



7. Student Life

7.1 Code of Conduct

In view of the high calling of the ministry and the great responsibility of example which must be assumed by Christian leaders and by those aspiring to such leadership, it is expected that students at VBTS will maintain the highest standards of personal conduct and biblical conviction. The seminary does not presume to be a monitoring or censoring agency for all activities but does expect personal testimony and outward evidence of maturing Christian convictions, concern for the consciences of others, and a willingness to submit to the authority of mature Christian leaders. Accordingly, as examples of the numerous ways to enhance the testimony of the individual and of the institution, the seminary requires conformity to the following Code of Conduct:

- A. Each student is expected to be faithful, committed, and involved in the ministry of a local church.
- B. The seminary standards for appearance and dress, as outlined in the student handbook, are to be fully respected.
- C. Personal discipline in the discerning use of radio, television, internet, and the printed page is expected. This includes total avoidance of pornographic programming, films, and literature.
- D. Students are required to abstain from such practices as gambling, the use of alcohol for non-medicinal purposes, the misuse of prescription drugs, the use of illegal drugs, and the use of tobacco.
- E. Students must avoid all forms of dishonesty, including lying, plagiarism, cheating on exams or assignments, failure to meet financial obligations, and negligence in the performance of educational, employment, or ministry responsibilities.
- F. Family relationships and responsibilities are to be given a place of highest priority. Students are required to maintain a biblical pattern in family relationships, and to abstain from unbiblical sexual activities or relationships.

VBTS reserves the right to discipline or dismiss any student who does not conform to this Code of Conduct or any other of the seminary's principles, policies, or required procedures. By virtue of his or her enrollment, and while enrolled in a degree program, a student agrees to live within the framework of these standards and principles.