

## 20. Postgraduate Diploma in Biblical Studies (PGD-BS)

This program can also be completed solely by taking courses in the evening and Saturday.

### a. Program Goals

The Postgraduate Diploma in Biblical Studies program aims to provide an introductory training in the biblical studies. After completion, the student will acquire: i) a foundational understanding of the Old Testament and the New Testament; ii) an in-depth reading of different genres of biblical books in the Bible; iii) a set of exegetical skills for reading the Bible.

### b. Requirements for Admission

Admission requirements shall include: i) a bachelor's degree or equivalent from an institution recognized by LTS; ii) baptized Christian; iii) applicants should have the interests, aptitudes, and personal qualities necessary for this program; iv) the ability to engage in graduate-level study for academic pursuits and personal development. For application, see VII. Enrollment Procedures.

### c. Program Content

#### i) Core Courses

	credits
OT1000 Introduction to the Old Testament	3
NT1000 Introduction to the New Testament	3
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subtotal	6

#### ii) Guided Electives

	credits
2 courses on OT	6
2 courses on NT	6
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subtotal	12

#### iii) Free Electives

	credits
2 courses	6

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<b>Total Credits Required for Graduation</b>	<b>24</b>
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### d. Credits

Full-time students in the PGD-BS program normally take a maximum of 18 credits in each semester.

### e. Duration

This program requires one academic year if taking courses at all times; two academic years if taking evening and Saturday courses only. The time allowed for completion of the program may not exceed four years.

**f. Requirements for Graduation**

- i) Students must complete the program requirements with a GPA of 2.50 or above; and
- ii) satisfactorily meet the standard or requirements of LTS.

**g. Further Study**

If a PGD-BS program student wishes to apply for a master's degree program at LTS, without applying for the conferral of the postgraduate diploma, a maximum of all successfully earned credits may be counted toward that degree. If the postgraduate diploma is conferred, a maximum of half of the earned credits can be exempted in that master's degree program.

For the transferal to the Master of Divinity (MDIV) program, a new letter of recommendation from the student's congregation (signed by the minister-in-charge) and interviews are required.