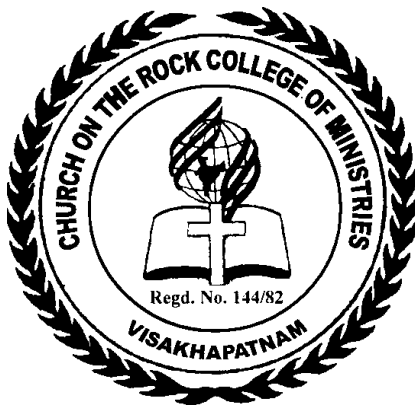


**CHURCH ON THE ROCK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
DEPARTMENT OF EXTENSION STUDIES (COTRTS-DOES)**



COTRTS-DOES PROSPECTUS

1. FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Prospective Student,

Congratulations for choosing Church On The Rock Theological Seminary for your spiritual and academic training. It is my immense pleasure and joy to welcome you and introduce to you COTRTS. I praise God for bestowing upon me the honor of sharing and continuing the vision that He entrusted to my father, Late Apostle Dr. P. J. Titus, Founder /Chairman of COTR College of Ministries. Since 1983, COTRTS has been a center for shaping, molding, equipping hundreds of young lives in the Word of truth for the noble task of the Master. I have been witnessing the truth, that the men and women who come to this institution are never the same in areas of academics, spiritual vitality, ministerial zeal, interpersonal relations, character development, leadership potentials and dividing the Holy Scriptures. As the result of God's enduring grace, COTRTS has commissioned and sent out over 2000 graduates, who are being mightily used in God's hands, both across the nation of India and around the globe. They are effective leaders of various ministries, as successful pastors of the Body of Christ, and as academicians rightly teaching the Word. COTRTS provides the students with a wide range of academic, spiritual and ministerial training, both in and outside the campus. The Research and Resource Center is our sophisticated library, a family commons, Spirit-filled community of worship, Christian education ministries to Nava Jeevan Public school and Junior College students, all within a beautiful garden estate. I strongly believe that your being here at COTRTS and having the exposure to the distinctive facilities and resources will richly bless and drastically change your life. Your leadership skills will be sharpened positively to be a spirit-filled and disciplined minister, who does not need to be ashamed in divining the Counsel of God, and leading many souls into the glory of the Kingdom of God. Looking forward to see you at COTRTS

Rev. Johnson P Titus

2. PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

Dear Applicant

Thank you for your interest in seeking enrolment at COTR-DOES. Our vision is to equip the servants of GOD to excel in the ministry of transforming the world. COTR-DOES is a vivacious step in fulfilling this vision because the program is designed not to be done hastily or carelessly, but rather in a thoughtful and informed manner.

This training program provides quality education by equipping the students with skills, confidence and a positive approach with an all-round development and relentlessly striving to perceive and maintain academic excellence.

This program aims to teach ministry in context, as it attempts to utilize the natural leaders of the community for ministry among their own, to their own. This program is also has economic advantages. The relative cost is much lower than a residential program. COTR-DOES is perfect for those who otherwise would not have been able to attend seminary.

Looking forward!

Dr. Pari Titus

3. STATEMENT OF BELIEF

We Believe in:

The sixty-six canonical books of the Old and the New Testament to be the inspired and only infallible and authoritative Word of God.

One God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

The deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in the rapture of the Church at Christ's coming and His glorious thousand year rule on earth.

The only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential for personal salvation.

In the identification of the believer with Christ's death and resurrection by immersion baptism.

The redemptive work of Christ on the cross provides healing to the human body in answer to believing prayer.

The baptism in the Holy Spirit, according to Acts 2:4 is given to believers who ask for it.

The sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling a believer is enabled to live a Holy life.

The Church is the fellowship of all who have become children of God, through faith in Christ and have been knit together by the Holy Spirit into one body of which the Lord Jesus is the head.

The Church is given the mandate by the Risen Lord Jesus and is under obligation to demonstrate and proclaim the wholeness of the Gospel and its implications to every people.

