# PROFICIENCY EXAMS AND ADVANCED STANDING

Applicants from Bible colleges who have successfully completed courses comparable to the 500-level Capital Bible Seminary courses in M.A. or M.DIV. programs may receive advanced standing. This is earned by passing Proficiency Exams available for most 500-level courses. Accrediting agencies do not permit us to automatically waive a Masters' level requirement because the subject area was covered on the undergraduate level. Students are required to demonstrate their proficiencies in various areas by means of an exam before a course can be waived.

Greek is considered a prerequisite to degree programs. Students with two years of undergraduate Greek are eligible to take Proficiency Exams for GK 501-2 Greek Grammar I-II to satisfy their beginning Greek requirements.

In addition to Greek, Proficiency Exams are available for EB 501 Old Testament History I; EB 504 Old Testament History II and Poetical Books; EB 505 Old Testament Prophets; EB 511 Gospels; EB 512 Acts and Pauline Epistles; EB 516 Hebrews, General Epistles, and Revelation; TH 541 Anthropology, Hamartiology, and Soteriology, TH 502 Pneumatology and Ecclesiology, TH 503 Theology Survey I; and, TH 504 Theology Survey II. With successful scores (65 or above) on Proficiency Exams in these course areas, students may

1. waive 16 credit hours of 500-level courses, and
2. substitute electives for an additional 6 credit hours of 500-level courses. Students in the M.Div. program may opt to extend their pastoral internships from 6 to 10 credit hours to fulfill 4 of the 6 substitute hours.

Students should complete Proficiency Exams by the end of their third semester at the Seminary. The exams are in various formats and may contain matching, multiple choice, true and false, fill in the blank, and short answer questions. Many of the exams ask for scriptural references to support various views or locations in Scripture where various persons or topics are found. The Proficiency Exams are one hour, except for Greek which is 1.5 hours.

**Preparing to take Proficiency Exams**

Thoroughly review your course notes in the subject areas of the test you want to take.

1. For Bible courses (EB 501 Old Testament History I; EB 504 Old Testament History II and Poetical Books; EB 505 Old Testament Prophets; EB 511 Gospels; EB 512 Acts and Pauline Epistles; EB 516 Hebrews, General Epistles, and Revelation), know the major issues and content of the books covered in each course.

2. For theology courses (TH 541 Anthropology, Hamartiology, and Soteriology, TH 502 Pneumatology and Ecclesiology, TH 503 Theology Survey I; and, TH 504 Theology Survey II), know the major views, terms, and issues of each area of theology. In addition to your notes, you may want to review theology subject areas in a basic theology text like Ryrie or Bancroft.

3. The Greek exam will ask you to translate a couple of verses from the Greek New Testament. Bring a non-analytical lexicon to the exam. In addition to translating, you will be asked to parse several words and to answer some exegetical questions.

4. Do not come to a Proficiency Exam attempting to "wing it" with no preparation. Persons who do this generally do not pass.

Proficiency exams are offered just prior to the start of the fall and spring semesters.

Students with an undergraduate church history course may substitute an elective in curriculums where it is required.