The College of The Bahamas

An Invitation to get to know us

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Name
The College of The Bahamas

Established in 1974, The College of The Bahamas is a publicly subsidised, four-year year, primarily undergraduate institution with a liberal arts focus.

Locations
The College of The Bahamas is a distributed institution, operating from multiple locations:

- **Oakes Field Campus** (Main)
  Nassau, New Providence

- **Grosvenor Close Campus**
  (School of Nursing and Allied Health Professions)

- **Northern Bahamas Campus**
  Freeport, Grand Bahama

- **Abaco Centre**
  Marsh Harbour, Abaco

- **Exuma Centre**
  Georgetown, Exuma

- **Gerace Research Centre (GRC)**
  Cockburn Town, San Salvador

- **Bahamas Environmental Research Centre (BERC)**
  Staniard Creek, Andros

- 2006-07 Student Enrollment
  4880

- **Baccalaureate Degrees**
  59

Residential Life
Limited dormitory spaces

Application Deadlines
- The first Friday in February for applicants interested in starting classes in the Fall semester (August/September)
- The last Friday in September for applicants interested in starting classes in the Spring semester (January).
Why you should choose The College of The Bahamas for your studies

A long history of high-quality academic programmes.
The credits of The College of The Bahamas are accepted by more than two hundred institutions in Britain, Canada, the Caribbean and the United States. The cooperative relationships The College enjoys with respected colleges and universities for credit exchange and cooperative programmes is another mark of the institution’s standing in the international academic community.

Successful Alumni
The best evidence of the quality of an institution of higher learning is its primary product—its graduates. Many highly successful people claim The College of The Bahamas as their alma mater. Among them are leaders in every sector of Bahamian society, including Members of Parliament, educators, physicians, high-ranking public servants, company administrators and tourism and hospitality professionals. COB alumni can also be found as researchers in such noted international facilities as the Artificial Intelligence Lab at Carnegie Mellon University, in Pittsburgh, PA.

Excellent Professor Student Relationships
No class at The College exceeds thirty students and the average class size is 25 and all classes are taught by faculty members. Students have the opportunity to interact daily with their professors in class, during tutorials and office hours and join them in research projects and on field trips on and offshore.

We’re about people working for the benefit of people
Learning Resources

Computing and Internet Services
The Department of Management Information Systems (MIS) has responsibility for supporting the teaching and learning processes at The College. The College boasts over 300 computers in 20 rooms for student use. These are 18 rooms with a total of 260 Intel Pentium 4 Based PC’s and two rooms with a total of 50 Apple Macintosh machines. MIS maintains 16 rooms dedicated to the use of computers in a formal lab setting, or rather less formal classroom setting.

MIS maintains the www.cob.edu.bs website and the email domains of cob.edu.bs, and cobmail.edu.bs for employees and students. MIS also holds the Academic Licensing for software for Microsoft. Thus, for $80.00 students may purchase valid CD’s for the Windows XP Operating System, Microsoft Office Professional (Word, Excel, Publisher, Outlook, Info Path, PowerPoint and Access), Microsoft Visio, Microsoft FrontPage, as well as Microsoft Clipart Library, a $1,400 value.

Library Services
The College’s Library five-branch system of The College of The Bahamas is the largest public repository of general information in The Bahamas. As the premier academic library in the country its mission is to deliver quality information resources and services through a variety of means, including state-of-the-art technology, to support the teaching and research needs of The College and the wider community. The total library holdings comprise around 70,000 volumes in print, electronic and non-print formats. Within the collection are Caribbean dissertations and other regional publications, legal documents, nursing and medical materials, hospitality and tourism resources, periodicals in print, microforms, CD-ROM and online formats, audio visual software, deposit collections from the United Nations, the International Labour Organization, World Health Organization, Pan American Health Organization and IICA. Online databases include EBSCOhost, CARILAW, HeinOnline, Quicklaw, HapI, XREFER, Caribbean Trade and WorldCat. All branches have access to audiovisual and database resources.

The Harry C. Moore Library
The College has completed two phases of a three-phase development project to build a new state-of-the-art 60,000 square foot library, named for Harry C. Moore, a former Chairman of the Lyford Cay Foundation and a devoted friend of COB.
To the extent that students wish to be involved, The College affords opportunities for student leadership in many areas of college life, including governance. You can participate in student government (College of The Bahamas Union of Students - COBUS), in an array of team sports, publication of the student newspaper, civic work and club and recreational activities.