4. VISION STATEMENT

To see God glorified in India through the transforming ministry of anointed and informed servant leaders.

5. MISSION STATEMENT

COTRTS has been established to fulfill the Great Commission by equipping the body of Christ to reach the unreached and to plant churches.

6. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

6.1 Aims

The purpose of this mode of theological education is:

- To give biblical and theological exposure and knowledge for pastors in ministry and working Christians to be a better witness in the work place
- To prepare competent Christian ministers and believers in the knowledge of Holy Scriptures in applying them more relevantly.
- To give comprehensive knowledge in communicating the love of Christ with the people of other faiths effectively.
- To educate the Christian ministers and believers to serve both the church and the community.
- Build a strong and adequate leadership base with a “call to virtue” by teamwork, experiencing God’s total provision, taking your leadership positions, building cross - cultural Relations, joining in Intercession, fulfilling the mission, ministering under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, developing a vision for the world.
- Obeying the Great Commission.

6.2 Objectives

Knowledge

At the end of the program, the students are expected to be competent in the knowledge of:

- The Bible, for a transforming ministry and their own Christian heritage.
- Practical theology and aspects of Christian living.
- Basics of Christian doctrines with special emphasis on Evangelical, and Pentecostal perspective.
- The content and interpretation of the Bible.
- The major concepts of missiology.
- History of Christianity to give a conceptual frame-work for their understanding of the Christian mission and doctrines. The major world religions, traditions and cultural trends in order to equip the students to minister in a pluralistic context.

Skills

- Exposition and preaching.
- Exegesis and teaching.
- Evangelism and apologetics.
- Ability to discharge pastoral responsibilities.

Attitude

- Openness to other Christian denominations, religious traditions and other cultures.
- Commitment to love and serve God and all people with a deepened understanding of the Word of God.
- Being a role model to fellow citizens.

7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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8 ACCREDITATION

The Asia Theological Association (ATA)

- Our regular B. Th., M. Div. and M.Th. studies are accredited by ATA.
- ATA accreditation is sought for B.Th. and M.Div. Extension studies

9 HISTORY OF COTRTRS

As for Rev. Dr. P. J. Titus, March, 1981 was full of significant days. God challenged him to relinquish his well-established comforts and security after 18 years of stay in USA. He received the call of God to go back to his motherland India. The fire that God ignited in him was difficult to extinguish or quench, and the vision to reach the perishing millions in India became certain. Soon, five other like-minded men of God joined with Dr. P. J. Titus and registered a non-profit mission agency - "Christ For India, Inc." in Texas, USA. Two missionaries, Dr. P. J. Titus and Dr. David Shibley, came to India in 1982, with the view of setting up a Bible College, to train missionaries for the evangelization of India. In spite of many invitations from major cities and his own state Kerala, he chose to pioneer the work in his original mission field - Andhra Pradesh, where he was a pioneering pastor of India Pentecostal Church with his uncle Late Apostle P. M. Samuel, prior to his settlement in the USA. Pastor K.C. Mathew was an influential figure in the pioneering stages. COTRTRS has grown from its first batch of thirty students to over 2000 graduates in the field today. COTRTRS is the educational institution of COTRCOM.

10 ADMISSION AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

10.1 Requirements

COTRTRS accepts students of all race, color, nationality, ethnic origin, gender, and status. In keeping with the above viewpoint, we give due regard to the following:

- The applicant must be a born again, baptized and a member of good standing with his/her church with a commitment to discipleship.
- The applicant must have a definite call to God's service.
- The candidate must be able to do his/her studies in English.
- The applicant must have attained the age 23 years for B.Th. and 27 years for M.Div. by June of the year in which he/she wishes to register for the program.
- Please see the specific requirements of different programs.

11 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- COTRTS requires that each student who desires to graduate must secure minimum GPA 1.7 for B.Th., program and GPA 2.0 for M.Div. program.
- Having attended the complete teaching week in each semester
- Pay all the fees including graduation fee one month prior to the graduation.
- Meet all other requirements of the specific program for which the student is enrolled.

