General Information

Who We Are
Manhattan Christian College was founded in 1927 as a four-year undergraduate institution of higher education. Originally named Kansas Bible College, it received its original charter from the State of Kansas in 1929 under the name Christian Workers University. The campus was purposefully located in the center of Manhattan, Kansas directly across the street from Kansas State Agricultural College, now Kansas State University. This proximity to a major university has provided students with unique educational opportunities as well as a combination of cultural, recreational, and evangelistic opportunities. In 1930 the name of the college changed to Manhattan Bible College. Under this name, the college was granted a charter by the Secretary of State of the State of Kansas on June 9, 1930. A certificate of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation changing the name to Manhattan Christian College was legally certified by the Secretary of State on July 1, 1971.

Manhattan Christian College operates in the state of Kansas under the provisions of Kansas Statutes Annotated (KSA) 74-3250 (b) which references the previously granted approval to confer academic or honorary degrees given by the state board of education under the provisions of former KSA 17-6105. The college has operated as a not-for-profit corporation under the Internal Revenue Code, Section 501 (c) (3) since November 19, 1957. Seven presidents have led the college. The founder, Dr. Eugene Sanderson (1927), served for three years. He was succeeded by Dr. Thomas H. Johnson who served from 1930 until his death in 1952. O. Ray Burgess (1952) and Dr. Burton Thurston (1953-1955) followed in succession. Dr. Wilford F. Lown became president in 1955 and served for twenty-six years. In 1980 Dr. Lown initiated a planned transition of leadership at which time the board of trustees called Mr. Kenneth D. Cable as executive vice president – president elect. In 1981, Kenneth Cable became the sixth president of the college and served until his retirement in June 2005. In November 2005, the board of trustees called Kevin Ingram to become the seventh president of the college. He took office on July 1, 2006.

Distinctive programs of study include both single and dual-degrees as well as an adult degree completion program. The college offers single degree programs which lead to bachelor of arts or science degrees in Christian Ministry with emphasis and track options in pastoral ministry, intercultural studies, children’s ministry, counseling, chaplaincy, family ministry, spiritual formation, worship ministry, youth ministry. A fourth-year residency program is available for students who apply and are accepted.

The Leadership Education for Adult Development (LEAD) degree completion program assists learners interested in biblical leadership or management and ethics to complete a college degree through the classroom setting for personal and career development. The Distance Education degree completion program assists learners interested in biblical leadership or management and ethics to complete a college degree through an online delivery method for personal and career development. MCC programs of study can be taken in conjunction with numerous programs at Kansas State University and Manhattan Area Technical College (MATC) resulting in dual-degree programs including accounting, agribusiness, computer science, elementary and secondary education, marketing, finance, family life and community service, social work, pre-nursing, and others. Students may opt to complete an associate of arts degrees. A certificate of biblical literature may be earned in one year of study in any delivery method.

The college is firmly committed to the mission of educating, equipping, and enriching men and women for leadership and service in the name of Christ through the various degrees and certificates offered. Accepting that the biblical principle of the “priesthood of all believers” is more than a paid clergy, the college fosters a very broad view of what a ministry entails. Any student in a degree program has the opportunity to render ministry in a variety of contexts and diverse fields as a result of the academic programming and experiences received while at the college.

MCC is historically affiliated with non-denominational, independent Christian Churches and Churches of Christ of the Restoration Movement.
Historical Timeline

1927  Dr. Eugene C. Sanderson purchases the property and begins Christian Workers University
1928  Dr. T. H. Johnson becomes second president Christian Workers University becomes The Kansas Bible College
1929  Jolliffe Hall construction completed
1930  The Kansas Bible College becomes Manhattan Bible College
1949  Received accreditation from the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges (AABC)
1952  Mr. O. Ray Burgess becomes third president
1953  Dr. Burton B. Thurston becomes fourth president
1955  Dr. W. F. Lown becomes fifth president
1959  Dual-degree program with Kansas State University begins
1968  Charter member of the Midwest Christian College Conference (athletics)
1971  Manhattan Bible College becomes Manhattan Christian College
1973  Koinonia Campus Center is constructed
1981  Mr. Kenneth Cable becomes sixth president
1982  Campus Center is renovated, enlarged, and renamed Coffin Memorial Campus Center
1986  J. Donald Coffin Memorial Hall completed as administration/classroom building
1991  NBCAA (National Bible College Athletic Association) National Champions - Men’s Soccer
1992  NBCAA Division I National Champions - Women’s Volleyball
1993  Kenoyer Hall constructed as a women’s residence hall
1994  Adult degree completion program (LEAD) begins
1995  NBCAA Division II National Champions - Men’s Basketball
1996  NCCAA Division II National Champions - Men’s Soccer
1998  Candidacy status with North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA)
2000  Received accreditation with North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA)
2001  Facilities Management Building completed
2002  75th Anniversary Year
2005  NCCAA Division II National Champions - Men’s Soccer
2006  Mr. Kevin Ingram becomes seventh president
2007  Reaffirmation of accreditation from Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE)
2008  NCCAA Division II National Champions - Men’s Soccer
2009  Jolliffe Hall Dedication following major renovation project to house chapel, library, and classrooms
2010  2,000th Degree Granted
2013  Reaffirmation of accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission (NCA)

