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For information about our non-accredited programs, please contact the college office for information on Christian College.

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Changes to legislation and/or Vision International College policy may impact on the currency of information at any time.

Vision International College reserves the right to vary and update information without notice. You are advised to confirm the information is correct and inquire about any updates, or changes by contacting Vision International College.

This handbook has been prepared as an informational and promotion resource to assist prospective students in understanding the courses offered through Vision International College.

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INTRODUCTION

You hold in your hands a booklet to introduce you to Vision International Colleges (VIC), which is a part of Vision Colleges.

As an interdenominational college, we are one of the most flexible, affordable and enduring distance education Bible colleges available to you anywhere on or off the internet.

Vision Colleges has always been on the cutting edge of Bible College ministry. We work hand in glove with denominations and individual Christian churches of all kinds while maintaining our independence.

Vision Colleges consists of the original *Vision Christian College*, the *Internet Bible College* and *Vision International College*. We have articulation arrangements with We also have articulation arrangements with *Vision International University* and *the Texas University of Theology* for those who would prefer to articulate into Religious Exempt degree programs in the United States.

Through these options, we are confident that we can meet your study and ministry needs and tailor them to your suit your ministry.

We are a distance Education College. That means that you work at your own pace from your own place. You do not have to leave your home or your church to study. There are no required in-house intensives, no formal seminars to attend. All of the assignments are an open book style enabling you to complete your studies from home.

This booklet does not address non-accredited studies. If you prefer non-accredited study options, you will need the booklet *Introducing Vision Christian College*.

For more information on *Vision Colleges*, contact our office our contact details are at the back of the book.

I and my team look forward to speaking with you and working with you towards your study and ministry goals.

FROM THE PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER



Dear Reader,

May the Lord surprise you today with an unusual gift of his joy!

You hold in your hands an invitation to an enriching learning experience. This booklet will tell you about Vision International College, a charismatic College with a difference. Through our courses, you can expect to grow spiritually and become better equipped to minister the Word of God with power.

We are also a school that places significant emphasis upon helping our students to develop their God-given ministry potential. Our goals are certainly academic, but much more, they are spiritual and practical. For that purpose, we believe that our programs are both adequate and admirable. You will find more information below about this philosophy, and about the principles upon which Vision operates.

Vision is different because of a combination of several features. We are

- charismatic in practice
- loving in fellowship
- conservative in doctrine
- evangelical in emphasis
- bold in faith
- distance in method

Then there is the lead name of our College: “Vision”. It expresses our aim, which is to impart to you something of the unique gifts of anointed teachers and writers who have been qualified for their task by the Spirit of God, who can help to create your personal Vision of an exciting future in the service of Christ.

The union of those features creates a strong framework in which you can anticipate an expansion in your grasp of scripture, in your relationships with other Christians, in the vigour of your faith, and in your service for Christ.

Since you are reading this page, I hope you are already on the verge of deciding that enrolment in Vision is part of God’s plan for your life. But in any case, I do pray that your mind, your spirit, your life, will continue to be open to the Holy Spirit so that nothing will fail of the purpose Christ has for you.

If this is your first encounter with Vision, then I invite you to become one of our students, with a hope that your expectations of the College will be surpassed. If you have already done some Vision courses, then I trust that you will find the will and the wisdom to complete well what you have well begun. Thus you will prove to be a good worker in the Word of God.

In the love of Christ,

Ken Chant (OAM, MRE, PhD)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I am so pleased to welcome you to Vision International College. Our resources are plentiful, our history is unique, and our ministry is dynamic and faith-building.

With our distance education program and our local-church-based Bible College programs, Vision Colleges has been at the forefront of Bible College ministry since its inception in 1974 as Vision Christian College.

Our heart is to place quality Biblical and Christian ministry studies into the hands of students everywhere at an affordable price. Those goals are now enhanced by our fully accredited programs as presented in this handbook.

I firmly believe that no study is as valuable to an individual or any group of people as the study of the word of God. No other education can so affect a man or woman as does as the study of the word of God.

Vision International College is accredited through the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) the national regulator for Australia's vocational education and training sector. You can take confidence that the awards you earn are both nationally and internationally recognised.

While you attend to the business of study, I want you to know that my staff and I are at your disposal. We want you to complete these studies and to complete them well. If we can be of assistance to you at any time, please feel free to call on us and allow us to help you. We will work with you as you face issues that will challenge, confront, bless, and develop your skills. Be assured of our prayers for your wellbeing.

We are fully aware that distance education is an advantageous and fruitful form of study for those who cannot or are unable to attend seminary. However, it does place unique demands upon the student to seek out their own resources, to discover answers and to finish their course in their own strength successfully.

We also realise many may feel alone and even without help. As a Vision student, you are not alone, we are here to help, as close as the phone, or an email and you are always welcome to call to the office for support.

You have joined with a large body of students around the world in both our recognised and accredited studies. Your fellow students not only around Australia but in far-flung nations from China to Argentina, from the UK to the United States, from France to Nepal, the Philippines to Japan and so many other countries are your fellow students all of you praying for the success of each other.

We look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with you along with reports of your continued growth and effectiveness in the Kingdom of God.

Blessings upon you in Jesus' name,

Rev. Dr. Denis Plant (PhD. Christian Ed, Dr. Min. Theo, TAE40116)

Principal/CEO



A SHORT HISTORY OF VISION.

We are excited about our ministry! Since Vision Christian College began in August of 1974, we have grown from a local church Bible college to an internationally recognised network of colleges that span the globe.

Our story began in 1974 when Rev. Dr. Ken Chant started the *Launceston College of Theology* (in Launceston, Tasmania), and simultaneously, Dr. Joseph Bohac and Dr. Stan DeKoven (in San Diego, California) began *Logos Institute*, a local-church training program in practical ministry and counselling.

Four years later Dr. Chant moved his school to Sydney (Australia), where it continued to grow as Bible college, a distance education program, and by setting up local church Bible Colleges.

Meanwhile, in the USA, the *Logos Institute* continued as a counselling ministry and training centre, and Dr. DeKoven pursued personal studies in psychology and theology.

More changes took place in 1982

Dr. Chant moved to the United States, where he established his program in Minneapolis (Minnesota).

Dr. DeKoven returned to San Diego (having earned his Ph. D in Theology), where he continued to expand the *Logos* program, and in the same year Dr. Randy Gurley began a teaching ministry that eventually merged with *Vision Christian College*.

In 1985 Dr. Chant brought his program to San Diego (California), where Vision Christian College was legally established as a non-profit corporation, and a year later, in the providence of God, he met Dr. DeKoven. These two found an immediate affinity in Christ. Their hearts and visions united and so began a network of affiliated campuses that became Vision Colleges as it is known today. The ministry of Vision Colleges has become an established world-wide Bible College ministry, with some 150,000 students enrolled at any one time, with more than 8000 local church satellite campuses or resource centres in more than 155 countries around the world.

Dr. Chant and his family returned to his native Australia in 1990. Still, prior to his leaving, Vision Christian College (USA) under Dr. DeKoven's direction had expanded to its present university status. A site was purchased in the beautiful community of Ramona, California, where its headquarters are based today.

In 1992 the American college applied for and was granted full institutional accreditation with the *Accrediting Commission International of Schools, Colleges and Theological Seminaries*.

In 1993 *Vision Christian Ministries* (USA) was renamed *Vision International University* (USA).

In the meantime, in Australia, the college was re-named *Vision Christian College*, and its program continued to flourish under Dr Chant's leadership. He remains President and Chairman of *VIC* in Australasia, the day to day operations are under the direction of Rev. Dr. Denis Plant.

From Australia, we now have local church (or Resource Centre) campuses established in many parts of Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, Myanmar, the U.K., Belize, Papua New Guinea, South Africa and several thousand individual students by correspondence.

Dr. DeKoven has provided the entrepreneurial drive for the expansion of *Vision Colleges* internationally and, seeing the Colleges grow in over 100 countries and has written much of the counselling courses, while Dr. Chant has provided much of the teaching material in Doctrine or Theology along with a range of internationally acclaimed authors.

The educational philosophy under-girding the college, its international vision, the dynamic concepts all stem from the work of the Holy Spirit in these men and the teams working with them

More Innovations

In 1998 Rev. Dr. Denis Plant (Ph.D) became involved with the development and implementation of the *Internet Bible College*. He has been involved in teaching ministry for over 35 years. During that time he has established two Bible colleges. For two years Denis served as a missionary in Papua New Guinea as the last expatriate Principal at *Lighthouse Bible College* with the Foursquare Churches at Madang, P.N.G.

Denis returned to Australia with a vision and determination to place a Bible college on the Internet. The most significant difficulty facing him was the choice of curriculum. Following a suggestion from Dr. Ken Chant, and his own familiarity with the material, it was decided that the Vision Christian College material was the most suitable for this work. As a result, the Internet Bible College was born and is now the internet version of Vision Colleges. Denis and his then staff of Trish Hart and Steve Hart led the college through accreditation to become an RTO under VETAB and expanded the mission work of the Australian version of Vision.

ASQA Accreditation

In 2002 Vision International College (VIC) was established as the accredited arm of Vision Colleges to offer accredited courses as a Recognised Training Organisation (RTO) under VETAB. In 2010 the accrediting body became a national accrediting body the “Australian Skills Quality Authority” (ASQA).¹

Online Training Portal

The Online Training Portal was added in 2014, allowing students who are undertaking the elective subjects to utilise professional and effective online portal accessible anywhere in the world. Currently, we have students from most states of Australia and several international countries. The following link is to the students user guide: https://www.catapult-elearning.com/guides/student_nam/index.html

The Accredited Course Is For You If You:

- require Austudy, Abstudy, Youth Allowance or other Australian government funding options to support you in your studies.
- are seeking “Gap Year” studies
- wish to be involved in a traineeship for ministry with your local church and require formally accredited awards
- prefer to gain recognition for further study in TAFE or University or another recognised Bible college
- are seeking training for ministry that embraces formal skills in addition to the word of God
- personal preference is an accredited program.

