Provide an Administrative Manual keyed and indexed for fluid operation, along with CD and Training CD/Video.
6. Provide a national resource pool of instructors for the dynamic Vision Seminars.
7. Provide textbooks for purchase, which are specifically written for Christian leadership development.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

The administration of the Resource Center could be as follows:

**President/Chancellor– Local Church or Ministry Leader.** Duties of the President/Chancellor are as listed in the Vision Administration Manual, which include to provide vision, serve as spiritual mentor, insure adequate facilities, develop resources, offer counsel and mediation, represent the center to the community.

**Dean of Academics – Local qualified Academic.** Duties are as listed in the Vision Administration Manual to: serve as advisor to the school President in school policy and academics, classify students, supervise student progress, issue appropriate reports, direct the registration program, insure the development of proper advertising, help formulate educational policies, recommend proposed changes of curriculum, help supervise educational aids.

**Registrar** – The duties of the registrar include preparing registration reports, ordering textbooks, collection of all fees, keeping student records confidential and up to date and ensuring all grades reports and appropriate fees are sent to VIC/VIU.

**Instructor** – The duties of the instructor are too numerous to mention here but are well outlined in the Administration Manual.

The programs of Vision are specifically designed to provide a comprehensive and flexible educational program for the local community. We would be honored to assist you in establishing the Vision Resource Center with Vision International Education Network.

## **FINANCES**

The actual bottom line finances will be worked out in contract between the local President and VIC/VIU, but the general financial and fee requirements are as follows:

- A. Resource Center
  - 1. All offerings, gifts and donations stay with the local church, except for 50% of the net proceeds from the annual banquet.
  - 2. Registration Fee (\$50.00/year/student) comes to VIU and other fees as stipulated in the Agreement and the Administrative Manual.
  - 3. Tuition
    - a. 60% stays with the local church
    - b. 40% to Vision
- B. Tuition – The student tuition requirements are the same for either the affiliate Resource Center or the hosted college. The recommended tuition for Bachelor undergraduate work is \$65.00/unit and each course is 3 units. The cost for auditing the course without credit is \$30.00/unit, minimum. To increase the opportunity for possible student attendees, a reduced scholarship fee may be offered to spouses of credit students and/or financial hardship cases (unemployed, etc.). However, the normal 40% or 60% of the full tuition is required to be paid to Vision.
- C. Textbooks – Each student will be required to purchase a textbook for each subject taken. These books, available through Vision Publishing, cost from \$12.00 to \$25.00 each.
- D. Other Fees – Graduation Fees, Yearly Renewal Fees, Transcript Fees, Exemption by Evidence Fees, etc. are covered in the Administration Manual or the Agreement.

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