

## **Diploma of Ministry**

The Diploma of Ministry delivers contemporary Christian education that will give you a deeper understanding of the Bible while developing practical pastoral skills. Part of your studies can be undertaken in a community setting, under the supervision of an accredited ministry practitioner.

There are seven pathways to choose from:

- Aged Care Chaplaincy
- Children, Youth and Family Ministry
- Discipling Adults
- Hospital Chaplaincy
- Leadership
- School Chaplaincy
- Innovation and Pioneering

The Diploma requires one year of full-time study or the equivalent part-time study. The Diploma will gain students one year of status towards a Bachelor of Ministry.

### **Admission Requirements**

To be admitted to the course of Diploma of Ministry candidates must have:

- Completed the final year of secondary schooling in the Australian Secondary System, including the SACE, the International Baccalaureate or other equivalent Year 12 qualification

OR

- Have attained an educational level considered by the ACD Academic Board to be equivalent including a satisfactorily completed (or part completed) higher education qualification from an accredited tertiary institution, equivalent to the satisfactory completion of at least one semester of full-time study

OR

- A VET qualification from an accredited VET provider at Certificate IV level or above.

### **Course Aims**

The Diploma of Ministry provides some foundational theological study in the disciplines underpinning ministry practice suitable for a range of lay roles. Skills are learned at introductory level in the disciplines which comprise the professional field of ministry studies: biblical studies; Christian discipleship; leadership; and missiology.

The course gives flexibility to students who seek a ministry course shorter than a full three year degree course, or who study in the external mode and are unable to complete the practical requirements for Supervised Field Experience of the Bachelor of Ministry course.

The Diploma of Ministry also provides optional pathways for people interested in chaplaincy and church leadership, such as church council members. The course provides an entry qualification for employment in lay ministry roles, and professional development for Church members preparing for leadership roles.

## **Learning Outcomes**

On completion of the Diploma of Ministry students will have:

- Developed foundational skills in the core areas of ministry practice
- The ability to apply skills in ministry contexts, including employed and voluntary roles
- Developed the ability to access, comprehend and evaluate information across the disciplines of ministry practice
- Developed interpersonal and teamwork skills applicable to a range of ministry practice contexts
- Begun to develop skills which foster self-directed lifelong learning.

Graduates of the Diploma of Ministry will:

- Have developed at least one area of specialisation within the disciplines of ministry practice, and the ability to apply that knowledge to ministry contexts
- Be responsible and accountable for their exercise of ministry practice
- Have foundational skills in leadership in the context of ministry practice.

## **Credit**

Credit may be granted for recognition of prior studies undertaken at another approved Higher Education Institution.

## **Program of study**

The Diploma of Ministry course consists of 36 credit points comprising of 8 units.

Students are required to complete:

- At least four level 1 core units, one in each of the four areas of study (selected from the 8 units offered), AND
- At least two upper level elective units selected from the full range of undergraduate units.

Within these requirements, the Diploma of Ministry also provides a range of specific study pathways to meet the training and study needs for those working with chaplaincy areas of aged care, schools and hospitals, and leadership at Church councils.

## Study program template

Study areas:	Biblical Studies	Christian Education & Discipleship	Leadership (Chaplaincy or Leadership)	Missiology
<b>Level 1</b>				
<b>Core units (18 points)</b> <i>at least 1 unit from each area</i>	<i>At least 1 of:</i> MINS1101 MINS1201 MINS1002	<i>At least 1 of:</i> MINS1601 MINS1603	<i>At least 1 of:</i> MINS1509 MINS1510	<i>At least 1 of:</i> MINS1304 MINS1305
<b>Level 2 &amp; 3</b>				
<b>Elective units (9 points)</b> <i>at least 2 upper level units from the range of BMin units (subject to unit prerequisites)</i>	MINS2001	MINS2602	MINS2524	MINS2314
	MINS2110	MINS2603	MINS2527	MINS2316
	MINS2111	MINS2604	MINS2528	MINS2318
	MINS2216	MINS2605	MINS2533	MINS2319
	MINS2218	MINS3602	MINS2534	MINS2320
	MINS2219	MINS3603	MINS2536	MINS2321
	MINS2704	MINS2613	MINS2537	MINS2322
	MINS2705		MINS3514	MINS3335
	MINS3002		MINS3515	MINS3336
	MINS3109		MINS3520	MINS3338
	MINS3110			
	MINS3111			
MINS3218				
<b>Any level</b>				
<b>Elective units</b>	<i>Any two units from the range of BMin units available (this is subject to unit prerequisites)</i>			