Our alternative study option is the recognised or Non-Accredited studies with Vision Christian College. It does not attract Austudy and is less vigorous in the assessment process and is less costly but is accepted as a qualification by most Australian and international churches. Contact our office for more information if this is your preferred study option.

1 A.S.Q.A. The Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA) is the national regulator for Australia’s vocational education and training sector. ASQA regulates courses and training providers to ensure nationally approved quality standards are met. <http://www.asqa.gov.au/about-asqa/about-asqa.html>

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We Believe:

- That there is only one God, who has revealed himself in Three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- In the absolute lordship and deity of Christ, including his pre-existence with the Father, his virgin birth, his sinless life, his atoning death, his bodily resurrection, his ascension to heaven, and his eventual return to Earth in glory and power to establish his eternal kingdom.
- In the full spiritual authority, the reliability, the divine inspiration of the Bible, and its inerrancy in all that it finally affirms.
- That nothing can replace the importance of the local church in the program of God, and that planting local churches is the best tool for evangelism and for nation-wide renewal.
- That the primary task of the church is worldwide evangelism in fulfilment of the Great Commission given by Christ.
- That entrance into the church is through the "new birth", which is brought about by genuine repentance of sin, confession of faith in Christ as the only Saviour, and surrender to him as Lord.
- That membership in the church is signified by joyful participation in its worship, fellowship, sacraments, witness, and by acceptance of its discipline.
- In Holy Spirit baptism as an experience discrete from and usually subsequent to the new birth, and normally attested by glossolalia. The ministry of the Holy Spirit is an essential component of effective Christian life and witness.
- In the presence and use of the charismata in the local church and in Christian ministry.
- That the universal church cannot fulfil its mission apart from the five ascension-gift ministries that Christ has sent into the world: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. We accept that it is part of our responsibility to help people to recognise their calling, gift, or ministry, and to assist in equipping them to fulfil that call.
- In the reality of Satan, and the kingdom of darkness over which he reigns. We believe also in the absolute triumph of Christ over the devil and all his works.
- That *VIC* torious Christian life is built upon a proper understanding and exercise of the spiritual authority conveyed to the believer by the gift of righteousness.
- In the sure promise of Christ's return in splendour at the end of the age, to implement the resurrection of all the dead, to prepare both the world and the church for judgment, and to inaugurate the New Heaven and the New Earth.
- In the resurrection of the dead at Christ's return, in the certainty of God's judgment, and in the inescapable result of that judgment foretold in the scriptures for the just and the unjust.

TYPES OF THEOLOGY

The study of the word of God is generally referred to as theology. There are many forms of theology, each having its own perspective and purpose. Each style of theology has inherent within it, its own set of strengths and weaknesses and each one can help our understanding of God and His word.

With *VIC*, you will encounter three forms of theology. ***Biblical Theology***, ***Practical Theology*** and ***Systematic Theology***.

We have provided an outline of them, below, to help you to understand how they are applied. For the most part, you will find that *VIC* prefers the use of Biblical Theology in the study of scripture and occasionally Systematic Theology. There is also an emphasis on Practical Theology in the electives as they relate more to the workplace.

Biblical Theology

Biblical theology is the study of the doctrines of the Bible, arranged according to their chronology and historical background, in contrast to systematic theology, which categorises doctrine according to specific topics. Biblical theology shows the unfolding of God's revelation as it progressed through history. Biblical theology may seek to isolate and express the theological teachings of a specific portion of Scripture, such as the theology of the Pentateuch (first five books of the Old Testament), or the theology contained within John's writings, etc. Or it may focus on a particular period of time, such as the theology of the unified kingdom years. Another branch of biblical theology may study a particular motif or theme in the Bible: a study of "the remnant," for example, might search out how that motif is introduced and developed throughout Scripture. Many credit J. P. Gabler, a German biblical scholar, with beginning the field of biblical

Practical Theology

Practical theology, as its name implies, is the study of theology in a way that is intended to make it useful or applicable. Another way of saying it is, 'the study of theology' so that it can be used and is relevant to everyday concerns. One seminary describes its Practical Theology Program as "being dedicated to the practical application of theological insights" and that it "generally includes the sub-disciplines of pastoral theology, homiletics, and Christian education, among others." Another seminary sees the purpose of practical theology as helping to prepare students to translate the knowledge learned into an effective ministry to people. Doing this involves both personal and family life as well as the administration and educational ministries in the church. They state that the goal of practical theology is to develop effective communicators of Scripture who have a *VIC* for the spiritual growth of believers while being servant leaders.

Systematic Theology

"Systematic" refers to something being put into a system. Systematic Theology is, therefore, the division of theology into systems that explain its various areas. For example, many books of the Bible give information about the angels. No one book gives all the information about the angels. Systematic theology takes all the information about angels from all the books of the Bible and organises it into a system called angelology. That is what systematic theology is all about – organising the teachings of the Bible into categorical, and, as nearly as possible, coherent systems, while striving to remove contradictions and ambiguities.

VISION INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE IS UNIQUE

Our vision, our focus, our methods differ from the regular practice of Bible colleges. We are different in flavour, practicality, and in our manner of challenging and building both personal faith and relationship with Jesus Christ and with the Church.

Our flexible study options and our study time frame, along with the opportunities to study from your preferred place of learning at your pace, make *VIC* a desirable learning option.

We make no claim to be better than others in fulfilling these tasks. It is the nature of our courses, our style of delivery, and our worldwide outreach separates us from colleges that are built around a single campus. Our theme could be summarised as

- the *Word of Christ* preached;
- the *Name of Christ* believed;
- the *Power of Christ* experienced;
- the *Love of Christ* shared;
- the *Coming of Christ* expected;
- the *Splendour of Christ* exalted.

A VARIETY OF OPTIONS

VIC offers you a variety of study options —

- Studies from your place at your pace by correspondence
- Online or hardcopy studies for elective units
- Attendance at a VCC Resource Centre²
- Flexible elective course options
- Variable entry and exit points
- Individualised training options.
- Flexible time frames to suit your lifestyle.

VIC is not new to the business of Bible College. We have been at the cutting edge of this ministry for over 45 years specialising in distance education.

We do not operate by semester or by the term, but rather subject by subject and by award level. The benefit of our methods is that you, as a student, are not required to begin or exit at a particular time; your time frame is your own. You do not have to attend the college or “intensives” that will consume your leave entitlements from work, nor do we take you away from your ministry. We actually encourage you to embrace your ministry as a part of your study.

No matter where you live, or how mobile you are at a national or international level, no matter what your job, regardless of the level of commitment or involvement you have in your local church, your ministry, or your family, you can continue with your studies with *VIC* without cost to family, career, or church commitment while the practical elements of the course will embrace the ministry in which you are now functioning.

Although *VIC* has no central campus, our students may choose to attend one of our *Vision Christian College* Resource Centres and take advantage of the options offered and assistance available to them in their studies.

We are flexible in our delivery. Study material can be posted or emailed to you or collected from our office. Elective subjects can be completed by hard copy or through our online portal.

² A Resource Centre is established in a local church, and is run by the local church using *Vision Christian College* material. A student of *Vision International College* is welcomed and encouraged to attend and utilise the student resources and study options available at a Resource Center. It must be noted that the Vision Christian College Resource Centre is not a formal part of the Vision International College program but a complementary option.

Students decide the order of the subjects they will undertake in each award level, allowing them to take control of their study program. We can tailor the studies to meet the needs of their own particular ministry. This strengthens the very real perception of “*studying to show yourself a workman who will not be ashamed in your personal ministry*” ministry in which you are now functioning.

Although *VIC* has no central campus, our students may choose to attend one of our ***Vision Christian College*** Resource Centres and take advantage of the options offered and assistance available to them in their studies.³

Flexible Time Frame

For many reasons, the study requirements of a traditional campus demand a set time frame. They need to maintain the integrity of their methods, meet the demands of the curriculum for a large student body, provide students with dates for graduation and the like.

Because *VIC* is a distance education college, we have no need for fixed times, for enrolment or for graduation. We are not bound by the constraints of a traditional campus. To assist students in achieving their goal on time, we do suggest that they should take no more than one month from the time they purchase a subject until they complete it. In fact, the vast majority of our students do so.

Having said that we also realise that sometimes “life happens”, and studies can be the first to suffer, especially in a self-paced program. While most other colleges will fail a student for non-compliance, we do not, for we allow extra time when required. While we do not penalise a student academically if a student takes more than three months to finalise a subject, they will attract a “Late Marking Fee”.

Online Training Portal

The Online Training Portal was added in 2014, allowing students undertaking the practical subjects, from Certificate III to the Graduate Diploma, to do so online, if they prefer.

When a student is ready to undertake a practical subject, he or she can nominate to complete the assignments online. In which case, the *VIC* will provide the student with login details.

The online portal provides the student with a comprehensive and interactive *Student User Guide*, helping even a novice to become familiar with the learning program and the subject requirements. Students refer back to the system as often as needed to refresh their skills online.

For each subject, there is a comprehensive teaching section, there are interactive sessions to help maintain attention in the subject and aid the learning process.

After working through the teaching section, the student can move on to the assignments. At any time, the student can return to the teaching section to review and revise, as required.

