

Admissions Information



The student's annual tuition is \$7,500 and includes room, classroom instruction, and vocational training. We do not require you to have any money to come to TCMI. We will provide you with fund-raising opportunities to give you avenues to pay off your tuition. Among these opportunities are pancake breakfasts, fire camps, and the Sponsor-A-Student program. If you have \$7,500 to pay your tuition at the beginning of your school year then you will not have to fundraise but maybe a few times that year. Our staff is continually at work developing new areas to help you raise your funds. We also will accommodate students who choose to live off-campus providing their own room and board. You may take the courses without having to fundraise.

We also require that you have completed a 3-6 month Internship prior to coming to TCMI at a center or a church with recommendations. You may do your Internship here at our center so that you can get better acquainted with our school and the staff here, if there is room for accommodations. Please call for more information regarding this if necessary.

Please state which quarter you are applying for. Our entrance dates are as follows:

Spring Quarter:	March 23, 2014
Summer Quarter:	June 8, 2014
Fall Quarter:	September 7, 2014
Winter Quarter:	December 28, 2014

Students coming from out of state must arrive one day earlier. All of our quarters have a one week vacation between them.

We will need a photocopy of your Driver's License or ID and Social Security card enclosed with your application in order to process it. There will also be a \$25.00 non-refundable application processing fee that needs to be sent with your application. Also, please note a permanent phone number and address you can be reached at anytime. If you are a student or an Intern at a Teen Challenge center, please state that on a separate sheet of paper and include which center you are at and how much longer you will be there. A follow-up call will be made as part of our application process and if you are accepted we will mail you an acceptance packet with all the information you need for your arrival.

Once we have received your application and it is reviewed and you are accepted, we will send you the sponsorship forms so you can begin working on getting sponsors.

Again, we thank you for your interest in TCMI and hope you will prayerfully consider your decision. If we can be of further assistance, please contact us at (323) 569-2818.

Application Instructions



Application for Admission - Check each item as you complete it.

- Complete all sections of the application
- Sign at bottom
- Complete the Life Experience Sheet
- Attach a wallet size photo of yourself (**This is important**)
- Enclose your Testimony
- Enclose a copy of your Birth Certificate (**This is important**)
- Enclose copies of your Current State ID and Social Security Card
- Enclose the **\$25 application fee**

Send to:

Admission and Records
T.C.M.I.
P.O. Box 739
South Gate, CA 90280

Reference Forms - Give references to appropriate people. Because the references are confidential the persons filling out the forms should be the only ones to see them and they need to mail them in themselves directly to the Admissions and Records Office. We cannot process your application without them.

- Pastor/Staff Reference
- Employer/Counselor/Staff Reference
- Friend Reference

When your application, references, and application fee have been received, your file will be reviewed for acceptance and you will be notified of your status.

***If you are approved for admission, you will receive an Acceptance Packet and further information. Please call if you have any questions about your application or the process.**

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!"

History of TCMI



The Teen Challenge Ministry Institute concept was established by David Wilkerson at Tyler, Texas, where the Twin Oaks Leadership Academy trained hundreds of young men and women for Teen Challenge type ministries. David Wilkerson recognized God was calling a significant number of redeemed and fired-up Teen Challenge program graduates to the ministry. And he also realized that with training they could have an amazing impact on those from similar backgrounds and those living in needy drug and gang-infested communities.

When that school closed in 1980, David Wilkerson and his staff approved the creation of the Teen Challenge Ministry Institute to succeed the Twin Oaks Leadership Academy. The school was developed, back then, with the thought of training and preparing graduates of the Teen Challenge Programs to work in Teen Challenge centers in the United States and all over the world. Our graduates undertake Entry level positions as well as Ministry entry level positions with churches and other ministries.

Teen Challenge Ministry Institute was then moved to Riverside, California in 1981 and then moved to South Gate, California in 1986 into a church, Bible Assembly, which was in dire need of revitalization. Part of the church was dilapidated, hardly any people attended the church, and TCMI students and staff co-labored with the pastor of Bible Assembly to help bring life back into that church through neighborhood evangelism and church outreaches. TCMI's classrooms, kitchen and offices were on a campus shared with what became a very active church in its community.