Location
Manhattan, Kansas, is a community that provides its approximately 50,000 residents cultural and educational opportunities unavailable in most communities its size, yet it has a wholesome life-style not found in larger cities. Kansas State University, a well-respected collegiate institution, is across the street from MCC. Airline and bus connections to all parts of the world, modern medical facilities, and numerous shopping areas are available within walking and short driving distances. Several large reservoirs are located within a few miles of the city and provide many opportunities for outdoor recreation.

What We Believe
Manhattan Christian College pleads for the unity of all believers on the common ground of commitment and obedience to the lordship of Christ. Believing that creeds of men, however correct, perpetuate sectarianism and create division within the church when made tests of fellowship, we have no creed except faith in Jesus as the Christ, God’s Son and humankind’s Savior. It is our desire to call all people of all nations to faith and obedience to Him as revealed in scripture. When asked, “What do you believe?”, it is tempting to hand one the Bible and suggest,
“This is what we believe.” However, for those not familiar with Manhattan Christian College, it may be helpful to identify foundational doctrines taught in our classes based on our understanding of the Scriptures.

1. We believe that there is one God, creator of the universe, eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and that we are called to live to the praise of His glory.
2. We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative word of God.
3. We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious death and atonement through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal and visible return in power and glory.
4. We believe the only terms of salvation that we may proclaim are those expressed in the New Testament: faith, repentance, confession of faith in Jesus Christ, and baptism by immersion in water for the remission of past sins and for the promised presence of the Holy Spirit.
5. We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life, and by whom the church is empowered to carry out Christ's Great Commission.
6. We believe in the bodily resurrection of both the saved and the lost; those who are saved unto the resurrection of life and those who are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

**Our Calling**
To live to the praise of His glory.

**Our Mission**
To educate, equip, and enrich Christian leaders.

**Our Vision**
Every student and graduate will be prepared and motivated to penetrate the world with the gospel of Christ regardless of chosen profession.

**Our Core Values**
Manhattan Christian College is a private institution of higher education, committed to the Christian mission of winning the world to Christ. With the conviction that every member of the body of Christ is a minister, the college seeks to foster in all students a world-wide vision of the mission of the church: preparing them to be servant leaders as Christ modeled and challenged us all to become, providing opportunities for spiritual growth toward Christian maturity, and promoting the Restoration Movement ideal of becoming Christ's church as revealed in the New Testament. Thus, our institutional core values are:

**Lordship of Christ**
All believers should live a life devoted to Jesus Christ, God's Son and our Lord and Savior that reflects Christ-like character and conduct.

**Excellence**
As servants of Jesus Christ we must strive for excellence in ministry and life.

**Applying God's Word**
The inspired Word of God should be normative for faith and practice with effective exegesis used to rightly apply God's Word to our daily lives.

**Discipleship**
In fulfillment of the Great Commission, all believers, regardless of chosen profession, are included in God's plan to make disciples of all nations.

**Evangelism**
Christians are commanded to penetrate the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and call all to a saving relationship with Him.

**Relationships**
A Christian must have a high value placed on personal relationships built on God's love, truth, and grace.
**Stewardship**
All believers are purely stewards of the time, talent, and treasure given to them by God.

**Heart for learning**
A heart for learning and personal growth is important to sustain a lifetime of service and commitment for Christ.

**Integrity**
Christian leaders should live lives of integrity in public and private.

**Prayer**
Practicing a life of prayer and worship is vital to live a life of service to Christ.

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**Our Institutional Objectives**
Every Manhattan Christian College graduate will:
1. Understand and apply Scripture responsibly.
2. Think critically with the ability to evaluate, problem-solve, and plan.
3. Communicate effectively.
4. Develop a cultural awareness that promotes influence from a biblical worldview in different cultures.
5. Recognize personal leadership skills and abilities.
6. Demonstrate Christ-like character and conduct in all aspects of life.
7. Develop skills and attitudes necessary for lifelong learning.

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**Our Philosophy of Education**

We believe that all people are learners. A fundamental element of human nature is the process of adapting to new experiences in such a way as to improve the condition of self and others. With this in mind, we believe that learning is a perpetual circumstance whether it is pursued intentionally or occurs unintentionally.