As the student works through the assignments and completes them, the work is saved, allowing them to return to where they left off as often as needed. When an assignment or set of tasks is completed, the student should save and submit the work for assessment. We strongly recommend that the student should submit work every few questions, to help us monitor, assess and advise as they progress through a unit.

All students are encouraged to use the system, it is a professional and effective online learning portal that can be accessed from anywhere in the world. Currently, we have students from most states of Australia, South Africa and the USA who avail themselves of this option.

³ Paraphrase of 2 Tim. 2:15

WHY THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND THEOLOGY PROGRAM

What We Offer

Through *Vision International College*, we are able to offer the following ASQA accredited awards in *Christian Ministry and Theology* –



Certificate III and Certificate IV
Diploma and Advanced Diploma
Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma



These awards can be offered with an emphasis such as counselling, missions, and chaplaincy or in the generic option, *Christian Ministry and Theology*.

This suite of six *Christian Ministry and Theology* qualifications were originally accredited in September 2002, 2008, and again in 2012 and in 2018.

Christian denominations leading the development of the 2014 qualifications were:

- Australian Christian Churches
- Christian Community Churches Australia
- Churches of Christ in Australia
- Independent Churches
- Lutheran Church of Australia
- Queensland Baptist Churches
- Roman Catholic Church
- Uniting Aboriginal & Islander Christian Congress (Uniting Church in Australia).
- Universal Education and Training (representing a range of churches and denominations)
- Vision International College
- Wesleyan Methodist Churches

STUDENT SUPPORT

Distant education has its own rewards and weaknesses, chief among them is a sense of being alone, we take considerable care with our student body to ensure that, as much as we can, you are supported.

Personal Support

We realise that distance education, by its very nature, is among the most rewarding and yet challenging of all forms of learning. You, the student are required to seek out knowledge and resources to answer various assignments, without the encouragement of a classroom or student body. It is for that very reason, some who begin their course fail to complete them, as they feel alone and without help.

With *VIC*, you are not alone; our staff members are available to you. Every student is encouraged to contact the college staff at any time by telephone, email, or on Skype. Whatever form of communication you choose, we will respond as swiftly as we are able. Contact details are on the last page of this booklet.

Students are encouraged to visit the office. While we prefer that an appointment is made to ensure we will be available, students can just call in for a chat, advice, or help. We will help you to the best of our ability. You must understand that you can contact us and that no issue is too big or small and we are always pleased to help.

Documentary Support

On enrolment *VIC* provides each student with a Student Handbook on enrolment to inform them of the rights and responsibilities of the student and the College.

Also, students are provided with a copy of our Student Study Helps and Hints to assist them in completing the assessments successfully. This book provides the student with details to address the requirements for written and multiple-choice assessments.

Specific instructions are provided with each assignment to ensure that the student is informed of these assessment requirements.

The internet site provides a wealth of information and access to documents and our Online Study Resources for our student body.

For the Elective Subjects, we offer our Online Training Portal with an online Student user Guide or a student workbook.

Mentor Support

A Mentor is not a required part of our program; however, we encourage all students to find a local mentor to assist and provide encouragement as they undertake the course.

As much of our student body is widely scattered throughout Australia and overseas, it is not possible for *VIC* to provide mentors to the student body. For this reason, students are advised to seek out a mentor for themselves.

It is typical (but not required) for the student's own pastor or his/her delegate to take this role and to have a guiding hand in the development of the student's ministry. However, the mentor can be anyone the student is comfortable to learn from. It is required that the mentor should have experience in the practical fields that the student will undertake, and this may need multiple mentors.

In cases where the student cannot find a mentor, the College Principal will act for them upon request.

STUDENT BODY

VIC exists for those members of the Christian community, and others, who want to undertake a serious study of God's word and be equipped for ministry but find that they:

- are unable to take full-time studies at a campus;
- cannot leave their local church but need to study;
- they have work or family commitments, which prevent campus access;
- they need flexible of study options;
- prefer to study from home;

All students can study at their own pace, in their own time and in their own environment.

There are three categories of students recognised by the College –

Full-Time Students

Those students enrolled into a minimum of three competencies over three consecutive months are considered full-time. Please note that Austudy/Abstudy/Youth Allowance rules require a student to be enrolled for at least three competencies per term (three months) to be eligible. Such students typically will complete one full award per year.

Part-Time Students

These students need to work at a slower pace due to their circumstances. While it may take longer to graduate, as a student, they are as welcome and valued as any full-time student and will graduate with the same awards.

Casual Students

Studies are open to those who desire or need to take only one or more competencies (subject). Such students will receive a statement of attainment upon the successful completion of a single competency or more.

Government Assistance (Eligible Australian Students only)

Certificate III and Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology both attract Austudy/Abstudy or Youth Allowance⁴ for eligible students with VIC . Both courses are deemed to be approved full-time courses. The allowance is considerably higher than the College fees.

Austudy/Abstudy/Youth Allowance is available to both full time and part-time students. Terms and conditions for this support are available from Centrelink. Students are responsible for maintaining their eligibility.

While VIC is not responsible for Austudy/Abstudy/Youth Allowance, we will provide the student with advice and the necessary documentation to apply for financial assistance from Centrelink. Note; the student must apply in person to their local Centre Link office for the relevant allowance.

Centrelink is responsible for all matters relating to the allowances. For more information, call your nearest Centrelink office.

An Alternative Option

For those who find the rigours of the accredited study too demanding but wish to study, we recommend our non-accredited sister program Vision Christian College as an alternative option. It is less demanding, less costly, and there are fewer time constraints. Please note Vision Christian College does not attract Austudy or Abstudy government funding and the program is not accredited.

PRE ENROLMENT REQUIREMENTS

There are no formal pre-requisites at the Certificate III and IV. VIC is a Bible College. It is required that a student must be able to read an English Bible comfortably. The version is not relevant as we are not a version-specific College. As a guide only, we suggest that a student should have a level of English proficiency to read their local newspaper

Non-Discrimination

We do not discriminate on gender, religion, age, culture, or disability. Indeed, anyone who wants to study with VIC is welcome and will be treated equally by our staff. We suggest that a student should have completed high school, since the stress of concurrent high school and Bible college exams may prove to be too great.

Literacy, Language and Numeracy (LL&N)

The term LLN refers to five core skills; learning, reading, writing, oral communication and numeracy. These five core skills have been identified by the Australian Core Skills Framework (ASCF) as the essential skills for individuals to hold to participate effectively in society including the workplace and education sector. Students may be required to take and LL&N test at their entry level to determine their study and learning needs and eligibility to meet the study requirements of the course ⁵<http://lln.safework.com.au/>



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UNIVERSAL STUDENT IDENTIFIER

All students studying an accredited course in Australia are required to have a Universal Student Identifier (USI). If you do not have a USI, the College can assist you or you can go online and get your USI from the Web site. Students have only one USI and it is yours for life. <http://www.usi.gov.au>

If you do not have a USI, VIC will assist you to obtain it.

Non-Australian students who are studying from overseas with VIC by distance do not need a USI.

What Is The USI?

The USI⁶ is a reference number (made up of ten numbers and letters) that:

- is a secure online record of your recognised training and qualifications gained in Australia, from all training providers with whom you undertake recognised training.
- will give you access to your training records and transcripts.
- can be accessed online, anytime and anywhere.
- is free and easy to create and.
- stays with you for life.

HOW TO ENROL

Complete the application form and submit it to the VIC office by mail, or email with a photo for your Student ID. If there are problems with your information we will clarify the issues before we enrol you.

If you are seeking Advanced Standing (see the section on Advanced Standing), ensure that you include your academic transcripts or apply for the RPL Application form.

We invite you to contact the college if you need assistance with the enrolment process. Our staff are always ready and pleased to help.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Our Purpose

Our purpose is to assist the church, Christian leaders and laity to fulfil God's call to discipleship and learning by offering relevant, flexible, affordable, and credible distance education, Bible college training, and qualifications.

It is only through a well-trained laity and clergy that the world can be won to Christ. The church is God's instrument for the establishment and expansion of the Kingdom of God. Only when the church of the 21st century embraces its calling to make disciples of the nations can the purposes of the Lord be met. All Christian leaders, indeed all Christians must begin to see as the Lord does, and begin to believe and act with courage, until "*the earth is filled with the knowledge of the Glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea*" (Hab. 2:14). Note the comments by Peter as he refers to knowledge as the key to relationship and blessing, while Paul's comments to Timothy make clear the need to learn.

Grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, according as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who has called us to glory and virtue, through which He has given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, so that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. But also in this very thing, bringing in all diligence, filling out your faith with virtue, and with virtue, knowledge; and with knowledge self-control, and with

6 <https://www.usi.gov.au/about>

self-control, patience, and with patience, godliness, and with godliness, brotherly kindness, and with brotherly kindness, love. For if these things are in you and abound, they make you to be neither idle nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2Pe 1:2-8)

Put them in memory of these things, charging them before the Lord not to dispute about words to no profit, to the subverting of the hearers. Study earnestly to present yourself approved to God, a workman that does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. (2 Ti 2:14-15) MKJV

But continue in the things that you have learned and have been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from a babe you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfected, thoroughly furnished to every good work. (2 Ti 3:14-17) MKJV

What is taught?

The VIC program is faith-building, challenging. It is biblically and academically sound with a strong practical component. VIC as a body is conservative, evangelical, and charismatic.

Over the years, we have developed a Bible-based curriculum that is:

- Conservative in Doctrine
- Charismatic in Practice
- Evangelistic in Emphasis
- Loving in Fellowship
- Restorative in Purpose
- Bold in Faith

LEARNING OPTIONS

We realise the value and the need for the central campus or seminary to train denominational ministries, but our part is to provide excellent teaching material and study options to those who cannot attend the Bible college for whatever reasons, to training those in the local church environment for local ministry and then the world beyond.

