

DIPLOMA OF MINISTRY (AQF LEVEL 5 DIPLOMA)**Rationale**

1. Introduces students to the sources and content of the Christian story and message, and provides training which emphasises application and practice of this story and message in the contemporary world.
2. The course will require specialisation in disciplines by which knowledge of God is applied to guide Christian practice in the three areas of the field of Ministry and Practice:
 - Evangelism and Missiology (EM)
 - Pastoral and Church Focused Ministry (PC)
 - Developmental Ministry (DM)
3. The course will integrate studies in the Bible and Christian tradition with practical experience and include supervised practice based learning where appropriate.
4. Through elective units students can:
 - Develop particular ministry skills in the 3 areas of the field of Ministry and Practice
 - Develop foundational understanding in the Bible and Christian Thought & History (LA, OT, NT, BB, TH, CH, PE)

Admission Requirements – Pathway 1 (Course code 189)

Academic Qualifications: Yr 12 or equivalent

ATAR: NA

Language Qualifications for NESB: IELTS 6.0 overall with minimum of 6.0 in each subtest OR 5 years English in country experience

Mature Age Entry: 20 years +

Admission Requirements – Pathway 2 (Course code 190)

Academic Qualifications: Yr 12 or equivalent, Yr 12 students in up two 300 level units

ATAR: 65

Language Qualifications for NESB: IELTS 6.5 overall with minimum of 6.5 in each subtest OR 10 years English in country experience

Mature Age Entry: 21 years +

Structure**PATHWAY 1**

Unit Level: 200

Overall cps: 48

Length: 1.5 years F/T or P/T equivalent

Foundational Units

- Old Testament introduction (either OT240; or OT201 & OT202): 4-8 cps
- New Testament introduction (either NT240; or NT201 & NT202): 4-8 cps
- Church History (CH201, CH202 or CH205-209): 4 cps
- Theology (TH210 or TH211): 4 cps

Additional Units

- Old Testament exegesis: 4 cps

- New Testament exegesis: 4 cps
- Ministry and Practice (EM / PC / DM): 8 cps
- Electives, including a maximum of 8 cps Type B Electives: 8 cps minimum

PATHWAY 2

Unit Level: 300-400

Overall cps: 32

Length: 1 years F/T or P/T equivalent up to 4 years

Foundational Units

- Bible and Languages (BB / OT / NT / LA): 8 cps
- Christian Thought (TH / CH / PE): 4 cps
- Ministry and Practice (EM / PC / DM): 8 cps

Additional Units

- Electives from any unit field: 12 cps

Rules

Max cps per semester: 20

Advanced Level Unit entry requirements within PATHWAY 1:

For 300-400 level units students must meet their entry requirements. If students do not fulfil the normal entry requirements, they may take the units after successful completion of 32cps at 200 level.

1. A maximum of 12 cps may be taken in Type B elective units
2. A maximum of 16 cps may be studied in DSC mode, including no more than 8 cps in any one field of study

Learning Outcomes

Knowledge and Understanding

1. Demonstrate *essential* knowledge of 'Ministry' as an academic discipline with particular attention to at least *one* area of 'Ministry and Practice'
2. Identify the *essential* biblical and theological foundations of Ministry
3. Recognize the *essential* theological, spiritual and ethical implications of Ministry knowledge and understanding

Inquiry and Analysis

4. Collect, summarize, and analyse information from standard biblical, theological and social scientific sources and scholarship

Problem Solving and Integration

5. Construct evidence-based perspectives and responses to *essential* Ministry issues by using standard source materials and methods

Communication

6. Present *essential* Ministry ideas, knowledge and principles to, and engage with, different audiences using a variety of formats

Teamwork and Professional Practice

7. Under supervision, apply *essential* Ministry understanding in formal ministry contexts and the wider community

Engagement With the World

8. Engage with *essential* challenges of contemporary Christianity, society and the wider world

Continuous Learning and Professional Development

9. Demonstrate a capacity for reflection and learning to sustain personal and professional development in Christian life and ministry

Occupational Functions of Graduates

1. A well-informed member of a church ministry team with shared responsibility for the Christian education program, or
2. Depending on the units taken in the course, a member of a church pastoral ministry team under the leadership of a qualified practitioner with a degree in theology or ministry.