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Thank you for your interest in Rosedale Bible College . . . and *welcome!* In this college you will find not only a place to grow academically, but also a community that will help you get to know Jesus and his Word in a deeper way and discern his calling on your life.

RBC is a unique hybrid, combining the best of our history as a Bible Institute with the academic strength of our emergence as a college.

We've maintained many of the strengths resulting from our Bible Institute DNA, including:

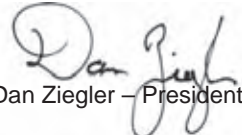
- A focus on Bible training and a dynamic spiritual formation program (*over 35 courses in Bible, theology, and ministry*)
- High student-life expectations and a family atmosphere which encourages deep friendships
- Shorter terms, so that even nondegree students have viable study options (*Our six-week winter term remains a fixture of the schedule, and semesters are only twelve weeks long.*)
- Lower costs (*A year at RBC is less than half the cost of many Christian colleges.*)
- Instructors committed to ministry (*Almost all RBC faculty have pastoral or missions experience.*)

As an accredited college, an RBC education also includes many of the benefits of a higher education experience, including:

- Transfer of credit (*In the past few years RBC students have successfully transferred credit into over 55 other colleges.*)
- Broader course offerings and highly trained professors (*over 20 general education courses*)
- Increased financial aid (*over \$300,000 awarded each year*) and college-level support services
- Nine academic concentrations

RBC blends the spiritual impact of a Bible institute experience with the academic advantages of a college education, providing a unique package that can offer you “the best of both worlds.” I invite you to learn more about Rosedale Bible College and consider how

this small college can be a part of your life’s preparation as you seek first the Kingdom of God.


Dan Ziegler – President

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General Information

Our vision as Rosedale Bible College is to be a center for the advancement of an engaged and evangelical Anabaptist faith.

Rosedale Bible College is dedicated to teaching the Bible as well as courses in subject areas related to Christian ministry. With an average enrollment of ninety, the student body includes high school graduates, college students, pastors, missionaries, and individuals from a variety of vocations and professions. Students come from over half the states, several Canadian provinces, and a few foreign countries. Rosedale Bible College operates under the auspices of the Conservative Mennonite Conference and serves a constituency of predominantly Mennonite churches primarily in the eastern and central U.S. There are approximately 6,900 alumni.

Rosedale Bible College is accredited with the Association for Biblical Higher Education. Students wishing to contact the accrediting agency may do so at 5575 S. Semoran Blvd. Suite 26, Orlando, FL 32822-1781; Phone (407) 207-0808. Rosedale Bible College is also authorized by the Ohio Board of Regents to grant the Associate of Arts degree in Biblical Studies.



History

Begun in 1952 as a six-week Bible school in Berlin, Ohio, Rosedale Bible College has developed a two-year program which includes a core curriculum of Bible, theology, leadership and missions courses.



From simple beginnings in the Pleasant View Mennonite Church with students lodged in area homes, the school has grown to a campus which includes men's and women's residence halls, a classroom building and bookstore, gymnasium, dining hall, staff and married student apartments, and library-chapel-office complex covering 10 acres. The newly renovated chapel has a seating capacity of 400 and is used to host community events as well as college programs.

The junior college program, which began in 1966, now consists of fall and spring semesters and a winter term.

Faculty

Faculty members are chosen both for their teaching skills and for their commitment to effective service in local congregations. In addition to formal training—all resident faculty members have master's degrees—spiritual commitment and dedication to Christ and the church are essential qualifications.

Curriculum

RBC offers concentrations in Bible, Business, Education, Missions, Music and Worship, Pastoral Studies, Theology, Youth Ministries, and General Studies. Programs of study leading to graduation are one or two years in length. Classes are designed to provide inspiration for personal growth and to prepare students for service.

Mission Statement Of Rosedale Bible College

The mission of Rosedale Bible College is to provide an evangelical junior Bible college education in the Anabaptist/Mennonite tradition that equips students to grow spiritually and academically and to serve effectively in the church and society.



Goals Of Rosedale Bible College

- ① To teach the Bible as the authoritative Word of God.
- ② To offer courses in Biblical studies as well as in general and vocational studies.
- ③ To offer diploma and certificate programs in Biblical studies and in related areas.
- ④ To provide opportunities for students desiring short-term intensive Bible study.
- ⑤ To encourage spiritual growth and personal development in the context of a disciplined campus community.
- ⑥ To nurture sensitivity to the needs of the world by providing opportunities for students to minister to others.
- ⑦ To develop quality campus facilities and support services.

