

SOUTH WALES BAPTIST COLLEGE



Based in the vibrant, capital city of Cardiff, the South Wales Baptist College is a community of disciples seeking to equip men and women for effective ministry and mission in a fast-changing world.

Our core task is providing ministerial training and formation for people preparing for various forms of ministry within both the Baptist Union of Great Britain and the Baptist Union of Wales. Recent graduates are serving God in Wales, England and Italy.

In these days of challenge and opportunity all ministers are called to be missional leaders. Whilst patterns of training and formation continue to change and develop, some constants remain. For the church's mission still needs people who have a healthy understanding of the heart of the Christian faith, an ability to communicate this in relevant ways, and the Christian character and spirituality needed to sustain ongoing ministry.

With this in mind the College seeks to be a community of believers which encourages the development of exemplary disciples; who can both indicate the life God intends for all his people and activate believers to play their part in the mission of God.

In practice this means offering a holistic programme which integrates biblical and theological studies, training in the skills needed for mission and ministry, experiential learning in placements, and personal and spiritual development.

All of the tutors are experienced Baptist ministers who are deeply involved in church life; and the college's programmes are regularly enriched by input provided by a wide network of colleagues from across the UK.

The college enjoys a close working partnership with Cardiff University and St Michael's College, Llandaff. One aspect of this partnership is that the college's tutors also have the real privilege of teaching



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Christian theology to a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate students at the university.

As part of their package of training and formation, students at the College are able to work for Cardiff University awards. This grants access to all the resources of a major Russell Group University, alongside belonging to the supportive learning community at the college.

Whilst our major focus is equipping people for various forms of accredited ministry, the college gladly welcomes 'Open Option' students who are exploring God's plans for their lives.

One of the ways in which the college supports the mission of the Baptist family is by training people for various forms of recognised ministry. In addition the college serves a wider constituency through its Pathways course,

delivered one Saturday a month, which makes training available to members of local churches.

'At such a time as this' we thank God for guiding and sustaining the life and work of the college. We press on into the future, confident that this God will continue to guide and direct our paths.

Peter Stevenson
Principal,
South Wales Baptist College

Please pray:

- » For Peter and the staff as they enable students to follow God's calling into various forms of recognised ministry
- » For women and men considering study at the college which would equip them for ministry
- » For members of local churches who have embarked on the Pathways course each month

Further information about the South Wales Baptist College can be found at www.swbc.org.uk

