

# BETHANY COLLEGE OF MISSIONS

## PROGRAM OPTIONS FOR MARRIED COUPLES

### 2011-12

#### OPTION ONE Both spouses enroll as full-time students earning any credential

*This option is not available for couples with children under the age of 14 except by special permission of the Admissions Committee.* Both spouses meet all full-time student requirements. Residency on campus is highly recommended.

#### OPTION TWO One spouse enrolls as a full-time student earning any credential; the other spouse enrolls as a part-time student earning a certificate of achievement

*This option is the only one incorporating a part-time element which meets the pre-requisite for both spouses to go on Global Internship (required for the BA Degree).* Residency on campus is highly recommended.

**Spouse 1** – Full-time student completes all full-time student requirements

**Spouse 2** – Part-time student takes a limited course load and specified non-academic requirements; Spouse 2 earns a Certificate of Achievement showing total number of credits completed upon Spouse 1's graduation. Note: International students do not receive the certificate of achievement due to part-time student visa restrictions.

#### OPTION TWO REQUIREMENTS

	Academics	Practical Training (P.T.)	Christian Ministry Outreach	Spiritual Formation	Other
Spouse 1	The full course load required for the credential being earned	20 hours/week	Weekly	<b>Power of the Cross class</b> (1.5 hrs/week)  <b>Cell Group:</b> 2 hrs/week  <b>1 on 1 Meeting with Mentor:</b> Weekly  <b>Chapels:</b> All	<b>Special Events and Ministry Opportunities:</b>  <u>Some are required:</u> Graduation, BCOM Preview, the Alumni Picnic, Retreats, Cleaning Rotations, etc.
Spouse 2	For credit or audit: <b>Preparation for Ministry I &amp; II classes</b> + <b>One-week Fundraising module</b> + <b>Credit minimum:</b> One 3 credit Bible, Theology or Missions course per semester for the duration of Spouse 1's enrollment  <b>Credit maximum:</b> No more than half of the total number of credits being taken by full-time students in a given semester	10 hours per week	Recommended	<b>Power of the Cross class:</b> (1.5 hrs/week)  <b>Cell Group:</b> 2 hrs/week  <b>1 on 1 Meeting with Mentor:</b> Usually every other week  <b>Chapels:</b> Choice of 1 per week (different chapels can be chosen from week to week)	<b>Special Events and Ministry Opportunities:</b>  <u>Some are required:</u> Graduation, BCOM Preview, the Alumni Picnic, Retreats, Cleaning Rotations, etc.  <b>One or both spouses may be required to attend all or part of the event; handled on a case by case basis with each family.</b>

**OPTION THREE (The Split Program) Both spouses desire basic missions preparation; neither desire to earn credentials**

*This option does not meet the pre-requisite for students who wish to go on Global Internship.* Students in the Split Program may participate in A.A. degree mission trips, but will not earn an A.A. degree. Residency on campus is **not** required.

**Note: This option is not available to international students due to part-time student visa restrictions.**

Both spouses participate in missionary training and campus life for up to two years. Essentially one full-time program is split between the two spouses. Couples who pursue this option may customize the program, allowing for one spouse or the other to take more or less credits and participate in more or less Practical Training time, depending on the needs and goals of the family. Each spouse earns a Certificate of Achievement based on the number of credits earned upon completion.

**OPTION THREE REQUIREMENTS APPLY TO BOTH SPOUSES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

Academics Year One and/or Year Two		Practical Training (P.T.)	Christian Ministry Outreach	Spiritual Formation	Other
Semester 1	Semester 2				
<p><b>Both spouses must complete a combined total of 15 credits</b></p> <p>Each spouse must determine which courses he or she will complete and must register for them before the commencement of the semester.</p>	<p><b>Both spouses must complete a combined total of 15 credits</b></p> <p>Each spouse must determine which courses he or she will complete and must register for them before the commencement of the semester.</p>	<p><b>10 hrs/week</b></p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p><b>1 spouse can complete all 20 hours of P.T. per week</b></p> <p>Couples must choose one of these scenarios for completing P.T. hours (other schedules are not considered).</p> <p>Couples must commit to a set schedule for a minimum of 1 semester at a time.</p>	<p>2/month minimum</p>	<p><b>Power of the Cross class:</b> (1.5 hrs/ week)</p> <p><b>Cell Group:</b> 2 hrs/week</p> <p><b>1 on 1 Meeting with Mentor:</b> Usually every other week</p> <p><b>Chapels:</b> Monday chapels are required</p> <p>Choice of 1 additional chapel per week (different chapels can be chosen from week to week)</p>	<p><b>Special Events and Ministry Opportunities:</b></p> <p><u>Some are required:</u> Graduation, BCOM Preview, the Alumni Picnic, Retreats, Cleaning Rotations, etc.</p> <p><b>One or both spouses may be required to attend all or part of the event; handled on a case by case basis with each family.</b></p>

**OPTION FOUR** One spouse enrolls as a full-time student earning any certificate for which they are eligible or the AA degree; the other spouse does not enroll at all

This option does not meet the pre-requisite for students who wish to go on Global Internship (a BA requirement).

One spouse completes all full-time student requirements. This student may go on A.A. degree mission trips. The non-enrolled spouse is encouraged to go along on these trips as a team member with his or her spouse. Residency on campus is **only permitted for International students.**

**Notes:**

- International students may enroll under Option Four for a maximum of one year. Therefore, earning the AA degree under Option Four is not possible.
- The college does not advocate the separation of spouses for the sake of training; therefore, American students who wish to enroll at Bethany without the ability to commute home each night are not considered for admission, except by special permission of the Admissions Committee.