Where we can we work with the local church ministry team to mentor the student. Where better to equip people than in the very place where they serve Christ? Who better to train them than the successful pastors who are daily engaged in fulfilling the principles of the gospel?

We see the local church environment as part of our "campus activity". The church's worship; its witness; its fellowship; its teaching; its ministry – all are reckoned to be part of the training process to equipping men and women to serve Christ.

Our function is simply to add a theological and academic component that few churches can provide by themselves, while the practical element of training up a ministry can be left in the hands of the local pastor and the ministry team.

As a "Distance Education Provider", we use the regular mail services or email to the study material enabling even the most remote student to study with us. Students receive their study material on a consistent and regular basis and complete their work in their preferred place of learning – typically, their own home.

With Vision Colleges you learn at your pace in your place.

Theology Subjects

The study materials for the theology subjects are provided in book form by post or in electronic format through the email services; the assignments are all open book and are designed to test the student's comprehension of the textbook, or "competency" in the subject. The assignments are in the form of multiple-choice questionnaires, short answer questions, study guides, and essays enhanced through active participation in the life and ministry of the local church or at a community based service. This practical experience is formally documented in a student portfolio of evidence, to demonstrate competence.

Elective Practical Skills

The practical subjects are the "business end" of ministry – the office work, communications, dealing with people, management skills and so forth. While these are undertaken through our Online Training Portal, it is flexible enough to allow for the local ministry to influence the training, making it more relevant to the individual student.

Those students who cannot access the internet, or who are uncomfortable working with it, can receive their study material in hard copy and complete it in their preferred place of learning – typically, their own home.

Again the learning experience is enhanced through active participation in the life and ministry of the local church or at a community based service. This practical experience is formally documented in a student portfolio of evidence, to demonstrate competence.

TWO STREAMS OF STUDY

The program offered by VIC is built around two streams of study. These two streams are –

Biblical Theology studies (or "CMT" units as they are referred to in the syllabus);

Practical Theology for the Ministry Skills Development⁷.

No field of learning has such an impact on a human being, body, soul, and spirit, as the study of theology. No form of education is so effective in transforming lives as the study of the Word of God. We are absolutely committed to the concept that teaching the Word of God is the single most crucial issue in the development of individual Christians for life and ministry.

Biblical Theology

Our approach embraces *Biblical Theology*, which deals one by one with the great themes and ideas that are presented in scripture. It differs from "*Systematic Theology*"⁸ because we make no attempt to force all the teachings of the Bible into a single coherent and sequential body of theology. We are happy to allow the Bible to speak for itself so that our curriculum strives to reflect honestly those places where scripture is silent or inconclusive.

We also present the significant aspects of the Christian life, and of the structure, governance, and mission of the Church.

Presently, there are over 100 subjects in our curriculum. Each award level requires its own number of topics as listed in the section **Accredited Course Syllabi**, outlined further in this booklet.

On an award for award basis, students will complete no more than 6 theology subjects in any Award. Any student completing the entire program from Certificate III to the Graduate Diploma will develop a library that will serve them throughout their Christian life at no extra cost.

7 The units for the Practical Ministry Skills development are taken from the "Community Services Package". These units are ideally suited to the development of practical ministry skills. This combination of practical skills and Biblical Theology makes Vision International College so effective.

8 See the "Systematic Theology" section in Types of Theology further in this booklet.

The student may discuss with the College the option of substituting a nominated Theology subject with another of the *VIC* subjects provided that the alternative option meets the requirements of the “CMT” unit. The Principal’s decision on the choice of a substitute is final.

The process of completing a course of study students will find themselves: enabled by a balanced understanding of the Word of God; develop and promote their personal growth; enhance their relationship with God, and equip them for effective ministry. Our goal is and has always been to satisfy the criteria set out in scripture –

Study earnestly to present yourself to God as someone who merits his approval, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, who rightly divides the Word of Truth. (2 Ti 2:15)

Practical Theology

The accredited program is enhanced with “Elective Units” from the *Community Service or Business Work Council* and related fields. They have been selected especially to develop the practical skills required of those who desire to enter the ministry. These skills address the “business end of ministry”, they are the same skills one would exercise in other business and are referred to as “Employability Skills”. See the section on “Employability Skills”.

The practical nature of these units builds vital ministry skills onto the strong spiritual foundation gained from the Theology Units. It is the combination of these skills that enables men and women of God to make their ministry more effective in their own community.

Each unit requires the students to gather and record evidence of their performance and skills development in a portfolio of evidence. Ideally, they should be directly related to their active involvement in their local church, their ministry, and their personal growth. These units can be negotiated with and managed by each student’s supervisor, pastor, or mentor, who will observe and sign off the evidence that students collect for their portfolio of evidence.

As students develop the skills gained through these courses, they will be able to work maturely in a local church, or on the mission field, in a para-church group, or develop their own ministry to fulfil their vocation in Christ.

Our **Practical Theology** units allow the value of a student’s work as a member of a local church to be captured as legitimate study credit in the form of *Recognised Prior Learning*.

VIC maintains a strong commitment to vocational ministry training within context of the local church. Our curriculum is deeply rooted in a Pentecostal/Charismatic heritage but at the same time remains open-ended and adaptable to any immediate cultural or denominational context.

Why do I need scripture for practical units?

VIC is a Bible College. Scripture references are required to support and strengthen your answers, and this point is noted often throughout our documentation. Doing so establishes your understanding of what is called “**Practical Theology**” – that is the Biblical reasons that underpin our actions and strengthen our work from a Christian perspective.

The Book of Proverbs, the Psalms, the Parables of Jesus, and indeed, the entire Old and New Testaments, are rich sources of biblical principles that apply to work and everyday life. From them, we learn the need to count the cost, to do things decently and in order, to be subject to higher powers - principles that need to be applied in the business of ministry.

Your studies will help you to seek out the principles that undergird what we do; matters that relate to integrity; writing a record; communications; accountability. Many issues of business conduct are mirrored in the church. It is the “business end” of ministry.

Churches, like any business, and perhaps more so, are accountable to the law of the land, and to our overseers, police, government and legislation.

Understanding these business principles will make it easier to apply correct management to ministry, and to choose the appropriate biblical principles of work for what we do. If we have these things in order, we will be much more likely to succeed in all we do and also to avoid the risks of litigation.

SUGGESTED STUDY REGIME

Distance education students study in their preferred place of study and of necessity self-paced. There are many advantages to distance learning, however, there are also many pitfalls, chief among them is the need to maintain a study regime to assist the student in completing their subjects on time.

Typically the student is required to complete one (1) subject per month, depending on the award level being undertaken, with a maximum of ten (10) subjects to be completed. With a little discipline, in any given year, a student can easily complete one subject per month and have time for a vacation.

For each award level, the student is required to complete a maximum of six (6) Theology units and two to four (2-4) Elective units determined by the award. These Elective Units are strengthened and Christianised with the application of Practical Theology.

We recommend the process as outlined in the table below. By completing a “Theology” unit followed by an “Elective” subject, followed by 2 “Theology” units, followed by an Elective unit until the course is completed.

This method will help pace the student, balance their study regime and establish a pattern of study early in the program.

As *Vision Colleges* does not have school terms the “First Month” is the first month of the student’s study program and not a fixed calendar month.

Month	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
Unit 1	Theology											
Unit 2		Elective										
Unit 3			Theology									
Unit 4				Theology								
Unit 5					Elective							
Unit 6						Theology						
Unit 7							Theology					
Unit 8								Elective				
Unit 9									Theology			
Unit 10										Elective		

Key Theology = CMTTHE/CMTMIN Studies
 Elective = Community Based project with an associated theological subject.

Competency-based Vocational Training

Competency-based vocational training perfectly complements *VIC* ’s commitment to training within the local church and community. A student is not expected to memorise and repeat information but required to demonstrate their competence in the essential skills for vocational ministry. Competency is demonstrated by collecting and submitting evidence of practical work to the College. We believe that functional training is best accomplished in the context of the local church.

Assessments

Assessments are provided to the student with their study material, a with appropriate advice and instructions on completing an assessment. The nature of the assessment material is typically in the form of multiple-choice assignments, short answer tests, essays, study guides, and a portfolio of evidence of competency.

Five Values of Competency-Based Vocational Ministry Training

VIC affirms the following values for vocational ministry training (which, of course, we share with many other schools and colleges) –

Christ

All teaching will be centred in Christ, seeking to bring students into a Christ-like life and mind-set.

Community

Training will be carried out and proven in the context of community life. Each student's ministerial vocation will be expressed and worked out in the daily life of his or her various communities: family, church, society, and the broader community of the world.

Character

Building a strong character, not just an accumulation of knowledge, should be the goal of all training. The indwelling life of Christ expressed and worked out in community develops character.

Calling

A divine calling will be observed, developed, and proven within the immediate context of the community.

Competence

Competency in a particular area of life and ministry is developed and nurtured in the environment of a loving community. This Competency is demonstrated by practical, hands-on training, in the immediate context of the local church and community.

ADVANCED STANDING

We invite all students who can provide the necessary evidence to apply for advanced standing.

Advanced standing, in the form of Academic Credits and/or RPL evidence is available to all students throughout their course.

We offer advanced standing because we believe skills already learned do not need to be learned again". Thus, the student can save time, money and effort that can be put to more productive use.

Academic Credits

Students who have previously completed studies at another accredited college are invited to apply for academic credits as a part of their competency. Academic credits may apply to both theology and practical subjects.

