



RBTC General Information

Thank you for your interest in Rhema Bible Training College. To help you know what we're all about, below are answers to our most frequently asked questions.

Q. What is “Rhema”?

A. *Rhema* is a word, a place, and a worldwide family.

- **A WORD:** *Rhema* means “spoken word” in Greek.
- **A PLACE:** The Rhema USA campus is located in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. It is the home base for over 270 Rhema campuses located in 54 nations around the globe.
- **A FAMILY:** It's all of us together! Anyone connected to this ministry is part of the worldwide Rhema family.

Q. What is Rhema’s purpose?

A. The mandate, “*Go teach My people faith,*” was given by God to Kenneth E. Hagin, the founder of Rhema Bible Training College. Today his son, Kenneth W. Hagin, the school’s president, and daughter-in-law, Lynette Hagin, its director, carry out the mandate.

Q. Is Rhema for me?

A. Yes! Whether you feel called to the full-time ministry, the ministry of helps, or would simply like to study the Bible more in-depth, Rhema Bible Training College is the school for you!

While ministry training is an important part of Rhema’s vision, our overall mission is to equip believers to live successfully and reach their world for Jesus Christ. Our two-year ministry fundamentals program is designed to see students grow stronger in their relationship with God. Simply put, you’ll come out a stronger believer, ready to accomplish whatever God has called you to do! (For those who do feel called to the ministry, we offer programs that provide specialized, hands-on training.)

Q. What makes Rhema different from other Bible schools?

A. RBTC is a school unlike any other! The moment you step on the campus, you’ll sense the presence of the Holy Spirit and the spirit of faith that saturates the atmosphere. Just by being here, you will receive vital spiritual deposits. Additionally, our unique blend of practical and supernatural training will give you a solid biblical foundation and equip you for success. Not only will you learn how to hear the voice of God and recognize His leadings, you’ll also receive targeted training that will enable you to fulfill everything God has called you to do.

Q. Who attends Rhema?

A. Many of our students come immediately after graduating from high school or college. Others have already started a career and/or family, and some are even retired. Our students are from all walks of life and in all seasons of life.

Q. How many years does it take to graduate from Rhema?

A. Two years. All Rhema students must take one of our two-year ministerial training programs of study to graduate and earn a diploma.

For a more focused, intense study, we encourage students to continue with a third or fourth year of school. Students select their own program based on what God is leading them to pursue. Graduates from Rhema's third- and fourth-year programs earn a diploma in their field of study.

Q. What are my program options?

A. Two-Year Ministerial Studies Program

Choose one of the following programs of study:

Ministry Fundamentals (foundational classes for ministry with a strong biblical emphasis)

Itinerant Ministry (traveling ministry)

Missions

Pastoral Ministry

All students completing two years of study graduate and are eligible to continue to a third and fourth year.

Third-Year Ministerial Major Programs of Study

General Extended Studies School of Pastoral Ministry

School of Biblical Studies School of Student Ministries (Youth or Children's)

School of Helps Ministry School of World Missions

School of Itinerant Ministry School of Worship

Note: Any third-year course or program a student has not taken can be taken during his or her fourth year of study.

Q. What is the class schedule?

A. Rhema students attend three classes a day, Monday through Friday. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday classes run from 8:30 to 11:20 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday classes begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at noon.

Q. How much does it cost to attend Rhema?

A. RBTC tuition* is \$3,050 (per year) for first and second year. This covers tuition (\$2,100), books (\$400), and the general fee (\$550). The general fee includes a campus gym membership, a student yearbook, Christmas banquet tickets, parking permits, class syllabi, and class handouts.

*Tuition costs for third- and fourth-year programs of study are listed at rbtc.org under Admissions/Tuition and Costs.

*International students must pay the full \$3,050 USD tuition on Registration Day.

*Tuition and fees are subject to change.

Q. Does Rhema accept VA Benefits?

A. RBTC is approved by the Oklahoma State Accrediting Agency to offer VA benefits. Contact your VA representative to see what benefits you are eligible for. For details, visit gibill.va.gov or call 1-888-442-4551. For other benefits information call 1-800-827-1000. Note: It will take the VA at least 30 days to process information and determine eligibility. We do not participate in the Advance Pay program. Students are responsible for tuition payments until military benefits are active.

Q. Does Rhema offer scholarships or accept other forms of financial aid?

A. Many inquire about scholarships and/or financial assistance. Rhema does not qualify for Federal student aid. However, each Rhema student does receive a benevolent 70 percent scholarship, leaving the student to pay only \$3,050 per year. This scholarship is due to the generous giving of our monthly Rhema Word Partners. The \$3,050 includes all books, tuition, and office fees for the year.

Q. What are the requirements to apply?

A. Applicants must be old enough to have graduated from high school and have a desire to study God's Word for at least two years. **Note:** No transcripts or test scores are required.

If you plan to use Rhema credits with any of the colleges or universities that RBTC has agreements with, you will need to have a high school diploma or GED.

Q. Do I need a computer?

A. A device with access to Wi-Fi is needed for daily attendance, access to grades, school announcements, and course exams. A smartphone can work, however, a tablet or a laptop computer is recommended.

Q. What is the payment schedule?

A. Accepted students are welcome to pay their tuition in full at any time. Students using our payment plan* must pay a minimum of \$1,250 on Registration Day and make \$300 monthly payments over the next six months.

*The payment plan is subject to change.

Please Note: A payment plan is not available to international students. They must pay the full \$3,050 USD tuition on Registration Day.