Purposes Of Rosedale Bible College

SPIRITUALLY

Rosedale Bible College serves to foster communion with God, obedience to Jesus Christ as Lord, and life in the Spirit as indispensable characteristics of world Christians.

THEOLOGICALLY

The stance of the college within the world Anabaptist fellowship is conservative and evangelical, with a high view of Scripture and of the continuing activity of the Holy Spirit in the church and the world.

ACADEMICALLY

The program centers on the teaching and study of the Bible as the Word of God, with a commitment to excellence and integrity in scholarship.

VOCATIONALLY

The college carries a vision for the building of the Kingdom of God through preparing servant leaders in missions, pastoral and worship ministry, family life, and community.





Admissions

Rosedale Bible College admits students who benefit from the spiritual and educational emphasis of the school and who will make a positive contribution to campus life.

The primary criteria for admission are a loyal devotion to Christ and willing-

ness to cooperate with the guidelines of the school. High school graduation or a GED diploma is required for normal admission. Others may be admitted on academic probation.

Application and reference forms should be in the office thirty days prior to the beginning of the term of study in order to ensure acceptance.

Prior to the beginning of each school year, the college publishes a course registration form which lists the courses being offered and the daily schedule for each term of study. Students who have been accepted for study at RBC register for classes by returning the course registration to the academic office.

Returning students are generally not required to submit a new application. They may simply fill out a re-enrollment form available both from the academic office and on the RBC website. Contact the admissions office for details.

Guidelines for student life are found in the student handbook. A signed covenant from the student handbook must be returned to the admissions office before acceptance can be confirmed. Copies of the student handbook are available from the admissions office or on the web at www.rosedale.edu.

International Application

Rosedale Bible College is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students. Prospective students should visit the international student page on RBC's website for application procedures.

Nondiscrimination

Rosedale Bible College admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and other school-administered programs.

The college reserves its right to operate as a church-related institution and to develop policies consistent with the religious tenets of its sponsoring body, the Conservative Mennonite Conference.

Student Privacy Rights

Rosedale Bible College complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. Copies of the institutional compliance policy are available in the academic office.

Application Materials

The following materials must be received by the Admissions Office to complete the application process:

- ❶ Application for Admission
- ❷ Signed Covenant from the Student Handbook
(available at www.rosedale.edu/admissions)
- ❸ High School Transcript
(first-time students only)
- ❹ College Transcript
(if applicable—first-time students only)
- ❺ Current Photo
- ❻ \$50 Non-refundable Application Fee
(first-time students only)

(A late fee of \$75 will be assessed if the application is received less than three weeks before the beginning of classes.)

Credit Structure

Courses are based on semester hours using a block system of two semesters and one winter term per academic year. A normal academic load is twelve hours per semester and six hours during the winter term. College credits transfer to most Christian colleges and to some other schools.

Credit Transfer

Credits may be transferred to RBC from colleges and institutions on a case-by-case basis as approved by the academic dean and as they apply toward completing a program of study at RBC. Transferred credit must be at or above a grade level of C. Transfer students must earn a minimum of eighteen credit hours at RBC to graduate.

Requests for credit transcripts from RBC must be made to the academic office in writing and include the name and address of the school to which the transcript is to be sent. The first two transcripts are free. Additional transcripts are \$3 each. Transcripts will not be released if fees are not paid or if loans are in default.

Class Attendance

Absence from any class for reasons other than illness is unexcused unless cleared by the academic office. Excuses for illness may be obtained from the school nurse.



Grading System

Grade points for each semester hour are awarded as follows:

Letter Grade	Grade Points
A.....	4.00
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B.....	3.00
B-	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.00
C-	1.67
D+	1.33
D	1.00
D-67
F.....	.00

The GPA is computed by dividing the total grade points earned by the total hours for which one is enrolled.

Students not maintaining a cumulative 2.0 GPA are subject to academic probation as outlined in the registration materials.

Graduation Requirements

A diploma or certificate will be granted upon satisfactory completion of the required courses in the various programs and required Ministry Formation hours. At least a C average and a cumulative 2.0 GPA is required. Transfer students must earn a minimum of eighteen credit hours at RBC to graduate.

A graduation fee of \$45 is due at the beginning of the spring semester.

Library Services

A library of 14,114 volumes classified according to the Dewey Decimal system is available for research and reading. The director of library services conducts an orientation for new students.