12 BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY PROGRAM

12.1 Purpose

The B.Th. program aims to provide adequate theological training to Pastors and Lay people in order to equip them for effective Christian service.

12.2 Qualifications for admission

- Candidates must have successfully completed Pre-University (+2) or its equivalent, and matured candidates must have 5-6 years of ministry experience with SSC or its equivalent.
- PUC Candidates who are awaiting results may also apply. Such candidates must produce the proofs of successful completion before the end of the first year at COTRTS.

12.3 Duration

B. Th. is a three and half years program

12.4 Graduation Requirements

- Successful completion of tutorial week and course requirements
- Satisfactory field ministry involvement
- Satisfactory formation of character, spirituality & ministry commitment

12.5 Subjects with preambles

Department of Old Testament

Old Testament Survey: This course surveys the historical settings, theme, content and purpose of the Books of the Old Testament.

Pentateuch: This course introduces the background, formation and theological content of the first five books of the Bible.

Historical Books: This course introduces the background of formation, settlement, kingship, division, captivity and return of the nation Israel. The course also highlights the relation between God and Israel and how God's plan unfolded in the history of Israel.

Poetical and Wisdom Books: This course introduces the nature of Hebrew Poetry, wisdom tradition and theological content of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon and Lamentations.

Old Testament Prophets: This course introduces the prophets and their role, the nature of

prophecy in the Old Testament, prophetic institution, theology and their relevance to the Church in India.

History of Israel: This course introduces the origin, development and major events of the Nation of Israel until the birth of Christ.

Department of New Testament

New Testament Survey: This course surveys the historical settings, theme, purpose and content of the Books of the New Testament.

Synoptic Gospels: This course introduces the development of the formation, literary types, structure, textual problems and contents of Mathew, Mark, and Luke.

Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ: This course is designed to introduce the learner to the Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ. The course deals with the life and ministry of Jesus portrayed by the four Evangelists.

Acts of the Apostles: This course introduces the learner to an historical and theological study of the Acts of the Apostles. It covers the background and development of the early Church.

Pauline Epistles – I: This course introduces the background, issues and theological content of Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians and Galatians. Specific application from each epistle is made relevant to the student's own spiritual life, as well as to the use of these epistles in various ministry situations.

Pauline Epistles – II: This course introduces the background, issues and theological content of the prison Epistles, 1 and 2 Thessalonians and Pastoral Epistles. Specific application from each epistle is made relevant to the student's own spiritual life, as well as to the use of these epistles in various ministry situations.

General Epistles: This course aims at giving a systematic study of the General Epistles such as Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1-3John, and Jude. It will equip the students with the thorough study of the background, theology, and important themes of the epistles with a motivation to endure hardship and strengthen the church with sound doctrine.

Daniel and Revelation: This course introduces the background and content of the books of Daniel and Revelation and their relevance to the church in the 21st century. It employs the comparative method of study.

Department of Theology and Ethics

Biblical Interpretation: This course introduces the basic principles, methods and models of Biblical interpretation to determine the message of the text and apply it to the present context.

Systematic Theology – I: This course is designed to introduce basic Christian doctrines. It deals with doctrine of Scripture, God, Creation, Angels and Human beings.

Systematic Theology –II: This course is designed to introduce basic Christian doctrines. It

deals with the doctrines of Sin, Christ and Salvation.

Systematic Theology – III: This course is designed to introduce basic Christian doctrines. It deals with doctrines of the Holy Spirit, Church and Eschatology.

Apologetics: This course introduces the learner to a rational defense of Christian faith commitments and response to various objections. Special focus has been placed on a variety of Christian evidences that support the claims of the church from biblical, historical, theological, philosophical and pragmatic perspectives.

Christian Ethics: This is an introduction to Christian Ethics, which examines moral codes, divine commandments and legal prescriptions that influence the development of Christianity. It explores the theological vision of the Christian community which expresses itself in specific intentions, practices, values and how Christian communities can grow in moral discernment.

