

# Calvary's Information Letter

## Giving Guidance to Study at Calvary

CLT (Calvary Life Tutors) offer un-accredited short courses of which several are then to be recognised into an accredited qualification by **Calvary University** (CU). The Short courses are all of a **transfer value of 80**. Five such courses, studied over 5 years, will then be sufficient for Prior Learning to be Recognised as a Bachelor degree by CU.

### Bachelors by Recognition:

Seven such **RPL** Bachelors are contemplated:

- 1. Ministry** — Pastors
- 2. Counselling** — Spiritual helpers/counsellors
- 3. Education** — Tutors, Mentors, Educators
- 4. Business Leadership** — Managers in business

Studying a phase will cost you in the order of R3600 to R3920 — a saving of over 85%

And their more academic counterparts:

- 5. Theology** — Advanced studies in the ministry
- 6. Psychology** — Lecturers, researchers and Psychologists or counsellors
- 7. Business Administration** — Business analysts, strategist, CEO, financial advisors

Each of these need a Phase 1 to 5 training (over 5 years). All of them start with Phase 1 of **Ministry**. The others start their specific field at a different Phase. See the sequence each **Bachelor recognition route** must take by selecting the correct Web information page (please do), but here is a quick summary:

- 1. Ministry** — Phase 1 to Phase 5, all in Ministry, (Phase 6 for Honours)
- 2. Counselling** — Phase 1 and 2 ministry, Phase 3 to 5 counselling, (Ph 6 Hons)
- 3. Education** — Phase 1 and 2 ministry, Phase 3 to 5 education, (Ph 6 Hons)
- 4. Business Leadership** — Ph. 1 in ministry, Phase 2 to 5 in Business Leadership

And their more academic counterparts:

- 5. Theology** — Ph. 1 to 4 in Ministry, Phase 5 in Theology, Phase 6 for Honours
- 6. Psychology** — Ph. 1 and 2 in Ministry, Ph 3 and 4 in Couns., Ph 5 (6) Psych.
- 7. Business Administration** — Ph. 1 in ministry, Phase 2 to 4 in Business Leadership, Phase 5 in Business Administration (BBA), Phase 6 for Honours.

### The Reason for Short Courses

Students who are part-time can study in 400 places in South Africa in Community Colleges in their home town. If this is not established yet in your home town, the student may carry on with his or her studies (with a Tutor) until it is established, or travel to a nearby town for some Saturday lectures, for selected dates during the year. A student cannot complete more than 80 credits in a year. CLT is able to offer the training at a fee saving of about 85%. The student also saves by not having to live in a rented room and buy meals during a study year. All students are encouraged to continue to work.

## The Study Material

The CLT material is superior to the standard in many ways. Material is usually created for situations where students are full time, and attend classes facilitated by highly paid faculty. Students have to take copious notes and they are also referred to other material in addition to the text books. Calvary Academics has remarkably more material than the average educational institution. CLT also requires several practical elements to be included in its curriculum which is a novel approach in its field. For these requirements workbooks are provided. For these reasons, offering short courses is made possible.

## The Difference in Fees

Fees for higher education are determined by **several factors**: (— savings indicated)

- 1. Infrastructure** — e-Learning, only headquarters, bonds almost paid, minimal
- 2. Personnel/Faculty** — you only pay for the marking, advanced years no lecturers
- 3. Student Numbers** — our numbers of 6,800 students, compared to 20 or 30
- 4. Material Development** — material is developed, a small team continues to improve
- 5. Accreditation** — For small institutions this becomes a crippling burden, every 4 years
- 6. Running costs** — Our overhead ratio is small, less buildings, e-Learning at home
- 7. Feeding and housing** — We do not feed or house students

As you can see from the above 7 points that we derive our savings from a different approach to the learning offering, facilitation, buildings, running costs and the fact that the material is already developed (well, almost). With universities and colleges the lecturers ARE the learning offering. Take away the lecturer and you have almost nothing!

## Christian Background

This factor (**faith in Christ as the Creator and Redeemer**) is absent in virtually every other programme you may be able to follow. For many students, the growth in their walk as Christian is also important. Personal growth and a growing awareness of a calling in life are the most attractive aspects of the CLT curriculum. If that can be achieved with a growth in necessary knowledge needed for work with an accredited qualification certificate — that would be ideal! Here is how we will achieve that:

## Personal Growth and Calling

We base our ministry training squarely on the word of God — the Bible. Students learn to do research and to write, using **Christian Virtues** as their topics. Their group discussions centre around important Christian issues. They memorise **162 verses of scripture** and over the years read 252 major **chapters of the Bible** — in-depth. During their studies we help them understand the **Values of Christ** and **His Prescriptions**. When we deal with the Bible books they discover far more than a Bible survey would have achieved, which is the pure academic approach of theology. CLT gives life!

## Accreditation

**Calvary University (Pty) Ltd** was registered in May in South Africa and an accreditation process is now underway for several National Bachelor degrees, accepted as qualifications by SAQA and the Department of Education. This will hopefully be completed by June 2017 and the first students will then receive their RPL covered and fully accredited Bachelor qualifications at that time. **Study at a place near you, affordably!**

— **Dr. Paul Banting**