Students who have completed studies at a non-accredited college may also apply for academic credits to the VIC program. The College reserves the right to determine what value, whether full or partial, will be given to non-accredited academic transfers.

In all cases an academic transcript is required as evidence of study. An award without the transcript is not acceptable.

Recognised Prior Learning

If a student can demonstrate have already learned the skills required in a particular unit, VIC invites them to apply for Recognised Prior Learning. They will be required to provide evidence of competency for those skills.

The process of RPL may save the student time as they do not need to re-learn skills they have already learned.

Students can only apply for RPL for a subject in the award for which they are enrolled. Application forms for RPL are available from the College.

ARTICULATION

A student who has successfully completed an Australian accredited course may apply to any other accredited college in Australia for full recognition of their completed studies.

Credits may be granted on a “subject by subject” basis, and/or an “award level”.

Upon completion of the Advanced Diploma of Theology and Christian Ministry, students may articulate into the Bachelor’s Completion with the Texas University of Theology, or with Vision International University, U.S.A.

GRADUATION CEREMONY/CELEBRATION SERVICE

Since *VIC* is a distance education provider, and many of our students are remote, it is not practical to insist that students attend a formal graduation service. We do, however, recognise the value to students of a graduation ceremony and the level of self-esteem that a graduation service provides.

We offer the following options to those students who graduate –

1. Attend a *VIC* graduation ceremony at the nominated date, time and place; or,
2. Send the award to your local Pastor (or other designated person) to be presented formally during a church service or other formal service, in recognition of the student’s achievements.
3. Upon invitation, we may be able to come to your church to present the awards at a Graduation Service (additional costs may be involved).
4. We can send the award, transcript, and congratulatory letter by mail, direct to the student.

What Can I Do When I Graduate?

Graduates from these course may find employment as Parish Workers, Religious Education Instructors, Church Workers, Missionary Workers, Pastors, Ministers, Church-Planters, Mission Support Workers, and the like, depending upon the requirements of each organisation.

Vocational Options for the Course

The table below is indicative only and is taken from a broad sweep of denominations. Each denomination reserves to itself the right to determine the level of qualifications required to fulfil any particular role. *Vision International College* cannot and does not guarantee or offer to any student or graduate of *Vision International College* a place of employment or a voluntary position based on their study or graduation. Such is the role of the churches and or organisations or businesses to which they are applying.

Job Role	Certificate III	Certificate IV	Diploma	Advanced Diploma	Graduate Certificate	Graduate Diploma
Ministry Worker	✓	✓				
Religious Instructor	✓	✓	✓			
Minister/Pastor		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Missionary Worker		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Recognition Given to Vision International Colleges Awards

Vision Colleges is an independent Bible college and while accepted by many Christian Churches and denominations for training purposes their diverse qualification requirements means that Vision Colleges cannot and does not offer or guarantee any posting to any church or missions organisation.

Application and inquiries to such bodies must be made in person by the student/graduate.

ACCREDITED COURSE SYLLABI

Certificate III & IV, Diploma, & Advanced Diploma Graduate Certificate & Graduate Diploma of Christian Ministry & Theology



Christian Ministry and Theology
10741NAT Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology
10742NAT Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology
10743NAT Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology
10744NAT Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology
10745NAT Graduate Certificate in Christian Ministry and Theology
10746NAT Graduate Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology



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Award Outlines

A student must complete the required units for each award. *Vision Colleges* subjects have been selected to satisfy the study requirements for each theology unit from Certificate III to the Advanced Diploma. These subjects provide students with a bonus library of at least 30 reference books which will serve them throughout their Christian ministry, assuming they complete the entire program.

The elective units selected from the Community Service and allied courses are Christianised through Practical Theology.

Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma students will be required to source and purchase additional study material and books in addition to the content provided by Vision.

The student may discuss with the Principal or Registrar the option of substituting subject provided that the substitute meets the requirements of the study unit. The decision of the Principal on the choice of an alternative is final.

An outline description of the Vision Colleges subjects can be found under Theology Units further in this book.

Strength of the Christian Ministry and Theology Program

- The combination of both ministry and theological training in one course.
- The courses are flexible enough to be delivered in many church groups and Christian ministry contexts.
- Flexibility of elective choice is essential.
- The courses can be customised to suit the needs of the setting and adapted to different interpretations of the Bible and different Christian beliefs.
- The courses provide Christian Ministry and Theology pathways for those not interested in or not ready for higher education qualifications.
- The stepped progression of qualifications and core competencies is helpful to support the increasing depth of knowledge and skill requirements at higher levels of responsibility.
- Combining theological learning with practical ministry skills effectively balances participants and supports career pathways.
- Certificate III focuses on the personal formation that is helpful at this level, particularly for younger participants.
- Competency outcomes of individual units are appropriate and consistent with AQF levels.

Employability Skills

Employability skills are those skills identified by a particular industry as necessary to perform the required tasks that a graduate should undertake effectively. These same skills have similar value in other areas of the industry, offering a cross-industry value.

The identified employability skills are listed below. While familiar with each award offered by *Vision Colleges*, these skills are developed to a greater depth of competency for each succeeding award.

- Communication.
- Teamwork.
- Problem-solving.
- Initiative and enterprise.
- Planning and organising.
- Self-management.
- Learning.
- Technology.

Vocational Options and recognition of the courses

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Due to the diverse requirements of individual denominations, *Vision Colleges* cannot and does not offer or guarantee to any student or graduate any posting to any church or missions organisation. Such a determination is the role of the churches and or organisations to which they are applying.

Application and inquiries to these bodies must be made in person by the student/graduate.

Vocational Options Of The Course						
Job Role	Certificate III	Certificate IV	Diploma	Advanced Diploma	Vocational Graduate Certificate	Vocational Graduate Diploma
Ministry Worker	✓	✓				
Religious Instructor	✓	✓	✓			
Minister/Pastor		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Missionary Worker		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Work placements

It is helpful but not required for a student to be involved in a local church or community-based program under competent leadership.

The student should document their work experience for each unit to provide evidence of competencies.

Emphasis

The Certificate IV and the Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology can be taken with an emphasis in Chaplaincy or Christian Counselling.

To satisfy their study requirements the student will select alternative subjects from the *Vision Colleges* “Counselling Stream” for the doctrine subjects in the Cert IV or Diploma

To satisfy the study requirement for the elective units the student shall select alternative subjects from the Alternative Elective Units.

The decision of the Principal on the suitability of the choice will be final.

CERTIFICATE III IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND THEOLOGY

Certificate III is the first step in an exciting journey of discovery into the word of God and preparation for ministry. No study can impact the life of a person as the study and application of the Word of God. Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology is the platform that will launch you into a deeper and more exciting relationship with God, the church and his people.

Pre-requisites

There are no formal academic requirements for enrolling in Certificate III. However, knowledge of the English language sufficient to read your preferred version of the Bible is desirable.

The ability to complete the Formal Application form unaided demonstrates a sufficient level of formation skills.

An LL&N⁹ test may be required to determine eligibility to enter the course.

The course can be completed in one year as a Distance Education study program; the time frame is a guide only dependent on the student's capacity and the circumstances for study.

Government Support

Certificate III attracts Austudy, AbStudy and Youth Allowance for eligible Australian students.

The purposes of this course:

This course provides participants with entry-level knowledge and skills that deepens their understanding of Christian theology. They will be able to perform limited functions associated with serving in a Christian church group or ministry context:

- Knowledge of theological sources
- Understanding of theological information
- Understanding of Christian practice
- Skills to identify theological insights
- Ability to communicate theology effectively
- Qualify individuals to serve in church groups and other ministry contexts within a broad range of defined roles and in accordance with the values, procedures and practise guidelines of those church groups and Christian ministry contexts, or

To provide a pathway for further learning by progression to a higher level of qualifications developed in conjunction with this Course, particularly to the Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology.

Graduates of this course will have acquired knowledge related to fundamental, basic beliefs of church groups relevant to specific Christian ministry contexts.

The graduates of this course will also have gained skills consistent with the Certificate III AQF descriptor, such as the ability to:

- Interpret information related to basic Christian beliefs;
- Propose what actions are appropriate in a limited range of life and ministry situations based on interpretations about Christian beliefs;
- Provide some information related to Christian beliefs and understandings to some Christian and some non-Christian audiences;
- Fulfil relatively informal roles, and some more formal roles with higher expectations and requirements, within the Christian ministry sector.

⁹ See section on LL&N

Graduates of this course will demonstrate the application of the knowledge and skills they have gained:

- By using some discretion and judgement when advising others on possible courses of action in life or ministry-related situations;
- By adapting some approaches, they have gained by studying Christian concepts and beliefs to a limited range of subjects and topics.

The graduate will have factual, technical, procedural, and some theoretical knowledge of Christian Ministry and Theology and apply knowledge and skills to demonstrate autonomy and judgment and take limited responsibility in known and stable ministry contexts within established parameters. They will complete routine activities and provide and transmit solutions to predictable and sometimes unpredictable problems within a Christian Ministry environment.

Subjects have been selected to establish a sound biblical base and a secure ministry foundation. Our combination of theology and elective skills makes this the ideal starting point for students seeking to develop their skills for ministry.

The Christian Ministry and Theology qualifications are well designed and highly suitable for their purpose. They are broad and flexible enough for customisation while remaining specific for the Christian Ministry and Theology sector.

Certificate III is suited to:

The Certificate III Christian Ministry and Theology is higher within the education system than the Senior School Leaving Certificate.

It is the first year of formal Bible College study.

