

About Us



Here at Teen Challenge Ministry Institute we are convinced that some of the greatest works of God are yet to be born, but are being conceived in the hearts of many of our committed students. We believe that at TCMI it is more important to become the temple than it is to build a temple with Biblical Studies, Practical Skills, and Personal Development to become the disciplined person God wants you to be.

The training is accomplished through an ambitious and rigorous program consisting of classroom education and experiential training. The classes prepare the students to be eligible for ministerial credentials. The experiential training provides hands-on experience in bring God's grace and light to some of the darkest places of our communities. The students help many dedicated inner city pastors with limited resources in extending the Kingdom of God in their areas. TCMI graduates are placed in ministry positions at each of the quarterly graduations. Today there are more than 400 graduates who serve in many harvest fields around the world!

Our program has two main goals

- 1) To train staff for Teen Challenge ministries across the world.
- 2) To train students to become ministers for the inner-city.

The first focus is to train students for effective leadership roles in Teen Challenge and like ministries in the areas of:

- Counseling/Advising (Course/Practicum)
- Teaching (Dave Batty Certified)
- Evangelism (Coordination/Implementation)
- Development (Finances/Management)

The second focus is Job Training effective ministries for the local church:

- Church Evangelism (Methodology/Programming)
- Church Administration (Methodology/Practicum)
- Pastoral Care (Follow-up/Visitation)

TCMI is certified through Berean University under the direction of Global University for ministerial credentials with the Assemblies of God.

Our emphasis is on:

- **Character Development and Ministry Preparation—**Character, because we understand that this is the first and foremost component in the life of anyone desiring to minister the Gospel.
- **Ministry, with an emphasis on touching humanity at its need—**Because of our relationship with the overall Teen Challenge ministry, TCMI students are able to get insight into many areas of effective ministry. TCMI graduates are now ministering in Teen Challenge centers and many other ministries throughout the United States and also in some foreign countries. Some ministries have even required all of their potential staff members to successfully complete the TCMI training school as a prerequisite for employment.

It is also an advantage that the streets of Hollywood and Los Angeles inner-cities are very close by.

If you have the time, the dedication, and the leading of God, TCMI will provide:

- The place: meals, lodging, and group transportation
- The curriculum and faculty
- The means for you to earn the money to cover tuition, meals and lodging while you are training

"Jesus told us two things about the longing of the human heart for God. First, there is a vast multitude of people who want to know Him ("The harvest is plentiful"). Second, "The workers are few". TCMI is all about answering the prayer request of Jesus for an increase in the number of workers (Matthew 9:35-38)! If you feel the Lord is tugging at your heart to help reach others for Him, then I encourage you to come to TCMI!"