

About Accreditation:

In the United States, accreditation is used to assure quality in schools or educational institutions and programs. It should be noted that accreditation is a voluntary, non-governmental process of review and evaluation. The accreditation process requires an educational institution or program to meet certain, defined standards or criteria as set forth by the accrediting body. These standards change from State to State, and from region to region. These standards also change with time. In fact, thankfully and partly because of our country's heritage and Constitution (re: "freedom of choice") there are no two Universities that have the same structure, philosophies, teaching modalities or evaluation criteria. This can act to give or permit a certain degree of freedom. Our programs are not designed to meet, any specific local, state, territorial, regional, or national licensing or credentialing laws. Further, being non-traditional in nature, our programs are not designed to meet a particular requirement established by any private association, or "traditional" licensing or other accrediting organization.

Without doubt, many of our students/graduates are among the highest caliber, most intelligent, talented, best-educated and most effective individuals you will find anywhere. They, and their SBI degrees, are equal to their counterparts from traditional schools anywhere in the world.

Will my degree be accepted?

Although our graduates do quite well in the job market and with acceptance by other schools, Salem Bible Institute makes no promises, representations, nor guarantees of employment or acceptability of transfer credits to any public or private educational institution. If you are seeking an SBI degree for specific licensing, employment or additional educational purposes, we advise you to first check with the association, governmental agency, employer, or specific educational institution to determine the acceptability.

A degree is never worth more than the person who has the degree. Many students have graduated from schools where thousands of dollars were spent to obtain the education. Yet, after the student graduated they still had very little knowledge of God's word and had grown very little in their ministry skills. While they had an accredited degree to hang on the wall they went on to do very little in ministry because they did not have the skills that churches and schools look for when hiring someone, and that is ability, which can only come from credible teaching and training.

Salem Bible Institute will continue to shy away from any kind of accreditation that might weaken our ability to train men and women to be effective servants of Christ in their church and place of ministry service. Few pastors are promoted to bigger churches simply because of the name of their institution. Churches want ministers who demonstrate that they truly have a real degree and education by what they are and how they perform their tasks. A degree from Salem Bible Institute will give you the credible degree that you need, but most importantly, you will engage in the studies that will sharpen your God-given talents to do great things for God. Your church and peers will accept your degree if they accept you. The degree does not make the person. The person makes the degree.

Will a degree from SBI be accepted by another school?

This all depends on the school. No school has to accept credit from any other school. In many cases the credit from SBI should be acceptable to any other school. We utilize only the finest material available. However, we cannot say what another school will accept.

The main question to be asked when considering a school is, "Is this the school that will Please God?" If it pleases God then it doesn't matter who is displeased. We ask all of our students to pray about all they do in life. Our school is about honoring Christ and being His servants. We feel the accreditation of God is on our school because we strive to please Him in academics and ministry training.

If the school is right for God then it's right for you. We encourage you to prayerfully consider what will best meet your needs and goals and then register if you feel so led so that you may begin to prepare for the greater ministry that God has for you!