Q. Is Rhema tuition tax deductible?

A. No. Rhema tuition does not qualify for state or federal tax deductions.

Q. Does Rhema offer online courses?

A. No. Kenneth Hagin Ministries does offer an **at-home correspondence school** through which Bible study courses are completed by mail. However, Rhema Bible Training College and Rhema Correspondence Bible School are two separate schools with different purposes. Credits are not transferable from one to the other. For more information on Rhema Correspondence Bible School, visit rhema.org/rcbs.

Q. When does school begin?

A. All students enrolling in the spring must be on campus for registration on Friday, January 13, 2023. Registration for fall enrollees is Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

Q. Who can start school in January?

A. First- and second-year students may choose to begin school in September or January. Third- and fourth-year students must begin in September. Students who enroll in Rhema School of Biblical Studies, Rhema School of Itinerant Ministry, and General Extended Studies may start in January. (See the enrollment flyer for full details.)

Q. Does Rhema have a dress code?

A. Yes. It is the desire of RBTC that students dress modestly and in good taste. We follow a business casual dress code. Nice jeans are acceptable. For details, go to rbtc.org and click Students, then Student Life, then Dress Code.

Q. What holidays/breaks does Rhema take?

A. Rhema students have one week off for both Thanksgiving and Spring Break, two weeks off for Christmas, and one day off for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Summer break typically runs from mid-May to the beginning of September.

Q. Is Rhema accredited?

A. Yes. RBTC is accredited by Transworld Accrediting Commission International. Serving the Christian education community for over 30 years, Transworld is recognized by the IRS as a non-profit educational organization. Their philosophy is to demonstrate accountability to the consuming public for education obtained in nontraditional evangelical educational institutions. RBTC is not accredited through the U.S. Department of Education or the State of Oklahoma and operates as an independent religious educational institution. For more information about Transworld Accrediting Commission International, visit **TransworldAccrediting.com**.

Q. Will I earn a degree from Rhema?

A. No. Rhema graduates earn a diploma certifying completion in their area of study.

Q. Can I earn a degree while attending Rhema?

A. Several colleges and universities offer credit for classes taken at RBTC. For a list of colleges that accept RBTC credits, visit **rbtc.org/admissions/accreditation**. Contact the institution for more information.

Q. Which colleges accept Rhema credits?

A. Grand Canyon University—gcu.edu // 800-800-9776

Oklahoma Wesleyan University—okwu.edu // 918-728-6143 (Tulsa campus located five miles from the Rhema campus.)

Southeastern University—seu.edu // 863-667-5000

Southwestern Assemblies of God University—sagu.edu // 972-937-4010 (Located on the Rhema campus.)

Southwestern Christian University—swcu.edu // 918-872-7706

Phoenix University—phoenix.edu // 866-766-0766

Q. Does Rhema have dorms?

A. Rhema does not have dorms, but we do offer 96 student housing apartment units (Greg Smith Memorial Student Housing) directly across the street from Rhema. These units are filled by accepted Rhema students on a first-come, first-served basis. (See **rbtc.org** for a listing of local rental information, real estate agents, and several apartment complexes.)

Most of our students obtain housing from the wide range of apartment, rental housing, and leasing options in the Broken Arrow and Tulsa areas. (See **rbtc.org** for a listing of local classified ad sources and several apartment complexes.)

Q. How do I find a job and housing in the area?

A. Classified ads: For a link to the classified ads in our area, visit **rbtc.org**. Under the Student heading, click on Before You Move or Housing. There you will find *general* job and housing information. Accepted Rhema students have access to our **Job and Housing Wall**. This is a digital forum where we post *specific* current room and job openings from Rhema graduates, current Rhema students, and area businesses. Accepted students can simply email **rbtc@rhema.org** for details.

Q. What do students do for fun?

A. Our students love attending Young Adults (YA) and Synergy services, joining Rhema Bible Church LINK teams, and playing intramural sports (softball, basketball, volleyball, pickleball, soccer, flag football, and Ultimate Frisbee). They also enjoy hanging out at our on-campus park, soccer fields, library, roller skating rink, and café, which serves breakfast and lunch. No matter what age or stage a student is, they have many opportunities to build relationships and have fun at Rhema!

Q. Does Rhema offer ministerial licensing and/or ordination?

A. Yes. Ministerial credentials are available to qualified Rhema graduates through RMAI—Rhema Ministerial Association International. RMAI credentials graduates who are pastors, associate pastors, music, youth and children’s ministers, itinerant ministers, missionaries, and chaplains.

Q. What denomination is Rhema?

A. We are technically “nondenominational.” However, our beliefs are Charismatic, Pentecostal, and Word of Faith based.

Q. How can I apply to Rhema?

A. You can apply online at rbtc.org/apply.

Want a closer look at Rhema?

- **Check out our website—rbtc.org**
- **Check out Rhema during College Weekend.** Every spring and fall Rhema opens up the campus to prospective students. Sit in on classes, meet current students and instructors, enjoy campus and community tours, and get information about moving to Broken Arrow. rbtc.org/rcw
- **Attend a special event.** Plan on attending *Winter Bible Seminar*, *Campmeeting*, the *Kindle the Flame Women’s Conference*, or the *A Call to Arms Men’s Conference*. Tours are available during each event.
- **Visit the campus.** Tours are available year round, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Walk-ins are always welcome. However, if you would like to schedule a tour, please contact us at 918-258-1588, ext. 2379.

For more information, class descriptions, athletics, a calendar of events, and much more, visit rbtc.org.

A Note From Our Recruiting Office

We want you to know that we’re praying for you. God has GREAT plans for you (Jer. 29:11)! If you have any other questions concerning RBTC, please contact us. We are here to help you in any way we can.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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