It is suitable for those students who:

- This course develops Christians' spiritual formation and growth through biblical studies and theological discourse. It equips them with the necessary skills to serve effectively in their local churches, para-church organisations and other Christian ministries.
- It is used to equip students for initial entry into ministry, internships, and service in their community, local churches and mission fields, resulting in improved ministry skills and knowledge for volunteers and entry-level ministry staff.
- To train men and women to share Jesus with the world.
- Provides an entrance point for young Christians who may want to learn more or move into ministry or further study in this field.
- It provides the essential foundations for biblical knowledge and literacy, theological frameworks and spiritual reflection.
- It increases familiarity with and interpretation of the scriptures, provides personal views and engages others outside the faith community.
- This course supports leaders and laypeople assisting in parishes in ministry and pastoral care to understand Christian Ministry and Theology. The course is a learning pathway for those who wish to pursue theology and ministry studies at University who may not have studied for a while.
- These qualifications are used as the equipping program for Church of Christ members, providing a training pathway to higher education for those aspiring to senior leadership and ministry roles.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members of the Uniting Church in Australia who are training for lay ministries (e.g. Pastor, lay preacher, etc.) undertake either Cert III or Cert IV in Christian Ministry and Theology. Students studying for ordained ministry must complete Cert IV and Diploma in Christian Ministry and Theology.
- It is used to train and develop young people in leadership, youth and church ministry.

The subjects

Theology subjects develop a sound foundation for Christian life and work. They assist Christians in growing in their knowledge of God and the scriptures, understanding their faith, and their ability to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

The elective subjects are appropriate for those who are:

- Starting formal involvement in church or ministry activities, or
- For those who are involved in ministry under the direct oversight of a mentor or staff member
- Are equally appropriate for those entering the secular workforce.

The student will complete the units as follow 6 Biblical Theology subjects, identified as “CMT” units and 2 Elective Units: Practical Theology

VIC has nominated subjects to satisfy the units.

Biblical Theology Subjects

Students are supplied with a textbook, assignments and complete instructions to complete the subject satisfactorily

- 1. Dynamic Christian Foundations.**
- 2. New Testament Survey.**
- 3. Great Words of the Gospel.**
- 4. Old Testament Survey.**
- 5. Faith Dynamics.**
- 6. Clothed with Power.**

Students may request alternative options for the theology subjects from the Principal or Registrar provided that the choice satisfied the requirement of the units. The decision of the Principal on the alternative will be final.

Elective Units: Practical Theology

See elective units: Practical Theology Cert III

- 1. Organise Ministry Priorities.**
- 2. Assisting Ministry Activities.**

There are two options to complete the elective units

1. Through our “Online Training Portal”. The portal provides the student with a comprehensive and interactive learning and training program. Various assignments are presented to teach and determine competency in the units required. Detailed instructions and access are provided to students by VIC as they enter into the subject.

A preview of the Vision Colleges Training Portal is available as the [Student User Guide](https://vimeo.com/354141555/1a83c2082e)
<https://vimeo.com/354141555/1a83c2082e>

2. If a student is unable to access the internet or is uncomfortable with online learning, the unit is available in hard copy as a workbook with written assignments

The minimum number of elective units to be undertaken for this award is two. The minimum nominal hours must not be less than 40, regardless of the subjects selected.

Students may request alternative subjects for the elective units from the elective options. See section **Elective Skills Units VIC**. The decision of the Principal on the choice will be final.

CERTIFICATE IV IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND THEOLOGY

Certificate IV Christian Ministry and Theology are suitable for those continuing from Certificate III or who enter into the course with advanced standing.

Certificate IV continues and extends a vibrant faith-building journey in the Word of God, developing a greater depth of understanding and relationship with God and his word.

Students continuing from Certificate III, Certificate IV builds on the themes, skills, and knowledge presented in Certificate III. Certificate III is not a pre-requisite for Certificate IV.

The course can be completed in one year as a Distance Education study program; the time frame is a guide only depending on the student's capacity and the circumstances for study.

Prerequisite:

There are no formal academic requirements to begin this course. However, a sound knowledge of the English language sufficient to read your preferred version of the Bible is desirable, along with an ability to demonstrate a reasonable understanding of the word of God and some verifiable ministry experience with a pastoral recommendation, or the Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology. An LL&N test may be required to determine eligibility to enter the course. Government Support

Government Support

Certificate IV attracts Austudy, AbStudy and Youth Allowance for eligible Australian students.

Purpose of the course

This course is intended to provide participants with a range of knowledge and skills to perform the following functions in a Christian ministry context:

- identify, interpret and compare information related to basic Christian beliefs
- provide information related to Christian beliefs and understandings to some Christian and some non-Christian audiences
- propose what actions are appropriate in a range of life and ministry situations based on interpretations of Christian beliefs

The graduate will have theoretical and practical knowledge of Christian Ministry and Theology. They will select and apply a broad range of knowledge and skills to a specific area or a broad field within Christian Ministry. They will be able to complete routine and non-routine activities and provide and transmit solutions to predictable and sometimes unpredictable problems within a Christian Ministry environment.

The purpose of this course is to either:

- qualify individuals to serve in church groups and other ministry contexts within a broad range of specialised roles and in accordance with the values, procedures and practice guidelines of those church groups and Christian ministry contexts
- provide a pathway for further learning by progression to a higher level of qualifications developed in conjunction with this Course, and in particular, to the Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology

Graduates of this course will have acquired broad knowledge related to fundamental beliefs of church groups and some knowledge of groups holding other views relevant to specific Christian ministry contexts.

The graduates of this course will also have gained skills consistent with the Certificate IV AQF descriptor, such as the ability to:

- identify, interpret and compare information related to basic Christian beliefs

- propose what actions are appropriate in a range of life and ministry situations based on interpretations of Christian beliefs
- provide information related to Christian beliefs and understandings to some Christian and some non-Christian audiences
- fulfil informal roles and more formal roles with some level of leadership and increasing expectations and requirements within the Christian ministry sector

Graduates of this Course will demonstrate the application of the knowledge and skills they have gained:

- by using considered judgement when advising others on possible courses of action in a range of life or ministry-related situations
- by adapting approaches they have attained to the study of Christian concepts and beliefs to a range of subjects and topics

Certificate IV is suited to:

Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology is an “Advanced Standing Entry Level” and is a pre-requisite for the Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology.

This course is suitable for those continuing with formal Bible College studies and or having some experience in ministry and are preparing for Christian ministry or service.

Subjects selected will further develop a sound biblical base and build upon an established ministry foundation. Our combination of theology and Elective skills make this the ideal course for those involved in and seeking to develop their formal ministry skills.

It is suitable for those students who:

- This course supports the development of Christians in their spiritual formation and growth through biblical studies and theological discourse. It equips them with the necessary skills to serve effectively in their local churches, para-church organisations and other Christian ministries.
- It is used to equip students for initial entry into ministry, internships, and service in their community, local churches and mission fields, resulting in improved ministry skills and knowledge for volunteers and entry-level ministry staff.
- To train men and women to share Jesus with the world
- The enterprise units are generic enough to provide a framework allowing relevant denominational information to be incorporated into the program.
- Provides an entrance point for Christians who may want to learn more or move into ministry or further study in this field.
- The Christian Ministry and Theology qualifications are very well designed, highly suitable for this purpose. They are broad and flexible enough for customisation while remaining specific enough for the Christian Ministry and Theology sector.
- It provides the essential foundations for biblical knowledge and literacy, theological frameworks and spiritual reflection.
- It increases familiarity and interpretation of the Scriptures, allows personal views, and engages others outside the faith community.

The subjects

The theology subjects continue to develop a sound understanding and depth of knowledge in the word of God for Christian life in their ability to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

The elective subjects are appropriate for someone already involved in a ministry with some responsibility while subject to pastoral oversight, such as a youth leader, women or men's ministry leader, other ministry department leader.

The student will complete the following units:

- 6 Units of Biblical Theology, identified as "CMT" units.
- 3 Elective Units: Practical Theology.

VIC has nominated subjects to satisfy the units. Students may request alternative subjects provided they fulfil the unit elements. The decision of the Principal on the substitution request is final.

Biblical Theology Subjects.

Students are supplied with a textbook, assignments and complete instructions to complete the subject satisfactorily

1. **Royal Priesthood**
2. **Authenticity and Authority of the Bible**
3. **Highly Exalted.**
4. **The Cross and the Crown**
5. **Christian Life**
6. **Equipped to Serve**

Students may request alternative options for the Theology subjects from the Principal or registrar provided that the choice satisfied the requirement of the units. The decision of the Principal on the choice will be final.

Elective Units: Practical Theology

See elective units: Practical Theology Cert IV

1. **Develop Ministry Priorities**
2. **Christian Communications I**
3. **Planning Ministry Activities**

There are two options to complete the elective units

1. Through our "Online Training Portal". The portal provides the student with a comprehensive and interactive learning and training program. Various assignments are presented to teach and determine competency in the units required. Detailed instructions and access are provided to students by VIC as they enter into the subject.

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2. If a student is unable to access the internet or is uncomfortable with online learning, the unit is available in hard copy as a workbook with written assignments

The minimum number of practical units to be undertaken for this award is three. The minimum nominal practicum hours must not be less than 80, regardless of the units selected.

Students may request alternative subjects for the elective units from the elective options. See the section **Elective Skills Units VIC**. The decision of the Principal on the choice will be final.

DIPLOMA OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND THEOLOGY

For students continuing from Certificate IV or who enter into the course with advanced standing, the Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology continues and extends their learning and skills development. It enhances faith in, and understanding of God's Word and will strengthen their ministry at a local and corporate level.

The course can be completed in one year as a Distance Education study program; the time frame is a guide only depending on the student's capacity and study circumstances.

The course includes a broad range of challenging, faith-building, and biblically-based studies relevant for personal, pastoral, church and community life.

