

# COURSE OUTLINE

## 10433NAT Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology



### 1. Aims

The 10433NAT Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology course is designed to provide students with the ability to live an effective Christian life, communicate the Gospel and serve their community and work. This course will train potential leaders in a range of Christian ministry activities relevant to the local church, Christian organisation and workplace.

### 2. Outcomes

This course will give students:

- A practical understanding of the Bible
- An increased capacity to hear from God and know the workings of the Holy Spirit
- A foundation to think biblically and make ethical decisions
- Competence in communication (especially in communicating biblical concepts), conflict-resolution and people management skills
- Pastoral care and ministry skills with a heart for God and people

### 3. Overview

Qualifications are 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 various field activities including a cross cultural mission trip and 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 Certificate IV course can be completed in one year if studied full-time. Part-time study options are available.

### 5. Location of Training

This course is delivered at Canberra Campus, Belconnen, ACT in English and Korean, and by various Partners interstate. For other delivery sites see the Partners page on the college website.

### 6. Costs 2018

#### **Application Fee**

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

Australian students	\$150
International students (English)	\$300
International students (Korean requiring English translation)	\$375

#### **Academic Fees**

Fees for full-time students of the Certificate IV in Christian Ministry & Theology course are:

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

- Fees cover some costs associated with Australian field trip expenses including mission trips. The balance of field trip costs are covered through personal and college-organised fundraising activities as part of course training.
- 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](http://www.studyassist.gov.au) for more details.

### 7. Entry Requirements

For entry into this course it is expected 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 (if not already provided) and (ii) from another Christian leader unrelated to yourself
- A successful interview with the Principal or representative (where physically possible)
- Satisfactory completion of Year 12 is recommended but students without this formal educational level will be considered. Minimum entry age is 17 years (18 years for international students).
- 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.

- Students should have basic computing skills including the ability to use a word processing package at an elementary level and be able to access 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 4-6 hours per week of class contact and private study time for each subject. Overseas Students must be in class for a minimum of 20 hours/week. College obligations and co-curricular activities, which include college community participation, are additional hours.

Co-Curricular activities are integral to the Course with extra hours of field related engagement, such as a retreat each semester, various projects with local churches, and annual short-term missions typically of about 10 days. Fundraising projects for these Missions assists in achieving more than one competency for the course.

Unity College Australia uses a wide variety of training methods. Actual delivery modes and training and assessment materials are adapted as needed in order to meet the needs of a diverse range of students. This will be done on a subject by subject basis in consultation with the trainer.

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. Students are able to get automatic recognition across all accredited government and private training organisations for relevant studies undertaken at any one of them.



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

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such relevant units would have automatic recognition. The 6 core units of competency fall into this category.

The following Christian Ministry specific competencies are achieved through completion of the Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology:

National Code	Competency
CMTTHE401A	Discusses the nature of the Bible and present day Christian life and practice
CMTTHE402A	Interprets theological data
CMTTHE403A	Investigates information within a theological theme or issue
CMTTHE404A	Gains new personal revelation
CMTMIN401A	Explores ideas about God in relation to the way we live as Christians
CMTMIN402A	Communicates theological information

In addition the following nationally recognised competencies are achieved on completion of this course.

National Code	Competency
MSMSUP106	Work in a team
BSBCMM401	Make a presentation
CHCCOM002	Use communication to build relationships

### 10. Course Structure

Total course requirements for the Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology course is the equivalent of 20 term subjects. Full time students will study these at the rate of 5 per term.

The following is a breakdown of the subjects studied.

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Subject Code	Name	Subject length	Competency Code
BOT101	Introduction to Old Testament	Semester	CMTTHE401A(pt)
BNT101	Introduction to New Testament	Semester	CMTTHE402A(pt)
CSF101	Fundamentals of Christian Living 1	Semester	CMTTHE401A(pt)
CSF102	Fundamentals of Christian Living 2	Semester	CMTMIN401A CMTMIN402A(pt)
FEC101	Field Education-Christian 1	Semester	CMTMIN402 (pt)
FEC102	Field Education-Christian 2	Semester	CHCCOM002 (pt) MSMSUP106 (Pt)
WPP110	Effective Prayer	Semester	CMTTHE403A(pt)
WPP106	Worship for Every Day	Semester	CMTTHE404A(pt)
MIN105	Ministry of The Holy Spirit	Term	CMTTHE403A(pt) CMTTHE404A(pt)
COM101	Interpersonal Communication Skills	Term	CHCCOM002 (pt)
COM102	Team Building Communication	Term	MSMSUP106 (Pt)
COM104	Stage Communication	Term	BSBCMM401

## 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

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## 12. Pathways

Christian Ministry:

- Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology
- Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology
- Bachelor of Theology
- Graduate Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology

Community Services:

- Certificate IV of Community Services (various streams)
- Diploma of Community Services (various streams)
- Advanced Diploma of Community Service (various streams)

Non-particular pathways are as follows:

- Further Study for a Qualification for the context of applying Christian values and leadership skills into wider industry/occupations
- Graduate Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology

## 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