Department of the History of Christianity

History of Christianity – I: This course introduces the history of Christianity from its beginning, through its expansion inside and outside Roman Empire up to the medieval period. It also aims to study the development of faith and witness of the Church through her interaction with Jewish and non-Jewish cultures.

History of Christianity – II: This course covers the history of Christianity from reformation to the present day. It also aims to study the development of faith and witness of the Church through her interaction with different cultures and traditions.

History of Christianity in India: This course introduces the emergence and development of Christianity in India. It covers major events in various traditions.

Introduction to Pentecostalism: This course introduces the origin, development and major teachings of Pentecostal movement with special emphasis on India.

Department of Christian Ministry

Educational Ministry of the Church: This course introduces the background, meaning, role and function of the educational ministry of the Church.

Preaching and Worship: This course introduces the principles and practice of preaching. It also covers the skills of preparing and conducting worship in the church.

Pastoral Theology: This course is an introduction to the theology of pastoral ministry from a biblical perspective. This course covers the major essentials of pastoral ministry with reference to its office, function and responsibilities.

Leadership and Church Administration: This course introduces the basic components of leadership and Church administration which are relevant in the Indian context, leading the learners to develop their personal leadership potential.

Pastoral Care and Counseling: This course introduces the learner to the skills and teachings

of the ministry of care and counseling.

Foundations of Missionary Life and Spirituality: This course introduces the basic principles and challenges of missionary life and personal spirituality growth, to move the learner to be effective missionaries.

Marriage, Family and Ministry: This course introduces the Christian understanding of marriage and family and its implication to the ministry.

Department of Missiology

Introduction to Mission and Evangelism: This course gives the student an introduction to mission and evangelism in the life of the Church. Special attention will be given to practical application and creative approaches to mission and evangelism that will effectively relate with the context.

Principles of Church Planting and Development: This course introduces the biblical, cultural and sociological principles involved in planting and developing new local Churches.

Indian Culture and Society: This course introduces the understanding of Indian culture and social structures. It exposes the student to the awareness of their rights and responsibilities as citizens of the nation and leaders of the Church.

Contemporary Trends in Mission: This course is an examination of the mission of the Church and various models of Christian mission in 20th and 21st centuries. This study is designed to move the student towards a more responsible understanding, vision, and proclamation of the Kingdom of God.

Department of Religion and Philosophy

Major Religions of India: This course introduces the origin, development, beliefs and practices of the major religions of India.

Contemporary Indian Movements: This course introduces the major religious, social, cultural, and secular movements in India and their developments during the nineteenth to twenty first centuries.

Department of General Studies

Spiritual Formation: This course introduces the Biblical understanding of spirituality. It covers the basic Christian convictions, discipleship, moral principles, and character formation.

Christian Discipleship: This course introduces the practice of spiritual maturity in following Christ and becoming an example to others.

Inter - Personal Communication: This course introduces the dynamics of relationship

between people and the essentials of communication.

Study Methods: This course introduces the methods and teachings involved in reading, understanding, writing and researching academic papers.

13 THE MASTER OF DIVINITY PROGRAM

13.1 Purpose:

The M.Div. program in extension mode is designed to prepare students for mission and ministry. This program also enables students to obtain a comprehensive theological knowledge and confront contextual issues in Christian maturity and practical issues that they face during their ministry.

13.2 Qualifications for Admission

- Candidates must have a Bachelor Degree from a recognized university or the Candidates must have a B.Th. degree from an institution either accredited by Asia Theological Association or Senate of Serampore college with a B grade average.
- Candidates, who do not have necessary academic requirements but are above 30 years of age, are eligible to apply as matured candidates. Such applicants must pass an entrance examination.

13.3 Duration

- Candidates who apply with an academic qualification of regular Degree or its equivalent, non-ATA B.Th., and matured candidates must complete three and half year program.
- Candidates who apply with an academic qualification of B. Th. of ATA/Serampore with a B grade must complete two and half years program.

13.4 Graduation Requirements

- Successful completion of 20 subjects, tutorial weeks and course requirements for upgrading (from B.Th.) students.
- Successful completion of 30 subjects, tutorial weeks and course requirements for any Bachelor Degree holders or mature candidates.
- An assessment of character, spiritual development, and ministry commitment.