Students will learn to apply biblical principles to their daily lives and explain and share those Christian truths with others.

Pre-requisites

Preferred:

- Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology or similar bible college studies and or
- A minimum of two years of verifiable ministry experience with a pastoral recommendation and or
- The ability to demonstrate a sound understanding of the Word of God.

Purpose of the course

This course is intended to provide participants with a range of knowledge and skills to perform the following functions within a Christian ministry context:

- Interpret, analyse and apply integrated concepts related to Christian beliefs;
- Provide considered information and ideas related to Christian beliefs and teachings to Christian and non-Christian audiences;
- Provide leadership to Christians based on demonstrated understanding of Christianity.

Graduates will be able to apply integrated theoretical concepts and skills related to theological beliefs of church groups and knowledge of groups holding other views relevant to Christian ministry contexts.

The purpose of this course is to either:

- Qualify individuals to serve and lead in church groups and other ministry contexts within a broad range of specialised independent roles and in accordance with the values, procedures and practice guidelines of those church groups and Christian ministry contexts, or
- To provide a pathway for further learning by progression to a higher level of qualifications developed in conjunction with this course, and in particular, to the Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology

Graduates of this course will have acquired specialised knowledge related to the beliefs of church groups and an understanding of groups holding other views relevant to Christian ministry contexts.

Graduates of this course will also have gained skills consistent with the Diploma AQF descriptor, such as the ability to:

- Analyse information related to Christian beliefs
- Provide guidance and leadership in a range of life and ministry situations based on more advanced interpretations of Christian beliefs
- Provide considered information related to Christian beliefs and understandings to some Christian and some non-Christian audiences
- Provide solutions to some complex theological problems

- Fulfil more formal roles with increasing leadership responsibilities, expectations and requirements, within the Christian ministry sector

Graduates of this Course will demonstrate the application of the knowledge and skills they have gained:

- By more independent judgement when advising others on possible courses of action in a range of life or ministry-related situations
- By applying more advanced, flexible approaches, they have gained to the study of Christian concepts and beliefs to a broad range of advanced subjects and topics
- Take responsibility for ministry situations with changing contexts within general organisational parameters

The Diploma is suited to:

The Diploma is preferred for those engaged in or preparing for pastoral ministry. It is expected but not required that students work in decision-making roles while answerable to a senior minister. They may be involved in church or Christian work and service at an eldership, Assistant Pastor or Pastoral ministry;

- This course supports the development of Christians in their spiritual formation and growth through biblical studies and theological discourse. It equips them with the necessary skills to serve effectively in their local churches, para-church organisations and other Christian ministries.
- It is used to equip students for initial entry into ministry, internships, and service in their community, local churches and mission fields, resulting in improved ministry skills and knowledge for volunteers and entry-level ministry staff.
- To train men and women to share Jesus with the world.
- Provides an entrance point for Christians who may want to move into ministry or further study in this field.
- The Christian Ministry and Theology qualifications are very well designed, highly suitable for this purpose. They are broad and flexible enough for customisation while remaining specific enough for the Christian Ministry and Theology sector.
- It provides the essential foundations for biblical knowledge and literacy, theological frameworks and spiritual reflection.
- It increases familiarity and interpretation of the Scriptures, allows personal views, and engages others outside the faith community.

The subjects

The Theology subjects continue to develop a sound understanding and depth of knowledge. They require a more significant level of research in the word of God to strengthen their Christian life and ability to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

The elective subjects are appropriate for someone involved in ministry at a senior level, such as the pastor or seeking to be qualified for a pastoral ministry.

The student will complete the following units –

- 6 Units of Biblical Theology, identified as “CMT” units.
- 4 Elective Units: Practical Theology

VIC has nominated subjects to satisfy the units. Students may request alternative subjects provided they fulfil the unit elements. The decision of the Principal on the substitution request is final.

Biblical Theology Subjects.

Students are supplied with a textbook, assignments and complete instructions to complete the subject satisfactorily

1. **The Blood Covenant of God.**
2. **Principles of Praise and Worship.**
3. **Treasures from Paul Corinthians.**
4. **The Church.**
5. **Dazzling Secrets for Despondent Saints.**
6. **Understanding your Bible.**

Students may request alternative options for the Theology subjects from the Principal or Registrar provided that the choice satisfied the requirement of the units. The decision of the Principal on the choice will be final.

Elective Units: Practical Theology

See elective units: Practical Theology Diploma

1. **Administration in the local Church.**
2. **Christian Communications II.**
3. **Networking for ministry.**
4. **Church and Ministry Safety.**

There are two options to complete the elective units

1. Through our “Online Training Portal”. The portal provides the student with a comprehensive and interactive learning and training program. Various assignments are presented to teach and determine competency in the units required. Detailed instructions and access are provided to students by VIC as they enter into the subject.

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2. If a student is unable to access the internet or is uncomfortable with online learning, the unit is available in hard copy as a workbook with written assignments

The minimum number of practical units to be undertaken for this award is 4. The minimum nominal practicum hours must not be less than 190, regardless of the units selected.

Students may request alternative subjects for the elective units from the elective options. See section **Elective Skills Units VIC**. The decision of the Principal on the choice will be final.

ADVANCED DIPLOMA OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND THEOLOGY

For those continuing from the Diploma or who enter into the course with advanced standing, the Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology continues to extend the skills, learning, and development of faith in and understanding of God's word. It will provide for growth for their ministry and at a corporate level.

The course can be completed in one year as a Distance Education study program; the time frame is a guide only depending on the student's capacity and the circumstances for study.

The course includes a broad range of challenging, faith-building, and biblically-based studies relevant for personal, pastoral, church and community life. Students will learn to apply biblical principles to their daily lives and explain and share those Christian truths with others.

Pre-requisites

Candidates undertaking this Advanced Diploma will have:

- completed the core units of the Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology or have gained equivalent learning from other sources; or
- at least twelve months' experience in a Christian ministry role.

Candidates will also require language, literacy and numeracy skills to interpret complex documents, prepare written reports and communicate complex issues orally.

An appropriate level of language, literacy and numeracy skills would be ACSF level two (2) in numeracy, three (3) in reading and writing, and four (4) in learning and oral communication.

Purpose of the course

This course is intended to provide participants with a range of knowledge and skills to fulfil the following functions within a Christian ministry context:

- Interpret and synthesise information related to a range of Christian beliefs
- Provide general guidance concerning difficult questions and complex problems in Christian ministry situations based on interpretations of Christian beliefs
- Provide leadership in a defined area within the Christian Ministry sector.
- Graduates of this course will have acquired broad specialised and integrated knowledge related to theological and contextual beliefs of church groups and advanced understanding of groups holding other views relevant to Christian ministry contexts.

Graduates of this course will have acquired broad specialised and integrated knowledge related to theological and contextual beliefs of church groups and advanced expertise of groups holding other views relevant to Christian ministry contexts.

The purpose of this course is to:

- Qualify individuals to lead in church groups and other ministry contexts within a broad and diverse range of specialised independent roles and in accordance with the values, procedures and practice guidelines of those church groups and Christian ministry contexts; and/or
- Provide a pathway for further learning by progression to a higher level of qualifications developed in conjunction with this Course, particularly to the Graduate Certificate in Christian Ministry and Theology.

The graduates of this course will also have gained skills consistent with the Advanced Diploma AQF descriptor, such as the ability to:

- analyse and synthesise into a piece of relevant form information related to a range of Christian beliefs

- provide specialist advice, guidance and leadership in a broad range of life and ministry situations based on advanced interpretations about Christian theological and contextual beliefs, including providing solutions to unpredictable and complex problems
- provide advanced knowledge related to Christian beliefs and understandings to Christian and non-Christian audiences
- fulfil formal leadership with attending responsibilities, expectations and requirements, within the Christian ministry sector

Graduates of this Course will demonstrate the application of the knowledge and skills they have gained:

- by autonomous judgement when advising others on possible courses of action in a broad range of life or ministry-related situations
- by applying advanced, flexible and applied approaches they have gained to the study of Christian concepts and beliefs to a broad range of advanced subjects and topics

The Advanced Diploma is suited to:

Generally speaking, the Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology is a preferred option for those involved in, preparing for, or seeking qualifications for ministry. It is expected but not required to be unsupervised in a senior decision-making capacity.

- This course supports the development of Christians in their spiritual formation and growth through biblical studies and theological discourse. It equips them with the necessary skills to serve effectively in their local churches, para-church organisations and other Christian ministries.
- It is used to equip students for entry into ministry, and service in their community, local churches and mission fields, resulting in improved ministry skills and knowledge for volunteers and ministry staff.
- The Christian Ministry and Theology qualifications are well designed and highly suitable for this purpose. They are broad and flexible enough for customisation while remaining specific enough for the Christian Ministry and Theology sector.
- It provides the foundations for biblical knowledge and literacy, theological frameworks and spiritual reflection.
- It increases familiarity with, and interpretation of the Scriptures, allows for personal views and focuses on engaging others outside the faith community.
- This course supports leaders and lay people assisting in parishes in ministry and pastoral care to have a deeper understanding of Christian Ministry and Theology. The course provides a learning pathway for those who wish to pursue theology and ministry studies at University who may not have studied for a while.
- These qualifications are used as the equipping program church members, providing a training pathway to higher education for those aspiring to senior leadership and ministry roles.
- It is used to train and develop young people in leadership, youth and church ministry.
- This product is used to train people for lay and ordained ministry in the Anglican Church. The Advanced Diploma is to equip and train ordained ministers.
- This course is used to equip team leaders for a variety of Christian ministry contexts

The Subjects

The Theology subjects continue to develop a sound understanding and depth of knowledge. Units are studied at greater depth, more detailed written work is required, and a greater emphasis on ministry skills development.