<p><b>Aged Care Chaplaincy Pathway</b></p> <p><b>1 of the following units</b></p> <p>MINS1002 Introducing the Scriptures*</p> <p>MINS1101 Interpreting the Old Testament</p> <p>MINS1201 Interpreting the New Testament</p> <p><b>4 core units</b></p> <p>MINS1305 Reading Cultures</p> <p>MINS1509 Introduction to Christian Leadership</p> <p>MINS1510 Introduction to Formation for Ministry</p> <p>MINS1601 Spirituality for 21st Century Disciples</p> <p><b>3 of the following units</b></p> <p>MINS2524 The Caring Practices of the Church</p> <p>MINS2528 Supervised Field Education 1</p> <p>MINS2534 Liturgy and Worship</p> <p>MINS2537 Theology and Practice of Chaplaincy</p> <p>MINS3514 Formation for Christian Leadership</p> <p>MINS1603 Beyond Sunday: Intro to Life, Faith &amp; Work</p>	<p><b>Children, Youth &amp; Family Ministry Pathway</b></p> <p><b>1 of the following units</b></p> <p>MINS1002 Introducing the Scriptures*</p> <p>MINS1101 Interpreting the Old Testament</p> <p>MINS1201 Interpreting the New Testament</p> <p><b>6 core units</b></p> <p>MINS1305 Reading Cultures</p> <p>MINS1509 Introduction to Christian Leadership</p> <p>MINS1601 Spirituality for 21st Century Disciples</p> <p>MINS1603 Beyond Sunday: Intro to Life, Faith &amp; Work</p> <p>MINS2602 Youth &amp; Young Adult Ministry</p> <p>MINS2603 Ministry with Children and Families</p> <p><b>1 of the following units</b></p> <p>MINS1304 Introduction to Christian Thought</p> <p>MINS2528 Supervised Field Education 1</p> <p>MINS2601 Guided Study in Christian Education &amp; Discipleship A</p> <p>MINS2611 Media &amp; Communication in Contemporary Culture</p> <p>MINS2613 Church Planting</p> <p>MINS3602 Creative Arts in Worship, Learning and Mission</p>
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<p><b>Discipling Adults Pathways</b>  <b>1 of the following units</b>  MINS1002 Introducing the Scriptures*  MINS1101 Interpreting the Old Testament  MINS1201 Interpreting the New Testament  <b>4 core units</b>  MINS1304 Introduction to Christian Thought  MINS1510 Introduction to Formation for Ministry  MINS1601 Spirituality for 21st Century Disciples  MINS3603 Discipling Adults in Christian Community  <b>3 of the following units</b>  MINS1603 Beyond Sunday: Intro to Life, Faith &amp; Work  MINS2601 Guided Study in Christian Education &amp; Discipleship A  MINS2612 Faith at Work  MINS3601 Guided Study in Christian Education &amp; Discipleship B  MINS3602 Creative Arts in Worship, Learning and Mission  MINS2613 Church Planting</p>	<p><b>Hospital Chaplaincy Pathway</b>  <b>1 of the following units</b>  MINS1002 Introducing the Scriptures*  MINS1101 Interpreting the Old Testament  MINS1201 Interpreting the New Testament  <b>5 core units</b>  MINS1305 Reading Cultures  MINS1509 Introduction to Christian Leadership  MINS1510 Introduction to Formation for Ministry  MINS1601 Spirituality for 21st Century Disciples  MINS2524 The Caring Practices of the Church  <b>2 of the following units</b>  MINS2528 Supervised Field Education 1  MINS2534 Liturgy and Worship  MINS2532 Guided Study in Pastoral Care A/Hospital  MINS2537 Theology and Practice of Chaplaincy  MINS3514 Formation for Christian Leadership  MINS1603 Beyond Sunday: Intro to Life, Faith &amp; Work</p>
<p><b>Leadership Pathway</b>  <b>1 of the following units</b>  MINS1002 Introducing the Scriptures*  MINS1101 Interpreting the Old Testament  MINS1201 Interpreting the New Testament  <b>4 core units</b>  MINS1305 Reading Cultures  MINS1509 Introduction to Christian Leadership  MINS1510 Introduction to Formation for Ministry  MINS1601 Spirituality for 21st Century Disciples  <b>3 of the following units</b>  MINS2528 Supervised Field Education 1  MINS2531 Guided Study in Leadership A  MINS2317 Guided Study in Innovation A  MINS3339 Missional Church Leadership  MINS3514 Formation for Christian Leadership  MINS3515 Leadership and Organisational Culture  MINS3518 Guided Study in Leadership B  MINS3342 Guided Study in Innovation B  MINS3520 Advanced Christian Leadership  MINS1603 Beyond Sunday: Intro to Life, Faith &amp; Work  MINS2613 Church Planting</p>	<p><b>School Chaplaincy Pathway</b>  <b>1 of the following units</b>  MINS1002 Introducing the Scriptures*  MINS1101 Interpreting the Old Testament  MINS1201 Interpreting the New Testament  <b>5 core units</b>  MINS1305 Reading Cultures  MINS1509 Introduction to Christian Leadership  MINS1510 Introduction to Formation for Ministry  MINS1601 Spirituality for 21st Century Disciples  MINS2604 Chaplaincy and Ministry in Schools  <b>2 of the following units</b>  MINS2528 Supervised Field Education 1  MINS2611 Media &amp; Communication MINS2601 Guided Study in Christian Education A  MINS2524 The Caring Practices of the Church  MINS2534 Liturgy &amp; worship  MINS2537 Theology and Practice of Chaplaincy  MINS3514 Formation for Christian Leadership  MINS1603 Beyond Sunday: Intro to Life, Faith &amp; Work</p>