13.5 Subjects with preambles

Department of the Old Testament

Introduction to the Bible – I: This course is a critical introduction of the OT, which covers Historical Background, Formation, Canonization, Transmission of Texts, and Biblical Criticisms.

Pentateuch: This course is a study of the background, formation, Pentateuch criticisms and Theological content of the first five books of the Bible. By using exegetical method, selected texts are interpreted contextually.

Poetical and Wisdom Literature: This course is a study of the Poetical and Wisdom Literature such as Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon and Lamentation. It

covers the styles of Hebrew poetry, Wisdom Tradition, Literary forms, interpretive methods, theological emphasis and practical values.

Studies in Prophets: This course is a study of the origin, nature, movements and role of pre-exilic, exilic and post exilic prophets and the development of their ministry and theology

Biblical Theology of the Old Testament: This course is a study of Historical developments, interpretive methods, principal Themes and contemporary development of Old Testament Theology

Apocalyptic Literature: This course is a study of the formation and theology of the Books of Daniel, Revelation and selected portions of Ezekiel and their relevance to the churches in India

Department of New Testament

Introduction to Bible – II: This course is a critical introduction of the NT, which covers Historical background, formation, canonization, transmission of texts, Centrality of Jesus and Biblical criticisms.

Synoptic Gospels: This course is a study of the formation, syntax, structure, exegetical issues, textual problems and theological content of Mathew, Mark and Luke.

Acts of the Apostles: This course is an introduction to the Acts of the Apostles and to make a missiological study of the book from a Pentecostal perspective.

Pauline Theology with Special Study on Romans: This course is a study of the formation, the problem of structure and important themes of Pauline theology with an exegetical study of Romans 1-8.

General Epistles: This course is a study of the general Epistles. It also deals with the formation, theological themes and exegesis of selected passages.

Johanannine Theology: This course is a study of the formation, literature, Johnanine tradition and theological themes of John with special study on selected passages.

New Testament Theology: This course is a study of the Historical development of the NT Theology, interpretive methods, principal themes, and the concept of Christ as the central person.

Department of Theology and Ethics

Systematic Theology – I: This course is a study of the major themes of Christian theology such as Scripture, God, Creation Holy Spirit, and Church from Philosophical and contemporary perspectives.

Systematic Theology – II: This course is a study of the major themes of Christian theology such as Human Beings, Sin and Eschatology from the Philosophical and contemporary perspectives.

Person and Work of Christ: This course is a study of the person and work of Christ and salvation from biblical, classical and contemporary perspectives.

Christian Ethics: This course is a study of the principles and practice of Christian ethics from contemporary perspectives. It deals with Ethical Issues, options, case studies and selected theologians.

Biblical Interpretation: This course is a study of the Historical development, principles, methods, models of Biblical interpretation. It also deals with contemporary developments in biblical interpretations, to determine the message of the text and apply it to the present context.

Christian Apologetics: This course is a study of the rational defense of the Christian faith – commitments and response to various objections. Special focus has been placed on a variety of Christian evidence that support the claims of the church from Biblical, Historical, theological, Philosophical and Pragmatic perspectives.

Theologies in the Asian Context: This course is a study of the major theological developments in various Asian Contexts.

Indian Christian Theologies: This course is a study of the theological methods, thoughts and contributions of significant theologians.

Contemporary Trends in Theology: This course is a study of the theological developments from 19th to 21st centuries

Department of the History of Christianity

History of Christianity –I: This course is a study of the History of Christianity from its inception to the medieval period. It covers the major events, councils and movements.

History of Christianity-II: This course is a study of the History of Christianity from the reformation period to the present. It covers the major events, reformation, Evangelical movements, ecumenical councils and modern developments.

History of Christianity in India: This course is a study of the History of Christianity in India from its emergence and development within the socio – political and cultural context.

Introduction to Pentecostalism: This course is a study of the History, expansion, theology, contribution and challenges of the Pentecostal movement with special focus on India.