**Student clubs at The College include**
- Circle K
- Science Club
- Governor General’s Award
- Golden Z
- Nursing Club
- Education Awareness Soc.
- COB Choir
- CDP Club
- The Law Society
- BHTC Club
- Art Club
- Creative Writing Club
- COBUS
- Student Christian Movement
- Foreign Languages Club

**Student Publication**
The Spectrum, The College’s student newspaper, is published regularly by interested students with the assistance of the faculty of the Journalism Department in the School of Communication and Creative Arts (SCCA). It covers news and features related to college and community. Students who wish to serve on the editorial board of The Spectrum can contact SCCA at 302-4484/85 in G-2 (G- Block).
Intramural Sports Programme
An active intramural programme provides support for the development of healthy bodies through physical exercise and proper diet. Below are just a few of the activities that are promoted to help reduce health risks and improve one’s quality of living:

Flag Football  
Track and Field  
Soccer  
Basketball  
Swimming  
Softball  
Volleyball  
Weight Lifting  
Table Tennis

Students may play board games such as chess, checkers and dominoes, pool, table tennis or video games in the auditorium of the Student Union Building. In addition, there is a special gym room for aerobics, weight lifting and power lifting.

Athletics Department
Five core sports have been identified: basketball, volleyball, soccer, tennis, and track & field. Men’s and women’s teams in basketball, track & field, soccer and volleyball are being selected by coaches affiliated with the Athletics Department. All of the teams compete in the leagues locally but international trips are not unusual.

Athletic facilities include multi-purpose courts for tennis, volleyball, netball and basketball. There are two softball fields, a track for jogging and field events and a soccer field. The College also has a swimming pool.

Plans are in the advanced stage for the building of a new Wellness Centre which will accommodate showers and lockers, in addition to state of the art equipment.
Jump Start is just one of the initiatives of COB designed to provide more opportunities and greater access to quality education. The programme permits motivated and ambitious high school students to earn college credits by allowing them to enroll in COB courses through the Centre for Continuing Education and Extension Services.

President’s Scholars Programme (PSP)
The College of The Bahamas President’s Scholars Programme (PSP) is a unique four-year scholarship and personal development programme designed to identify a limited number of outstanding students in order to foster their intellectual growth, refine their leadership skills and enhance their relationship with The College of The Bahamas. The Programme is based solely on merit and recognizes first-time freshmen who have demonstrated excellence in academic achievement, leadership ability and community service. President’s Scholars hold a prestigious position at The College of The Bahamas. As a highly motivated group, the President’s Scholars actively seek out opportunities to serve humanity, both on campus and in the community, proudly taking the name of The College with them.

Benefits
President’s Scholars receive a full academic scholarship and a stipend for books, fees and international travel. President’s Scholars are engaged in continuous leadership training facilitated by talented faculty and civic leaders and also participate in International leadership seminars and workshops. They have a resource centre where they gather for social interaction and study. The centre supplies computer access, printing, photocopying and faxing privileges.

Career Opportunities
President’s Scholars complete internships with firms in their chosen careers. Through these internships, President’s Scholars secure job placement before graduation. Many of them are employed directly in Management Training Programmes.

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Promoting and rewarding Academic Excellence
Scholarships and Financial Assistance

Financial Aid
The College of The Bahamas offers various forms of financial assistance to qualified, deserving students, including scholarships from private donors, various government study awards and the Student Work/Study Programme.

The Bahamas Government continues to be the greatest benefactor through its bursaries, national awards, teacher education and nursing grants and other in-service awards. Business and industry, civic groups, charitable organizations, political parties and private citizens all donate scholarships to The College of The Bahamas.

Deserving students also benefit from the College of The Bahamas Scholarship Endowment Fund which operates under the auspices of The Lyford Cay Foundation and the Canadian Lyford Cay Foundation. Today, approximately 110 students are COB Endowment Scholars. Students who qualify for an award demonstrate strong academic skills and significant financial need.

Student Housing
The dormitories of The College of The Bahamas are located on Gregory Street, Nassau, just a few minutes from the main campus. Because The College has limited dorm space at present, Students from the Family Islands (out islands) of The Bahamas are given first preference. Residents live independently under the guidance of a resident dorm director, who works to maintain a safe and healthy environment for all resident students. Additionally, Family Island and international students are assisted in finding alternative, suitable, secure, off-campus housing if they require it.

For further information on financial aid and housing contact the Director at 302-4370/1 on the 2nd floor of the Portia M Smith Student Services Building, West Wing.
Chapter One - The College Bookstore

Chapter One, The College Bookstore, is located in the Michael Eldon Building on Thompson Boulevard across the street from the Administration Building, Oakes Field Campus. Required texts for all courses, stationery and other supplies are available at the bookstore which also houses Copy Right Business Centre and the First Edition Café. There are power outlets at tables in the café for laptop use. Hours of operation are Monday - Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

For more information, call the bookstore at 397-2650.

