

## NCBC Articulation Agreement - Rhema

Northern California Bible College has assessed the transferability of Rhema Bible Training College (RBTC) (<https://rbtc.org/>) core curriculum. Students should request a RBTC transcript with a list of courses and RBTC assessed units or clock hours. These units are unaccredited.

RBTC is a part of Transworld Accrediting Commission International (TACI) <https://www.transworldaccrediting.com/schools> which is not a federally recognized accrediting agency.

RBTC calculates their hours and units as follows (for year 1): 480 contact hours is 60 clock hours, or 30 semester credit hours (per year - both year 1 and 2 are calculated similarly). The U.S. standard is 15 contact hours per semester unit. The annual 480 contact hours would be 32 semester units (48 quarter units).

### Summary of RBTC Curricular Requirements

- Unaccredited Associates diploma
  - Year 1 and 2 which is  $48+48 = 96$  potential quarter units
  - Benchmark: Southwestern Christian University (SCU) gives 40 semester units (60 quarter units) of transfer to their college.
  - The  $\frac{2}{3}$  unit benchmark of SCU seems consistent with other TACI accredited programs.
  - NCBC will award the similar 60 quarter units for the combined Year 1 and 2.
  - **ACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS REQUIRE 90 QUARTER UNITS FOR AN AA EQUIVALENCY**
- RBTC does NOT offer an unaccredited BA degree. They do offer up to two years of Ministerial training beyond the Associates diploma.
  - Year 1 and 2 which is  $48+48 = 96$  potential quarter units
  - Year 3 and 4 which is  $48+48 = 96$  potential quarter units
  - Applying the  $\frac{2}{3}$  multiplier for ministry school to formal academic setting this amounts to 120 quarter units for the 4 year program.
  - **ACCREDITED INSTITUTION REQUIRE 180 QUARTER UNITS FOR A BA EQUIVALENCY**
  - 4 years at Rhema will not be considered Bachelor's equivalent unless another 60 quarter units are also provided from another institution.

The RBTC program offers courses in Biblical Studies, leadership, and ministry that are compatible with the hour requirement of NCBC.

- Standard residency unit requirements at NCBC still exist. All RBTC units are treated as GE-level transfers.

- AA and BA degrees from RBTC do not transfer because they may be below accreditation standards of 90 or 180 quarter units respectively.
  - AA degrees transfer as 60 quarter units
  - BA degrees transfer as 120 quarter units

The RBTC 4-year diploma is sufficient to be admitted to the NCBC Master's program if the student has completed a total of 180 quarter units of college-level work.

Please Note: The units can be used toward a degree at NCBC. These units will not turn into NCBC units for transfer anywhere else. They will be used for internal accounting toward an NCBC degree, but will not be written into the NCBC transcript if a student transfers before completing their degree.