History of Christian Thought: This course is a study of the historical developments of Christian theological formations from the patristic period to the present. It covers the pattern of theological thinking and articulation of various eras.

Department of Christian Ministry

Homiletics: This course is a study of the theory and practice of Homiletics. It covers the History, rhetoric, principles, structure and presentation of Christian message.

Pastoral Care and Counseling: This course is a study of the skills, theory and practice of the ministry of care and counseling.

Communications: This course is a study of theories, methods and skills of communication. It deals with interpersonal and mass – communication.

Pastoral Theology: This course is a study of pastoral theology from biblical and contemporary perspectives. It also deals with the essentials, methods, functions and responsibilities of pastoral theology.

Leadership and Church Administration: This course is a study of the principles and skills of leadership and church administration, which are relevant in the context of India.

Family, Children and Care: This course is a study of marriage, sexual partnership, parenting, children and Christian home from a biblical perspective.

Department of Missiology

Mission and Evangelism: This course is a study of Mission and Evangelism as an essential function of the church. It deals with the socio-cultural structures and issues of contextualization. Special attention will be given to practical application and creative approaches to mission and evangelism.

Biblical Theology of Mission: This course is a study of the biblical understanding of mission. It mainly deals with major perspectives and models developed within the context of the Bible.

Cultural Anthropology: This course introduces the learner to Cultural Anthropology. It deals with different contexts, world views, linguistic and cultural dynamics which will enable the learner to become bridge-builders for cross – cultural missions.

Contemporary Trends in Mission with Contextualization: This course is a study of the Missiological developments from 19th to 21st centuries, with special focus on Missiological principles of contextualization.

Missiological Issues in Pentecostalism: This course is a study of the issues and approaches of mission from contemporary Pentecostal perspectives.

Department of Religion and Philosophy

Survey of World Religions: This course is a study of the History, developments, beliefs, practices and traditions of the religions of the world.

Modern Religious & Secular Movements: This course is a study of the major religious and secular movements and their developments in the socio –cultural and religious context of India.

Indian Philosophy: This course introduces the learner to the orthodox and heterodox philosophical systems of India.

14 What is uniqueness of these Courses?

Encourage, Equip and Engage – is the theme of the academic year 2016 -2017 for COTRTS. This program is to **encourage** pastors, Christian workers and interested laities by **equipping** them with a substantiate, academic as well as mission oriented courses so that it will help them to **engage** within the Indian Church more effectively.

This is not a correspondence course, rather equivalent to regular, recognized and academic degrees.

Students will be provided with a compendium (compiled materials from books and articles) and textbooks for each subject which can be purchased from COTRTS Book Shop at the campus during the registration.

Academic activities and the courses are inbuilt with special emphasis on Spiritual formation, practical dimension and mission focus.

This program is ideal for pastors, Christian workers who cannot do residential courses and laities who are interested in theological education.

15 FEE STRUCTURE

SL.NO.	B.TH.	M.DIV.
Admission & Registration	700	1000
Application and Prospectus	200	200
Subject	600/subject	800/subject
Material	300-400/subject	400-500/subject
Mentor Fee	1000	1000
Boarding and Lodging for tutorial week	1000	1000
Graduation Fee	750	1000
Transcript Fee	400	400
Approx. Total/Semester	7500	8000

Note: Figures in Rupees and approximate.

Fee is subject to revision

16 Documents Required for Admission

- Two passport size Photographs
- Certificates of all yours Diplomas and Degrees(photocopies)
- Transcripts of all your Diplomas and Degrees (photocopies)

- Financial Commitment Letter as in the Form Appended
- One Page Testimony
- Nonrefundable Application and prospectus fee of Rs.200/-
- A Statement of why Seeking Admission At COTR
- Reference Form(Academic)
- Reference Form(Church)
- Ministry Experience Certification

17 Application Forms and Prospectus

Application form and Prospectus can be obtained from the Office of the Coordinator of COTRTSDOES upon payment of Rs.200/- (non refundable) by writing to:

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