We believe education is holistic. Effective education includes the cognitive, affective, behavioral, and spiritual domains of a person. It is important for the learner to experience opportunities in each of these areas consistently.

We believe that although all people learn, individual learners are unique. People can engage different learning styles as a general way of processing data. People also can adapt to and utilize different styles based on the unique conditions of learning experiences. As a result, we believe that educators must be sensitive to some uniqueness while teaching in a general context.

We believe education can be conducted through a variety of means. People are able to learn in a classroom setting, through practical field experiences, and through distance learning platforms, among many other means of education.

We believe educators are responsible to establish relevant learning outcomes for those who participate in their educational experiences. It is important for educators to assess how effectively these outcomes are being achieved in order to improve and enhance the effectiveness of their work in the future.

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**Our Educational Apologetic**

Educational philosophies are established in terms of three major ideas: (a) What is the nature of man? (b) What is the nature of the universe? (c) What is the nature and function of society? These questions may be phrased in different ways, but their essential substance is always present when people seek to set down an educational apologetic. The educational apologetic subscribed to by Manhattan Christian College is as follows:

The institution is committed to the faith that God has revealed Himself fully and finally in the Hebrew-Christian scriptures, with the culmination of that revelation expressed through Jesus Christ in the New Testament. In Christ and His message the truth about the nature of man, society, and the universe is made manifest.
What and who is humanity? Created in the image of God, but rebellious against the will of God for his life, man is in need of that kind of redemption which will restore fellowship with the Creator and answer the question of his nature and identity. With the Bible at the center of its curricular program, MCC answers the cry of every person for an adequate sense of self-identity, with the invitation to become children of God through Jesus Christ. Secular education in the United States cannot give this answer.

What is society? Society is a functioning group of human beings working together in the pursuit of their major corporate interest, self-maintenance, self-perpetuation or continuity, and order in associational relationships. The college subscribes to the belief that the identity and value of the individual as revealed in Jesus Christ constitutes the fundamental basis upon which the social organization and order are established. The political system known as the democratic process is the most adequate system for the operation of free men; but this system is undergirded by the concept of humanity and society as seen in the Christian scriptures. A philosophy of education most suited to the needs of man and society is not complete, therefore, without the content of scriptural truth incorporated into the educational program.

What is the nature of the universe? Modern educators are concerned with the necessity of providing an adequate worldview for those who are being educated. Manhattan Christian College holds the view that the total universe is the result of the creative power of God. God is the giver and sustainer of its order and His revelation of Himself in Christ and the scriptures are in harmony with all the truth which may be discovered about the universe. Furthermore, it is held that an adequate worldview cannot be achieved apart from an inclusion of both creation and revelation.

Programs
Established in 1927 as a part of the Bible college movement, Manhattan Christian College offers undergraduate degree programs with a curriculum centered on the Bible as the Word of God. General education develops an understanding of self and others, communication skills, critical and creative thinking, and cultural awareness thereby establishing an integrated Christian worldview. The majority of the college’s specialized majors prepare people for professional, church-related leadership, and service. In cooperation with Kansas State University and Manhattan Area Technical College, our degree programs enable people to utilize other careers to meet the needs of people around the world. Programs are also organized to provide continuing education for church leaders and appropriate services and resources for churches and Christian groups.

Accreditation and Academic Standing
North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (HLC-NCA)—Manhattan Christian College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Initial accreditation was received in 2000 and was reaffirmed in 2013.

North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
The Higher Learning Commission
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Chicago, IL 60604-1413
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Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE)—Manhattan Christian College was initially accredited in 1948 and was reaffirmed for accreditation in 2007 for 10 years. ABHE is a national undergraduate institutional accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). ABHE is listed by the United States Department of Education as the recognized accrediting agency for undergraduate Bible college education. Further ABHE is recognized by the Department of Justice, Veterans Administration, and other relevant federal agencies.

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5850 TG Lee Blvd., Suite 130
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www.abhe.org
Students who have a complaint against the college may contact in writing or call HLC-NCA or ABHE.

**Transfer Credit Practices of Designated Educational Institutions**, published by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, indicates a general acceptance of MCC credits, for the transfer of courses that are substantially equivalent. Manhattan Christian College is empowered by the State of Kansas to “confer such scholastic degrees or certificates of graduation as are usually conferred by Institutions of Higher Learning.”

The Kansas Veterans Commission has approved the college for the training of veterans under Public Law 550, 82nd Congress. The college is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students.

Students at Manhattan Christian College are eligible for Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Perkins Loan Program, Stafford Loan Program, and the College Work Study Program under the U.S. Department of Education.