TBS STUDENT SUPPORTS POLICIES

Throughout its history, Toronto Baptist Seminary has committed to preparing, equipping, and training men and women for Christian ministries. In order to fulfil its mission statement, TBS commits to providing holistic student services to ensure students with the support required for achieving the learning objectives of the academic programs. All the relevant policies and procedures about the seminary's student services are published and regularly updated in the TBS student handbook which is also available on the seminary's website. The seminary publicizes its office hours and provides emergency contact information for the students.

COUNSELLING SUPPORTS

Toronto Baptist Seminary provides counselling for Seminary students to assist them to define and accomplish personal, academic, and vocational goals.

Personal Counselling is available through Student Services in areas of personal concerns, educational challenges, interpersonal relationships, career development, vocational choice, crisis intervention, and family and social problems. Group sessions are available as needed.

The Registrar's office will assist with respect to registration, course selection, transfers to and from other educational institutions, and other related issues. During each semester, students will attend Spiritual Mentoring groups each week with other students under the guidance of different faculty members.

TBS helps students to find placements in fieldwork, internship, and part-time or full-time ministries. The Director of Ministerial Fieldwork is responsible to guide students with their ministerial works and communicating with churches and Christian organizations where students obtain practical training. TBS provides a job board on the official website for churches and ministries and lists ministerial positions for students and graduates to explore.

HOUSING SUPPORTS

Our student residence provides comfort and convenience for students living in downtown Toronto. The community life of the residents is an extension of our ministry at TBS. A <u>housing</u> <u>application form</u> must be filled out and submitted for students who seek to live in the TBS residence. Please find the most up-to-date housing information on the <u>TBS website</u>.

HEALTH INSURANCE

International students are required to register through the seminary office in the master group insurance plan the seminary has with Destination Travel Insurance Company Inc. This plan provides comprehensive health insurance to cover medical emergencies that may arise after the student enters Canada. Before arrival in Canada, students must contact the Seminary office to work out the details of their medical coverage. Pregnancy and childbirth expenses will not be covered if the pregnancy occurred before the insurance coverage started.

If a student already has a comparable comprehensive health insurance plan, this will be accepted by the Seminary provided the student signs a <u>waiver</u>, thereby declining the Seminary's master group insurance plan. A copy of your alternate insurance plan policy must be submitted to the Seminary office along with your signed waiver.

Payment in full for health insurance is required at Registration in September or January as part of student fees. Students must personally cover the costs of any deductibles which may be charged by the insurance company on certain medical fees.

USEFUL SOCIAL SERVICES

Toronto Fire Station 314

12 Grosvenor St, Toronto, ON M4Y 1A8 Tel: (416) 338-9050

The Salvation Army Harbour Light 160 Jarvis St, Toronto, ON M5B 2E1

(416) 572-2691

Shoppers Drug Mart

467 Parliament St, Toronto, ON M5A 3A3 (416) 925-4121

NEAREST EMBASSIES OR CONSULATES

Australian Consulate General

175 Bloor St E, Toronto, ON M4W 3R8 Tel: 416-323-4280

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240 George St, Toronto, ON M5A 2N1 Tel: 416-964-7260

Consulate General of India

365 Bloor St E #700, Toronto, ON M4W 3L4 Tel: (416) 960-0751

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