<b>Innovation and Pioneering Pathway</b>	

**1 of the following units**

MINS1002 Introducing the Scriptures\*  
MINS1101 Interpreting the Old Testament  
MINS1201 Interpreting the New Testament

**5 core units**

MINS1305 Reading Cultures  
MINS1510 Introduction to Formation for Ministry  
MINS1601 Spirituality for 21st Century Disciples  
MINS2323 Innovation as Pioneering  
MINS2528 Supervised Field Education 1

**2 of the following units**

MINS2613 Church Planting  
MINS2314 The Theology of Jesus Christ, Word & Saviour  
MINS2317 Guided Study in Innovation A  
MINS2318 Mission Then, Mission Now A  
MINS2537 Theology and Practice of Chaplaincy  
MINS3339 Missional Church Leadership  
MINS1601 Spirituality for 21st Century Disciples  
MINS2604 Chaplaincy and Ministry in Schools  
MINS2528 Supervised Field Education 1  
MINS2611 Media & Communication in Contemporary Culture  
MINS2601 Guided Study in Christian Education A  
MINS2524 The Caring Practices of the Church  
MINS2534 Liturgy & worship  
MINS2537 Theology and Practice of Chaplaincy  
MINS3514 Formation for Christian Leadership

\*MINS1002 Introducing the Scriptures is only available to Diploma of Ministry Students. Students who complete the Diploma of Ministry and continue to study to the Associate or Bachelor Degree of Ministry will be exempt from a level one core Biblical Studies unit.