College Cafeteria

Cafeteria services for breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided by the campus branch of the Sbarro Italian Restaurant chain. A wide range of food items are available. Open from Monday to Saturday, 7.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m.
**COB puts the accent on student talent in the fine arts.**

The College of The Bahamas Choir and the COB Concert Band are options for musical students. The Choir travels abroad often.

**Pro Gallery**
The Pro Gallery, upstairs the S-Block on the Oakes Field Campus, provides an attractive space for the exhibition of student art.
Exciting special events

Foreign Languages Day
Held at the Oakes Field Campus during Spring Semester and organised by the Foreign Languages Department, this event promotes the acquisition of a foreign language by showcasing the diversity of the French, Spanish and Haitian Creole cultures. It provides an opportunity for COB foreign language students to use the target language beyond the formal classroom environment. The event is always a fun-filled one with food, games, songs and dances.

Oktoberfest
Oktoberfest honours the tradition that began in Germany almost two centuries ago and, as the name suggests, takes place in the month of October. Oktoberfest is a rollicking celebration of German culture, sponsored by COB’s International Languages and Cultures Institute that also exposes students and other interested persons to cultures from around the world.
Organised by the Department of Visual and Performing Arts, the annual Colour of Harmony, held in April of each year, showcases the talents of Art and Music majors. Each year Colour of Harmony recognises a significant contributor to the development of the arts in The Bahamas through the presentation of the E. Clement Bethel Award. Usually held under the patronage of the Governor General of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, the event begins with a concert which features the COB Concert Band and Choir and includes musical selections by individual students. The function culminates in the official opening of an exhibition of the works of Art majors.

We’re about creativity in many forms
We take pleasure in recognising talent

Scholastic Awards

**President’s List**
Students who achieve a GPA of 3.50 or higher in the fall and spring semesters of the same academic year are named to the President’s List.

**Dean’s List**
Students who achieve a GPA of 3.00 or higher at the end of each semester are named to the Dean’s List.

**Graduation Honours**

**The Governor General’s Award**
This Award is given to the student graduating with a baccalaureate degree who has achieved the highest cumulative GPA over 3.70; been recommended by Academic Board; and been approved by the Senior Administration.

**The President’s Award**
This Award is given to the student graduating with a baccalaureate degree who, in the judgment of the President of The College, has made a significant contribution to the life of the institution through academic achievement and a commitment to the ideals, aims and values of the institution. This student must have achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50; and made significant contribution to COB.

- The College of The Bahamas Alumni Association Leadership Award
- Family Island Campus Awards
- Overall School Award
- School Award for Academic Excellence
- Programme Awards
Admission to COB is open to persons who meet entry requirements. Applicants may be considered for one of the following programmes:

- Bachelor Degree
- Associate Degree
- Diploma
- Certificate
- Upgrading
- Graduate programmes facilitated by The College in conjunction with offshore institutions

Admissions Criteria

Applicants whose first language is not English must provide proof of proficiency in English, such as Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOFL) or equivalent, in addition to meeting admissions requirements. Some COB programmes have additional entry requirements. For example, programmes in the School of Nursing and Allied Health Professions and Music require a personal interview; programmes in Art require an interview and a portfolio. Candidates should contact the relevant Schools/Academic Units for specific details.

Bachelor and Associate Degree Programmes

To be eligible for acceptance into a Bachelor or Associate degree programme, applicants must have achieved one of the following:

- Five BGCSE or equivalent passes including English and Mathematics with “C” grades or higher.
- Four BGCSE or equivalent passes including English, Mathematics, a Social Science and a Natural Science subject with “C” grades or higher.
- Three BGCSE or equivalent passes in subjects other than English and Mathematics with “C” grades or higher plus college-level placement in English and Mathematics in The College’s/University’s Placement Examination.
- A combined score of at least 1000 on the Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT) if taken during and prior to 2005 or a combined score of at least 1000 on the Math and Verbal components of the Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT) (if taken after 2005) along with a high school transcript with a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher, inclusive of at least one term of the 12th grade or senior year.
- Successful completion of a college preparatory programme at COB or an institution recognised by The College.
- Mature Student Status, that is, 25 years old or older, with BGCSE or equivalent English and Mathematics passes with “C” grades or higher.
- Transfer Student Status, that is, applicants who have completed at least 15 credit hours of college-level coursework with a “C” grade or higher at an institution recognised by COB and who are in good standing with a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher.