Features Of Student Life

Student life at RBC is designed to encourage spiritual growth and build godly character in students by creating a nurturing campus environment that is deliberately designed to foster a dynamic faith in Jesus Christ. Christians today are bombarded with a cacophony of ideas and social norms that challenge a biblical worldview and advocate a sinful lifestyle. Student life at RBC is structured to quiet the many voices of our culture that lead to compromise in our faith so that a student's ability to hear and obey the voice of God is sharpened. Please see the student handbook for details about the community standards by which students are asked to live.

Chapel—Regular chapel services are held throughout the week. Services include elements of worship such as music, prayer, preaching, scripture reading, and other special features.

Prayer Groups—Prayer groups are formed each term of study and meet weekly for times of prayer during a chapel period.

Sunday Evening Services—Services are held on campus throughout the school year. Students attend local churches on Sunday mornings.

Ministry Formation—Each student completes several hours of volunteer ministry during each term of enrollment. Opportunities for involvement in local ministries are provided by RBC. These may include visiting the elderly in retirement homes, working with kids' clubs, doing street evangelism, feeding the hungry, and participating in other qualifying ministries.

Additional Ministry Opportunities—Ministry opportunities during breaks have included prison ministry, disaster relief work, and working with Christian camps. Specific ministries vary from year to year.

Worship Team—Participation is open to students who want to develop musically, learn how to lead worship, and work together as a team. This includes weekly rehearsals and preparation times before each worship service.

Rosedale Chorale—Chorale is a selected mixed chorus with the purpose of blending worship and artistic discipline in a ministry of music. Students receive academic credit. Programs include several weekend tours and a week-long tour during spring break.

Rosedale Chorus—Chorus is a mixed chorus with open participation. Chorus uses a variety of musical styles in its performance in local churches, nursing homes, and events on campus. Participants receive academic credit.

Salt & Light Company—This is a small mixed ensemble that travels throughout the year. Participants receive academic credit.

Yearbook—Produced by a student staff, students may receive academic credit for work on the yearbook staff as general editor, photography editor, layout editor, copy editor, or business manager.

Student Council—A student-elected leadership group helps facilitate creative and productive campus life.

Coffee Shop—A self-serve coffee shop is located in the academic building where coffee, cappuccino, and a variety of food items are sold on the honor system. The coffee shop is a hang-out spot for students wanting to study, play games, or just chat with friends.

Drama—Each year students have the opportunity to be a part of a drama production. Some years, students perform a full-length play on campus. Other years, a traveling team tours throughout the year giving programs in churches and schools. Please contact the College for more information regarding which type of drama program is being scheduled.

Sports & Athletics—Intramural sports are organized throughout the year and have included volleyball, basketball, Ultimate Frisbee and indoor soccer. Other recreational options include a nine-hole disc golf course, table tennis, pool, and a weight/exercise room equipped with treadmills, exercise bikes, and free weights.

Medical Coverage

RBC will not be liable for accidents, injury, or illness of any student while attending school. Students are expected either to have a medical coverage plan or to sign a waiver releasing RBC from any responsibility for medical expense. The school will provide information concerning a low cost, minimum coverage health plan for those interested.

Transportation

RBC will arrange for transportation to and from public transportation terminals. Students reimburse the school at the current mileage rate.

Residence Halls

The residence halls close during breaks and open the evening before classes resume. Prior arrangements are necessary for early arrivals. Students arriving for the fall semester will receive additional information regarding the fall orientation.



Tuition Rates

The following rates are for the 2008-09 school year.

Tuition*	\$230 per hour
Credit hours above full load*	\$184 per hour
Chorale (1 credit - spring semester)	\$92 per hour
Drama / Salt & Light (1 credit - winter term)	\$92 per hour
Official audit (<i>on transcript</i>)	\$115 per hour
Unofficial audit (<i>not on transcript</i>)	\$58 per hour

*A full load of twelve hours per semester and six hours per winter term is required for dorming students; exceptions for lighter loads—credit or audit—will be billed at the full rate.

Room & Board

Room and board per semester	\$2000
Room and board per winter term	\$1000

Miscellaneous Fees

Application fee (*non-refundable—first-time applicants only*)\$50
An additional fee of \$75 will be assessed if the application is received less than three weeks before the beginning of classes.

Annual Matriculation Fee\$50
Once-per-year fee for each incoming student

Activity fee (*per semester*)\$30

Activity fee (*per winter term*)\$15

Graduation fee\$50

Property damage fee\$100

This fee is refundable upon the student's departure if it is not needed to cover damages for which the student was liable. It will be charged to all resident students, payable at registration.

