

COURSE OUTLINE

10435NAT - Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology



1. Aims

The 10435NAT Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology course is designed to provide students with the ability to communicate the Gospel and serve the community, both in formal Christian ministry work and/or in the workplace. The course will train leaders in a range of Christian Ministry areas relevant to the local church, Christian organisation and/or the workplace.

2. Outcomes

This course will give students:

- A deepened understanding of the Bible and its application
- High level skills in theological reasoning and ethical decision-making
- Highly developed communication (especially in communicating biblical concepts) and people management skills
- Pastoral care, advanced leadership and ministry skills with a heart for God and people
- Practical opportunity for further development of specialised ministry skills

3. Overview

This qualification is fully competency based and while knowledge and some aspects of competency are assessed within the realms of each subject, completion of a ministry project demonstrating all areas of competency will need to be completed to graduate.

The student will obtain practical experience by undertaking field placements at their local church, with a Christian ministry or community service organisation. This practical experience is to be gained in an area that complements the assessment project and the immediate goals of the student.

A full-time student would normally undertake a study load of 5 subjects at any one time. Individual subjects may be delivered on a week by week basis or by intensives.

4. Duration

The Advanced Diploma course can be commenced once the student has completed the core units of the Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology course or gained equivalent Recognition of Prior Learning. This course would typically be completed over a one year period involving six months of formal studies and a six month field placement. Part-time study options are available.

5. Location of Training

This course is delivered in the ACT.

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6. Costs 2018

Application Fee

For international students wishing to study at credit level there is a one off non-refundable enrolment application fee.

Domestic students (Permanent residents, on-shore applicants)	\$150
International students	\$300
International students (Korean)	\$375

Academic Fees

Fees for full-time students of the Advanced Diploma in Christian Ministry & Theology are:

Australian Students	\$6,000
International Students	\$6,800

- Individual subject costs are available on enquiry.

Note: The college reserves the right to alter fees prior to the start of each academic year.

Government assistance

Government study assistance such as Austudy, Abstudy and Youth Allowance is available to eligible domestic students for this course. Visit www.studyassist.gov.au for more details.

7. Entry Requirements & Procedure

For entry into this course it is expected that students will have completed the core units of the Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology course or have gained equivalent learning from other sources.

The entry requirements for the Advanced Diploma in Christian Ministry and Theology include the expectation that the student is a committed Christian and actively involved in a local church or Christian community.

General requirements for entry are:

- A completed student application form & payment of the application fee
- Two references (i) from local church pastor or leader and (ii) from another Christian leader unrelated to yourself (if not already provided)
- A successful interview with the Principal or representative (where physically possible)
- Completion of the necessary pre-requisite core units from the Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology course or demonstration of equivalent competency.
- Satisfactory English language skills. International students must have English language skills to at least the level of IELTS 6.0 or equivalent across all aspects of testing. If students do not have satisfactory English language skills Unity College Australia offers English language courses available to enable the student to reach the required entry level.

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- Students should have computing skills including the ability to use a word processing package and the internet.

Students should in good conscience be able to subscribe to the Unity College Australia statement of beliefs that are found in the tenets of mainstream Christianity.

Students evidencing concerns in the area of Language, Literacy and Numeracy will be provided with assistance as appropriate.

8. Training Process

The course entails an average of 5-6 hours per week of class contact and private study time for each subject. Overseas Students must be in class or supervised situation for a minimum of 20 hours/week. College obligations, which include college community participation are additional hours and include retreats and Encounter sessions. In addition a substantial part of this course will be undertaken via a church or Christian ministry placement.

Unity College Australia used a wide variety of training methods appropriate the course context.

Unity College Australia adopts adult-learning principles, and all students are treated as adult learners. Therefore participants in this program are expected to take charge of their own learning process. It is expected that each selected participant will be committed to meeting the requirements of the course and will attend all relevant classes and activities including co-curricular activities, and complete all work required for assessment on time

It is expected that all program participants will have access to a computer. This is mandatory for successful course completion.

9. Course Competencies

Australia has a system of national standardisation of training for many industry areas. This system is implemented through the use of training packages (groups of courses) and individual units of competency within a course. This system enables students to get automatic recognition across all accredited government and private training organisations for relevant studies undertaken at any one of them. A number of elective competencies fall into this category.



There are no nationally recognised courses or competencies developed for Christian Ministry and Theology at this point in time. This course, however is common to more Christian Colleges than any other accredited course in Australia and as such relevant units would have automatic recognition. The 6 core units of competency fall into this category.

The following core competencies are achieved through completion of the core units from the Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology.