Diploma Programmes

To be eligible for acceptance into a Diploma programme applicants must have at least a Bachelor degree or professional credential in the relevant area from an institution recognised by COB.
Required Documents

- Only completed applications are reviewed by the Admissions Committee. In addition to being signed and dated, a completed application must include the following:
  
  - Clear copy of valid passport pages 1 - 4 and 33 (page with expiration date must be included) or updated Certificate of Identity
  
  - An affidavit or marriage certificate (to confirm name change if necessary)
  
  - International Students - Copy of Immigration Status, permit to reside, permanent resident, spousal permit etc.
  
  - Official Transcript(s) - Applicants who have been out of school for more than three years are not required to submit a high school transcript. Applicants who attended a college/university must arrange to have official transcript forwarded directly from their institution to COB.
  
  - A catalogue or course outlines covering the applicant's period of attendance at college/university required for possible transfer of credit if institution is accredited
  
  - Complete COB student medical form is required upon acceptance
  
  - Clear copies of academic certificates/results slip (BJC, BGCSE/GCE, Pitman, CXC, etc)
  
  - $40 non-refundable application fee.
LIST OF PROGRAMMES WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FOR NEW STUDENT ENROLMENT

Updated in August 2006
Please note that this list will be updated at the end of Academic Year 2006.
All programmes are offered at the New Providence Campus unless otherwise indicated.

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics
Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting (Oakes Field and Northern Bahamas Campus)
Bachelor of Business Administration in Management (Oakes Field and Northern Bahamas Campus)
Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance
Bachelor of Business Administration in Computer Information Systems Option A: Management Information Systems
Bachelor of Business Administration in Computer Information Systems Option B Application Programming
Bachelor of Business Administration in Computer Information Systems Option C Network Systems
Bachelor of Business Administration in Administrative Office Management
Bachelor of Business Administration in Banking and Finance with a Foreign Language
Bachelor of Business Administration in Banking and Finance Option I: Commercial Banking
Bachelor of Business Administration in Banking and Finance Option II: Private Banking/Trust
Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing
Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics and Finance Certificate in Business Administration (Family Islands only/not Northern Bahamas Campus or New Providence)
Associate of Arts in Business Administration (Family Islands only/not Northern Bahamas Campus or New Providence)
Associate of Arts in Computer Information Systems (Northern Bahamas Campus only)

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION AND CREATIVE ARTS
Basic Certificate in Art
College Certificate in Art
Certificate in Music
Intermediate Proficiency Certificate in Spanish
Intermediate Proficiency Certificate in French
Advanced Proficiency Certificate in Spanish
Advanced Proficiency Certificate in French
Associate of Arts in Spanish
Associate of Arts in French
Associate of Arts in Music
Associate of Arts in Art
Associate of Arts in Mass Communication

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION
Selected areas of specialisation are available at both the New Providence and Northern Bahamas Campuses. See the Office of Academic Affairs for details
Certificate in Pre-School Auxiliary
Diploma in Secondary Education: Art
Diploma in Secondary Education: Biology
Diploma in Secondary Education: Chemistry
Diploma in Secondary Education: Computer Information Systems
Diploma in Secondary Education: French
Diploma in Secondary Education: Geography
Diploma in Secondary Education: History
Diploma in Secondary Education: Home Economics
Diploma in Secondary Education: Industrial Arts
Diploma in Secondary Education: Language Arts
Diploma in Secondary Education: Mathematics
Diploma in Secondary Education: Music
Diploma in Secondary Education: Physics
Diploma in Secondary Education: Religion
Diploma in Secondary Education: Social Studies
Diploma in Secondary Education: Spanish
Diploma in Secondary Education: Physical Education
Bachelor of Education Primary Advanced Placement
Bachelor of Education Primary Certification Option A: General Education
Bachelor of Education Primary Certification Option B: Early Childhood
Bachelor of Education Primary Certification Option C: Special Education
Bachelor of Education Secondary Advanced Placement: Business Studies
Bachelor of Education Secondary Advanced Placement: Chemistry
Bachelor of Education Secondary Advanced Placement: English Language/Literature
Bachelor of Education Secondary Advanced Placement: French
Bachelor of Education Secondary Advanced Placement: Mathematics
Bachelor of Education Secondary Advanced Placement: Music
Bachelor of Education Secondary Advanced Placement: Physical Education
Bachelor of Education Secondary Advanced Placement: Physics
Bachelor of Education Secondary Advanced Placement: Religion
Bachelor of Education Secondary Advanced Placement: Social Studies
Bachelor of Education Secondary Advanced Placement: Spanish
Bachelor of Education Secondary Certification/4 yr.: Biology/General Science
Bachelor of Education Secondary Certification/4 yr.: Business Studies
Bachelor of Education Secondary Certification/4 yr.: Chemistry/General Science
Bachelor of Education Secondary Certification/4 yr.: English Language & Literature
Bachelor of Education Secondary Certification/4 yr.: Geography/History
Bachelor of Education Secondary Certification/4 yr.: Mathematics
Bachelor of Education Secondary Certification/4 yr.: Religion
Bachelor of Education Secondary Certification/4 yr.: Office Administration
Bachelor of Education Secondary Certification/4 yr.: Physics/General Science.
Bachelor of Education Secondary Certification/4 yr.: French.
Bachelor of Education Secondary Certification/4 yr.: Spanish
Bachelor of Education Secondary Certification Family & Consumer Sciences - Food & Nutrition Specialty Strand (new)
Bachelor of Education Secondary Certification Family & Consumer Sciences - Family Living and Relationships Specialty Strand (new)
Bachelor of Education Secondary Certification Family & Consumer Sciences - Clothing Specialty Strand (new)
Bachelor of Education Secondary Certification Computer Studies Option A Applications Programming (new)
Bachelor of Education Secondary Certification Computer Studies Option B Network Systems (new)
Bachelor of Education Physical Education (K-12)
SCHOOL OF ENGLISH STUDIES
Bachelor of Arts in English

