

1. AIMS

The 10434NAT Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology course is designed to train students to live an effective Christian life, effectively communicate the Gospel and serve the community either in the workplace or in Christian ministry work.

This course will train leaders and 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:

- An increased capacity to hear from God and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit
- A deepened understanding of the Bible and its application
- Further skills in theological reasoning and ethical decision-making
- Enhanced communication (especially in communicating biblical concepts), conflict-resolution and people management skills
- Enhanced pastoral, leadership and ministry skills with a heart for God and people
- Opportunities for the 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 ministry projects demonstrating all areas of competency will need to be completed to graduate.

The student will obtain practical experience by engaging in field experiences at their local church, Christian ministry or community service organisation. This practical experience is to be gained in an area that complements in-class assessment 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

Two years full time. Part time options are also available.

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5. LOCATION OF TRAINING

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

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

ACADEMIC FEES

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

Australian Students (2 years)	\$12,200
International Students (2 years)	\$13,600

- 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 for more details.

7. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURE

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 (international students)
- 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 *each* aspect 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 computing skills including the ability to use a word processing package at an elementary level.

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 for a minimum of 20 hours/week. College obligations and co-curricular activities, including college community and Christian 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 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 Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology:

National Code	Competency
CMTTHE501A	Analyse and interpret theological beliefs in the light of current thinking
CMTTHE502A	Analyse and interpret theological data
CMTTHE503A	Research and analyse information within a theological theme or issue
CMTTHE504A	Identify new theological information
CMTMIN501A	Relate theological ideas to the Christian way of life
CMTMIN502A	Communicate theology in a clear form

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

National Code	Competency
Elective Units (there is a range of possible relevant competencies, a sample is below)	
BSBATSIL503	Manage conflict
FDFPPL3001	Support and mentor individuals and groups
SISXCCS003	Address client needs
MSMSUP383	Facilitate a team
CHCCOM003	Develop workplace communication strategies
BSBLDR403*	Lead team effectiveness
CHCYTH010	Provide services for young people appropriate to their needs and circumstances
SITEEVT012	Develop event concepts

* These units are undertaken as part of the core course requirements.

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10. COURSE STRUCTURE

The Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology course is full time for two years and has five full streams of study equivalent to 20 semester subjects.

Core and elective subjects for the 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
BBS110	Biblical Studies 1 (Old Testament)	Semester	Core	CMTTHE502A(pt)
BBS120	Biblical Studies 2 (New Testament)	Semester	Core	
BBS130	Biblical Studies 3	Semester	Core	
CMM101	Ministry and Mission 1 (Fieldwork)	Semester	Core	BSBLDR403 (pt1) CMTMIN502A(pt) FDFPPL3001(pt) SISXCCS003
CMM102	Ministry and Mission 2 (Fieldwork)	Semester	Core	
CMM104	Ministry and Mission 3 A (Fieldwork)	Semester	Core	BSBLDR403 (pt1) CMTMIN502A(pt) FDFPPL3001 SISXCCS003
CMM105	Ministry and Mission 3 B (Fieldwork)	Semester	Core	
CSF111	Christian Life 1	Semester	Core	CMTMIN501A CMTTHE504A(pt)
CSF112	Christian Life 2	Semester	Core	
CSF114	Christian Life 3	Semester	Core	
COM120	Christian Communication 1	Semester	Core	BSBATSIL503(pt1) CMTMIN502A(pt)
COM130	Words of Life (Christian Comm. 2)	Semester	Core	
LDR102	Christian Leadership (Ministry & Mission)	Semester	Core	BSBLDR403 (pt2) FDFPPL3001(pt)
MIN115	The Holy Spirit	Semester	Core	CMTTHE504A(pt)
THE106	Theological Studies	Semester	Core	CMTTHE501A CMTTHE502A(pt)
WPP101	Christian Worship 1	Semester	Core	CMTTHE503A(pt) CMTTHE504A(pt)
WPP102	Christian Worship 2	Semester	Core	
WPP111	Prayer with Passion	Semester	Core	
WPP112	Revival Prayer	Semester	Core	
MWV102	Worldviews*	Semester	Core	CMTTHE503A(pt) CMTTHE502A(pt) CMTTHE504A(pt)
HIS102	History of Movements & Theology*			
COM103	Manage Conflict	Term	Elective	BSBATSIL503(pt)

* Offered in alternate years

11. ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

Assessment in each subject involves:

- attendance and participation
- practical field activities 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

Christian Ministry:

- 10435NAT Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology
- Bachelor of 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 and/or Christian Ministries

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13. COURSE DATES:

These dates include Orientation

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