After 18 years of sharing facilities, God opened up an opportunity to acquire our own campus less than a mile from our previous location. The buildings provide 23,000 sq.ft. of space that includes a beautiful church, classrooms, offices, kitchen, auditorium, dormitories and a large parking lot. These buildings sit on 1.6 acres of land. With the help of many dedicated churches and friends, we were able to purchase this property in August 2004! Since acquiring the new campus, there has been a tremendous increase in the number of TCMI students and ministries. TCMI students have played a vital role in serving the local churches in the urban inner city areas. TCMI is one of 4 staff training schools in the United States and prepares graduates to enter into full time ministry across the nation. Over 90% of Southern California staff members are graduates of Teen Challenge Ministry Institute in South Gate, CA.

Academics



Each Quarter consist of the following classes:

WINTER QUARTER

- Acts: the Holy Spirit at Work in Believers (CM*)
- Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine (CM*)
- The Bait of Satan
- Scripture Memorization
- Pastor's School Conference

SPRING QUARTER

- The Local Church in Evangelism (CM*)
- Prison Epistles (CM*)
- Spiritual Development Class
- Scripture Memorization
- Evangelism Practicum

SUMMER QUARTER

- Relationships and Ethics in Ministry (CM*)
- Living Life Strategically
- PSNC Teacher Certification
- Scripture Memorization
- Children's Ministry Training Seminar
- Evangelism Practicum

FALL QUARTER

- Introduction to Hermeneutics (CM*)
- Synoptic Gospels (CM*)
- Biblical Counseling (OM*)
- Scripture Memorization
- Seminar Class
- Evangelism Practicum

*CM: Certified Minister. OM: Ordained Minister. These classes are for Certification through the Assemblies of God.

TCMI Daily Schedule



SUNDAY

8:30am Ministry teams depart for ministry
2:00pm Lunch

MONDAY

Monday off except for those on Academic Assistance and Discipline Schedule is Subject to Change for Mission Monday and other events

TUESDAY

8:30am Morning Focus
9:00am Prayer in Sanctuary
9:45am Class
10:50-11:10am Break
11:10-12:45pm Class
12:45pm Lunch
1:45pm Depart for Fundraising
7:30pm Pickup Begins/Dinner served upon arrival

WEDNESDAY

8:00am Morning Focus
8:30am Chapel
9:45pm Choir/Drama Practice
11:00pm Study Hall
12:45pm Lunch
1:45pm Depart for Fundraising
7:30pm Pickup Begins/Dinner served upon arrival

THURSDAY

8:00am Chapel
9:45am Class
10:50-11:10am Break
11:10-12:45pm Class
12:45pm Lunch
1:45pm Depart for Fundraising
7:30pm Pickup Begins/Dinner served upon arrival

FRIDAY

8:00am Scripture Memorization
8:30am Care Group
9:45am Class
10:50-11:10am Break
11:10-12:45pm Class
12:45pm Lunch
1:45pm Depart for Fundraising
7:30pm Pickup Begins/Dinner served upon arrival

SATURDAY

8:00am Breakfast
9:00am Depart for Fundraising
6:00pm Pickup Begins/Dinner served upon arrival
7:30-9pm Work Call (1st quarter students only)

Tuition & Housing Information



Costs and Fees

A. On Campus Students

Tuition, Books, Room

\$625.00	Room, Books, and Tuition
\$625.00	Total Monthly Costs
\$1875.00	Total Quarterly Costs
\$7500.00	Total Yearly Costs

B. Off Campus Students

One to Three classes per quarter at \$250 per class

Tuition and Books

\$500-\$750	Books and Tuition (Quarterly)
\$1000-\$3000	Books and Tuition (Yearly)

Sponsor-A-Student Program



We are very pleased that you are interested in attending TCMI. We believe that here you will discover a whole new outlook on ministry and the word of God. In the meantime, we would like for you to remember the Sponsor-a-Student program that we have here.

The Sponsor-a-Student program plays a big part in paying your tuition besides fund raising. There are many students who have paid off their tuition quickly because of their efforts on getting family, friends, and churches to sponsor them during their time here. Not only that, but you receive 10% of the income and after you are paid off, you receive 30% of your total income while you are here.

One suggestion we have to help you in getting sponsors is to send along with your letters a before and after picture and a testimony of what God has brought you out of and what He is doing now in your life. This has helped some students get as many as 20 or more people to sponsor them.

Your tuition plays a big part here alongside of your schooling. We know that many students may not have many family or friends, but we also have seen God work miracles for His people. So please give this much consideration and prayer. We are excited about your coming here and hope the best for you also.

If you would like more information concerning the Sponsor-A-Student Program please contact Lisa Garife, the Sponsor-A-Student Coordinator at (323) 569-2818.