SCHOOL OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY
Pre-Technology Programme
Single Phase Electrical Programme
Three Phase Electrical Programme
Associate of Science in Engineering Physics
Associate of Science in Agriculture
Associate of Science in Geography
Associate of Science in Architecture
Associate of Science in Agribusiness
Associate of Science in Chemistry
Associate of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology
Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology: Electrical Engineering Technology
Bachelor of Science in Biology (Minor in Chemistry)
Bachelor of Science in Mathematics
Bachelor of Science in Physics with Mathematics

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS
Environmental Health Certificate (cycle)
Diploma in Midwifery (cycle)
Diploma in Community Health Nursing (cycle)
Post Basic Diploma Critical Care Nursing (cycle)
Certificate in Trained Clinical Nursing Programme (cycle)
Associate of Science in Nursing
Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science Nursing Programme
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (pending)

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
Associate of Arts in Law and Criminal Justice Studies
Associate of Arts in Religious Studies
Associate of Arts in Sociology
Bachelor of Arts in History
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration
Bachelor of Arts in Social Work
Bachelor of Arts in Theology
Bachelor of Law (LLB) in association with the University of the West Indies

CULINARY AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE
Selected areas of specialisation are available at both the New Providence and Northern Bahamas Campuses. See the Office of Academic Affairs for details

Basic Upgrading - Culinary Skills
Certificate in Culinary Skills
Certificate in Front Office Skills
Certificate in Hospitality Management: Travel & Tourism
Certificate in Food and Beverage Management
Certificate in Hospitality Management: Supervision
Certificate in Hospitality Management: Accounting
Certificate in Hospitality and Tourism Skills
Associate in Applied Science in National Apprentice Cook
Associate in Applied Science in Hospitality Operations
Associate in Applied Science in Culinary Arts
Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND EXTENSION SERVICES
Selected areas of specialisation are available at both the New Providence and Northern Bahamas Campuses. See the Office of Academic Affairs for details

Basic Upgrading Programme for Traditional Age Students
Mature Upgrading Programme
College Preparatory Programme
Pre-School Certificate Programme
Infant/Toddler Certificate Programme
Management/Administrator Infant/Toddler Day-care Centre Programme
Journeyman Plumbing Programme
Master Plumbing Programme
Autocad Programme
Music Programme
Forensic Document Exam Programme
Management Development Seminar Series
Certificate in Learning Disabilities
Certificate for the Office Assistant
Certificate in Human Resource Management
Certificate of Competency Pharmacy Review Programme
Certificate Records and Information Management programme
Supervisory Management Programme
Certificate in Law
Certified Professional Manager Programme
Certified Professional Secretary Programme
Certified Public Accountant Review (Becker Review) Programme
Residential Facilities Caregivers Certificate Programme

GRADUATE PROGRAMMES
Master of Education in Educational Administration in association with Kent State University (anticipated Fall 2007)
Master of Education in Special Education in association with Kent State University (anticipated Spring 2007)
Master of Arts in Teaching & Learning with Technology in association with Ashford University (in progress to be completed December 2006)
Master of Education in School Counseling in association with Kent State University (in progress, started Summer 2006)
Master of Science in Library and Information Science in association with University of South Florida (in progress to be completed Summer 2007)
Master of Science in Early Childhood and Elementary Teaching in association with Wheelock College (anticipated Summer 2007)
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