



Tyndale Seminary Statement of Educational Effectiveness

As an accredited member of Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS), Tyndale Seminary engages in ongoing, systematic evaluation of its educational effectiveness. Various assessment strategies (both qualitative and quantitative) are utilized to evaluate the quality of our programs and the extent to which learning outcomes are achieved. The results of the assessment enable us to continuously monitor, enhance and improve the effectiveness of our programs.

How Our Graduates Evaluate Their Tyndale Education

One of the ways we assess effectiveness is by asking graduates to evaluate their educational experience by taking the ATS Graduating Student Questionnaire (GSQ). We examine institutional trends year-over-year, as well as compare ourselves with other Canadian seminaries that use the GSQ.

Overall, Tyndale graduates have high regard for the education and formation they received. Particular indicators in the GSQ where graduates identify high levels of satisfaction include:

- Ability to think theologically
- Ability to use and interpret scripture
- Ability to lead others
- Ability to teach well
- Ability to live one's faith in daily life
- Trust in God
- Enthusiasm for learning

Graduates report that the three most important influences on their educational experience were (in order) faculty, biblical studies, and the study of history and theology. The data also helps us identify areas where we can strengthen our offerings (social concerns, internships options) to improve educational effectiveness.

Degree Completion Time and Post-Graduation Placement

Although many of our students study full-time, a growing trend is the number of students who study part-time while continuing to be engaged in ministry and other vocations. In our MDiv program, for example, 51% of last year's graduates completed their degree in 3-4 years while 49% took 4-6+ years.

The number of Tyndale alumni on record exceeds 5,000 scattered across North America and the world. Tyndale's Career Centre assists students with post-graduation employment. Data gathered from alumni surveys indicate that our graduates work as pastors, missionaries, counsellors, spiritual directors, chaplains, inner-city workers, church planters, campus workers, Christian education leaders, scholars and teachers. Others indicate that they have remained in their current professions because their educational goal was to serve as theologically educated and equipped lay persons.