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Online Education: Does it actually work?



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Many people recognize that online education provides the opportunity to complete training and course work while you are at home. But online education offers much more than an opportunity to learn at home. It creates community and gives those who are already in ministry a chance to further their education.

We asked someone who has received an online education through Fuller Bible Institute about his online education.

For Colin Creighton, Associate Pastor of Zion Evangelical Missionary Church in Didsbury, a Masters degree in Global Leadership at Fuller Seminary would have been out of the question without an online program option.

One of the things he appreciated most was the richness of the online discussions he had with his classmates.

"I had the unique opportunity to talk to a guy from Brazil who is working in Bangladesh, and a woman from Germany working for Wycliffe in Mexico. The program I was in required that we be in ministry while attending, and there were 25 students from 15 different countries," says Colin.

The students spent one month together over the 2 years, the rest of the time they were in online community communicating every day with each other through Facebook. "If we had been in the traditional classroom setting, this kind of diverse ministry interaction would not have been possible," he adds.

The relationships which were established and nurtured online through the program are still being maintained even now years after he has completed his degree.

Colin is excited about the new online option that Rocky offers through Pathways and knows students enrolled in Pathways programs will have a similar experience. In his words, "It makes Rocky's reach far greater, and potentially global. The opportunity is immense."



Colin Creighton

Colin's online education has made an enormous impact on his ministry. He knows that engaging with leaders in ministry around the world has made him aware of a world so much bigger than his own. His black and white answers to the difficult questions were challenged by others' experiences. Through these discussions he began to dream about some more creative ways to do ministry and has begun to implement some of these ideas.

Colin's hope for Pathways is that it will expand their impact and influence to equip people for ministry, and provide a new way for students to learn how their lives can impact the world.

Colin is on the Board of RMC, and will soon be joining the staff at Bonavista EMC Church in Calgary.



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Medicine Hat RMC Fundraising Banquet

Friday, October 3, 2014
6:30 pm - Chinook Village
2801-13 Ave SE, Medicine Hat, AB

RSVP by Monday, September 29
Please phone Cheryl 403.526.3727
or Shirley 403.526.1105

Prayer Matters

Many of our favorite Bible stories centre around God answering a prayer issued by a Bible character. James reminds us that "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." As we begin our 23rd year please join us in praying for:



- First year students transition to college life
- Fourth year students pursuing spring graduation
- Faculty and staff who disciple students
- Pathways students who have begun their studies
- Continued growth in RMC's Pathways distributed learning

Also, if you would like to help us start the year well financially you can use the attached RMC envelope or, if you prefer, information is enclosed to set up automatic monthly withdrawals to simplify giving to RMC.

May God bless you for your continuing generous support of Rocky Mountain College.

Gratefully,
Kerry Belt, President

Online Education

Rick Cochrane

Young Adults Pastor, Saanich Baptist Church, Victoria, BC



Rick Cochrane

When Rick Cochrane saw a notice on Facebook about RMC offering a free Bible 100 course online, he jumped at the opportunity to take it. Though he already has an undergraduate degree from Briercrest and a graduate degree from Regent, Rick wanted to find out what an online Bible course was like.

Rick found the course to be a rigorous and in-depth Bible course, similar to those he had taken at Briercrest. Though a lot of work was involved, it was well worth the effort. He was thrilled that RMC chose to promote the course on social media, offering those who wouldn't otherwise know about it the opportunity to participate.

He enjoyed the course so much that he shared the information with the young adults in his church. At least 6 of them decided to take the course, and one young man in particular says it was an important part of his decision to pursue ministry. He has gone on to train with YWAM in Manitoba to serve First Nations people.



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Free online course through Pathways Introduction to the Bible

For more information go to
www.rockymountaincollege.ca and click on
"Free Bible 100 Course" under RMC News.

Student Life Events at a Glance Fall 2014 Semester

SEPT 17	Kick-off — Hawaiian Luau	NOV 11	BBQ Beef on a Bun
SEPT 20	Johnston Canyon/Banff Trip	NOV 19	Pottery
SEPT 22	Student Leadership Team BBQ	NOV 26	Christmas at Stage West
OCT 8	Sundae Bar	DEC 5	A Christmas Carol
OCT 24	Football Game		



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