Meals for day students (*per meal*)\$4

Total Costs

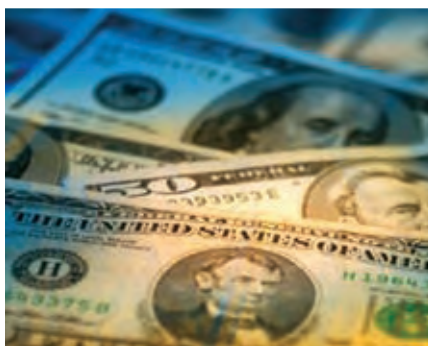
Per Semester	\$4790
Per Term	\$2395
Per Year	\$12125

(includes full-time tuition, room & board, and fees)

Form of Payment

Students must pay all fees by the end of the first week of each term of study unless other arrangements are made according to the payment plan outlined below. The payment plan is not an option for the winter term.

The payment plan is available for \$25 per semester. The first 1/3 of all tuition, room & board, and fees is due the Friday of the first week of classes. The second 1/3 is due the Friday of the fourth week of classes. The final payment is due the Friday of the eighth week of classes. A late payment fee of \$15 is assessed for any late payment. Mailed payments must be postmarked by the payment due date.



All fees are quoted and are payable in U.S. currency. Grade cards and transcripts are not released until all fees are paid. Delinquent payments will be assessed at an interest rate of 1.5 % per month.

Withdrawal/Refunds

For all terms of study, 90% of tuition and room & board will be refunded during week one. The refund will be reduced by an additional 20% each week thereafter. No refund will be given after the end of week four.

Financial Aid

Students interested in financial aid should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Qualifying students will receive the PELL grant, FSEOG grant, or Ohio grants (Ohio residents only), and can choose to accept the Stafford Loan and participate in the Federal Work Study program. Students who have not received a high school diploma or equivalent are not eligible for federal Title IV financial aid. Please visit www.rosedale.edu for additional information.

Scholarships

Rosedale Bible College offers a variety of scholarships awarded on the basis of need, academic merit or student circumstances. A summary of those scholarships follows. Scholarship applications may be obtained from the financial aid office or on the website.

Merit Scholarships

President's Scholarship

Up to five awards of \$1,000 per year for first-year students, awarded on the basis of SAT/ACT scores and an essay.

Dean's Scholarship

Up to eight awards of \$1,000 per year for students who have declared their intention to return for a second year, based on first-year GPA.

Financial Need Scholarships

Applications for all need-based scholarships are expected to demonstrate financial need by the completion of the FAFSA, where applicable. Some scholarships have additional specific eligibility requirements.

- RBC Scholarship
- Alumni Scholarship
- Jacob and Sarah Graber Scholarship
- Elmer Maust Scholarship
- Robert and Joseph Yoder Scholarship
- Levi and Cora Miller Scholarship
For students pursuing missions as a course of study
- Marcus Byler Scholarship
For students preparing for missionary service
- Jewish Evangelism Scholarship
For students preparing to minister to Jewish people
- Michael and Margaretha Sattler Scholarship
For students preparing for missions and church planting
- Shem Peachey Scholarship
For students from emerging congregations
- Foreign Minority Scholarship

Christian Service Scholarships

RBC awards scholarships to several categories of students in recognition of their involvement in Christian service and missions.

Short-Term Missions

Up to \$1,000 per year for at least nine months of service with REACH, YES or other short-term missions and service programs. To qualify, students must begin their studies within 18 months after completing their service.

RMM Missionaries and Dependents

Scholarships of up to \$3750 per year for long-term missionaries serving with Rosedale Mennonite Missions, and for their dependent children.

CMC Ministers and Dependents

Scholarships of up to \$2500 per year for active ministers within CMC and their dependent children, and for full-time staff of RMM and CMC and their dependent children.

Christian Workers and Dependents

Scholarships of up to \$1250 per year for active ministers, missionaries, and their dependent children, who do not qualify for CMC or RMM-related scholarships.

Miscellaneous Scholarships

International Student Scholarship

For non-North American students who come to RBC referred by an Anabaptist mission organization, RBC will grant a scholarship in the amount of 50% of the cost of tuition and room and board. Application for this scholarship must be initiated by the referring agency.

Senior Citizen Scholarship

Persons 65 years old or older are granted scholarships in the amount of 90% of the cost of tuition.

Congregational Giving Scholarships

A scholarship in the amount of 10% of the cost of tuition is granted to students from Conservative Mennonite Conference whose home congregation has contributed to the school the suggested per member amount in a given year.