National Code	Competency
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CMTTHE601A	Analyse and critique religious traditions in the light of current thinking
CMTTHE602A	Analyse and critique theological data
CMTTHE603A	Analyse and critique data within a theological theme or issue
CMTTHE604A	Critique new insights on theological information
CMTMIN601A	Synthesise theological ideas and the Christian way of life
CMTMIN602A	Communicate theology in substantial depth

In addition a selection of the following nationally recognised competencies are achieved based on the electives chosen.

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Elective Units (there is a range of possible relevant competencies, a sample is below)	
CHCCDE005	Develop and support relevant community resources
CHCCDE013	Establish and develop community organisations or social enterprises
CHCORG611C*	Lead and develop others in a community sector workplace
CHCORG627B*	Provide mentoring support to colleagues
CHCPOL403C	Undertake research activities
CHCPOL002	Develop and implement policy

* Required electives embedded in a Ministry Project Semester

10. Course Structure

Total course requirements for the Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology is the equivalent of 10 semester subjects.

There are 6 core semester subjects. The remaining 4 semesters of study are to be achieved from the elective options. Each option can be used to achieve multiple semester's worth of study credit.

Core and elective subjects for the Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology are listed below. Students are able to study a range of elective subjects and where possible elective subjects don't appear on the sample list below students are invited to discuss alternatives with the course coordinator.

Subject Code	Name	Subject length	Core/ Elective	Unit of competency
THE103 OR RES 111	Theological Issues <i>OR</i> Study Trip to Israel (if offered)	Semester 2	Core	CHCPOL403C CMTTHE603A
BBS140	Biblical Studies 4	Semester 2	Core	CMTTHE602A
THE110	The Church and the Kingdom	Semester 1	Core	CMTTHE601A
ETH101	Biblical Christian Ethics	Semester 2	Core	CMTMIN601A(pt) CMTTHE604A
MIS111	Communicating Christ in a Multicultural world	Semester 1	Core	CMTMIN602A(pt)
CSF114	Christian Life 4	Semester 1	Core	CMTMIN601A(pt) CMTMIN602A

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MIN163 MIN164	Ministry Project 1^ Ministry Project 2^	Semester 1/2 Semester 1/2	Electives	CMTMIN601A(pt)* CMTMIN602A(pt)* CHCORG611C* CHCORG627B* CHCCDE005 or CHCCDE013 or CHCPOL002
RES151	Research Project^	Semester 1/2		

Note: Several Units of Competency are shared over multiple Subjects.

* Required electives embedded in a Ministry Project Semester

^ Choose two of the three Semester units.

11. Assessment overview

Assessment in each subject involves:

- attendance and participation
- practical fieldwork as applicable
- written assignments, exercises, tutorial/seminar presentations, tests as applicable
- journal/process diary completion as applicable

Competency-based assessment criteria apply to grading. Final assessment for each subject/unit studied will be shown as:

C Competent
NYC Not Yet Competent

Final Academic Transcripts/Statement of Results will show results only for subjects/units assessed as Competent.

Students who successfully complete the following requirements will be recommended for graduation:

- Satisfactory completion of all relevant academic requirements
- Payment of all outstanding fees owing to Unity College Australia
- Return of all college resources including library books
- Maintained a satisfactory level of Christian conduct during his/her time at College
- Completion of co-curricular requirements including student/community participation

12. Pathways/Packages

- Advance Diploma is equivalent to an Associate degree, otherwise it leads to a Bachelor degree.
- Bachelor of Theology
- Graduate Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology

Students successfully completing this Course would be capable of employment in a Pastoral Care or Christian worker endeavour both Christian based and other organisations; also the student would be well equipped for

- missionary endeavour
- associate pastor
- effective community services (various streams) in a secular environment.

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- Certificate IV of Community Services (various streams)
- Diploma of Community Services (various streams)
 - Advanced Diploma of Community Service (various streams)
- Non-specific pathways are as follows:
 - Further Study for a Qualification for the context of applying Christian values and leadership skills into wider industry/occupations and/or Christian Ministries

13. Course Dates:

These dates include Orientation.

2017 Semester 2

Term 3-4 Monday 17 July - Friday 8 December
Graduation Wednesday 13 December

2018 Semester 1

Term 1 Monday 5 February - Friday 13 April
Term 2 Monday 30 April - Friday 6 July

2018 Semester 2

Term 3 Monday 23 July - Friday 28 September
Term 4 Monday 15 October - Friday 14 December
Graduation Wednesday 19 December

2019 Semester 1

Term 1 Monday 4 February - Friday 12 April
Term 2 Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July

2019 Semester 2

Term 3 Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September
Term 4 Monday 14 October - Friday 13 December
Graduation Wednesday 18 December