The elective subjects are appropriate for someone involved in ministry at a senior level, such as the pastor or seeking to be qualified for a pastoral level of ministry

The student will complete the following units –

- 6 Units of Biblical Theology, identified as “CMT” units.
- 4 Elective Units: Practical Theology

VIC has nominated subjects to satisfy the units. Students may request alternative subjects provided they satisfy the unit elements. The decision of the Principal on the substitution request is final.

Biblical Theology Subjects.

Students are supplied with a textbook, assignments and complete instructions to complete the subject satisfactorily

1. **Songs to Live By**
2. **The World’s Greatest Story**
3. **Marriage and Family I: Marriage and Family Life**
4. **When the Trumpet Sounds**
5. **Throne Rights**
6. **Marriage and Family II: Parenting on Purpose**

Students may request alternative options for the Theology subjects from the Principal or Registrar provided that the choice satisfied the requirement of the units. The decision of the Principal on the choice will be final.

Elective Units: Practical Theology

See elective units: Practical Theology Advanced Diploma

1. **Manage Developing Ministry**
2. **Establish a Ministry**
3. **Ministry Relevance and Research.**
4. **Leading the Ministry Team**

There are two options to complete the elective units

1. Through our “Online Training Portal”. The portal provides the student with a comprehensive and interactive learning and training program. Various assignments are presented to teach and determine competency in the units required. Detailed instructions and access are provided to students by VIC as they enter into the subject.

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2. If a student is unable to access the internet or is uncomfortable with online learning, the unit is available in hard copy as a workbook with written assignments

The minimum number of practical units to be undertaken for this award is 4. The minimum nominal practicum hours must not be less than 380, regardless of the units selected.

Students may request alternative subjects for the elective units from the elective options; see section **Elective Skills Units VIC**. The decision of the Principal on the alternative choice will be final.

It is helpful, but not required, for a student to be involved in a local church or community-based program under qualified leadership and document their work experience completed for each unit to assist in establishing competencies

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND THEOLOGY

Those who are continuing from the Advance Diploma or entering into the course with advanced standing the Graduate Certificate of Christian Ministry and Theology continues to develop their skills, enhances their faith in and understanding God's word towards a more prosperous ministry.

The course can be completed in one year as a Distance Education study program; the time frame is a guide only depending on the student's capacity and study circumstances.

The Graduate Certificate is designed for those in senior ministry roles. It builds on their skills developed from the Advanced Diploma. Issues are studied at a greater depth bringing fascinating insights into the learning processes

Pre-requisites

Entrants to the Graduate Certificate in Ministry and Theology must have either:

- Completed all core units required to complete the Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology, or
- Hold an accredited undergraduate degree or higher qualification or equivalent qualification.

Candidates will also require language, literacy and numeracy skills to interpret complex documents, prepare written reports and communicate complex issues orally. An appropriate level of language, literacy and numeracy skills would be ACSF level two (2) in numeracy, four (4) in reading and writing, and five (5) in learning and oral communication.

The purpose of this course is to either:

This course is intended to provide participants with a range of knowledge and skills to perform the following functions in a Christian ministry context:

- provide specialised knowledge related to Christian beliefs and understandings
- provide technical guidance in a range of life and ministry situations based on interpretations of Christian beliefs
- provide broad leadership within the Christian ministry sector

Graduates of this course will acquire advanced knowledge and skills for professional and highly skilled work related to the theological and contextual beliefs of church groups and groups holding other views and which apply to Christian ministry contexts.

Qualify individuals for autonomous senior leadership in church groups and other ministry contexts according to the values, procedures and guidelines of those church groups and Christian ministry contexts

Provide a pathway for further learning by progression to a higher level of qualifications developed in conjunction with this Course, particularly to the Graduate Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology.

The graduates of this course will also have gained advanced cognitive, technical and communication skills consistent with the Graduate Certificate AQF descriptor, such as the ability to:

- analyse, synthesise and consolidate into a relevant form of information related to a complex and diverse range of Christian beliefs
- provide specialised guidance and leadership in a broad range of life and ministry situations based on advanced interpretations about Christian theological and contextual beliefs
- provide technical knowledge related to Christian beliefs and understandings within Christian and non-Christian settings

Graduates of this course will demonstrate the application of the knowledge and skills they have gained:

- by advanced autonomous judgement in advising others on courses of action in a broad range of life, ministry, or educational settings

- by taking responsibility as a skilled practitioner in an uncontrolled ministry environment
- by applying advanced, flexible and applied approaches they have gained to the study of Christian concepts and beliefs to a broad range of advanced subjects and topics

The Graduate Certificate is suited to:

- Generally speaking, this award is designed to meet the ongoing educational needs of those who function at a senior ministry level or aspire to do so. The award builds on skills and learning from the Advanced Diploma. Units are studied at greater depth. More detailed written work is required, and there is a greater emphasis on ministry skills development and research. It should meet the needs of people who
- This course supports leaders and laypeople assisting in parishes in ministry and pastoral care to understand Christian Ministry and Theology. We regard the courses as a learning pathway for those who wish to pursue theology and ministry studies at University who may not have studied for a while.
- These qualifications are used as the equipping program for Church of Christ members, providing a training pathway to higher education for those aspiring to senior leadership and ministry roles.
- It is used to train and develop young people in leadership, youth and church ministry.
- Our organisation has a residential discipleship course with four main goals: for our students to develop their relationship with the Lord Jesus, enhance their knowledge of the Bible, develop skills in ministry, and capture a vision for World Mission.
- This course is used to equip team leaders for a variety of Christian ministry contexts
- These qualifications are used as the equipping program for members of various denominations, providing a training pathway to higher education for those aspiring to senior leadership and ministry roles.

The subjects

The Theology subjects continue to develop a sound understanding and depth of knowledge in the word of God for Christian life in their ability to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

The elective subjects are appropriate for someone involved in ministry at a senior pastoral level with independent decision-making responsibility.

The student will complete the following unit –

- 3 Units of Biblical Theology, identified as “CMT” units.
- 2 Elective Units: Practical Theology.

VIC has nominated subjects to satisfy the “CMT” units and the Practical Ministry Skills units. However, students may request alternative subjects if appropriate. The decision of the Principal on the substitution request is final.

Biblical Theology Subjects.

- 1. Pastoral Epistles**
- 2. History of the Charismatic Movement**
- 3. The Christian and Old Testament Theology**

Due to the research nature of this level of study students are required to purchase study books and resources to complete the course from a wide range of options.

Elective Units: Practical Theology

See elective units: Practical Theology Graduate Certificate

- 1. Conflict Management**

2. Managing a Ministry.

There are two options to complete the elective units

1. Through our “Online Training Portal”. The portal provides the student with a comprehensive and interactive learning and training program. Various assignments are presented to teach and determine competency in the units required. Detailed instructions and access are provided to students by VIC as they enter into the subject.

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2. If a student is unable to access the internet or is uncomfortable with online learning, the unit is available in hard copy as a workbook with written assignments

The minimum number of practical units to be undertaken for this award is 2. The minimum nominal practicum hours must not be less than 120, regardless of the units selected.

Students may request alternative options for the elective units from, see section **Elective Skills Units VIC**. The decision of the Principal on the choice will be final.

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND THEOLOGY

Those who are continuing from the **Graduate Certificate** or entering into the course with advanced standing the Graduate **Diploma** of Christian Ministry and Theology continues to develop **their** skills enhancing their faith in and understanding God's word towards a more prosperous ministry.

The course can be completed in one year as a Distance Education study program; the time frame is a guide only depending on the student's capacity and study circumstances.

The Graduate Certificate is designed for those in senior ministry roles. It builds on their skills developed from the Advanced Diploma. Issues are studied at a greater depth bringing fascinating insights into the learning processes

Prerequisite:

Entrants to the Graduate Diploma of Ministry and Theology must have either:

- Completed all core units required to complete the Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology OR
- Hold a recognised Australian undergraduate degree or higher qualification or equivalent overseas qualification.

The purpose of this course

The purpose of this course is to either:

- qualify individuals for autonomous and senior leadership in church groups and other ministry contexts in accordance with the values, procedures and practise guidelines of those church groups and Christian ministry contexts, or
- to provide a pathway for further learning by progression to higher level qualifications

The graduates of this course will also have gained advanced cognitive, technical and communication skills consistent with the Graduate Diploma AQF descriptor, such as the ability to:

- analyse, synthesise and consolidate into a relevant form of information related to a complex and diverse range of Christian beliefs
- provide specialised guidance and leadership in a broad range of life and ministry situations based on advanced interpretations about Christian theological and contextual beliefs
- provide technical knowledge related to Christian beliefs and understandings within Christian and non-Christian settings

Graduates of this course will demonstrate the application of the knowledge and skills they have gained:

- by advanced autonomous judgement in advising others on courses of action in a broad range of life, ministry, or educational settings
- by taking responsibility as a skilled practitioner in an uncontrolled ministry environment
- by applying advanced, flexible and applied approaches they have gained to the study of Christian concepts and beliefs to a broad range of advanced subjects and topics

The Graduate Diploma suited to:

This course supports the development of Christians in their spiritual formation and growth through biblical studies and theological discourse. It equips them with the necessary skills to serve effectively in their local churches, para-church organisations and other Christian ministries.

- It is used to equip students for ministry and service in their community, local churches and mission fields, resulting in improved ministry skills and knowledge.
- To train men and women to share Jesus with the world.

- The Christian Ministry and Theology qualifications are very well designed and highly suitable for this purpose. They are broad and flexible enough for customisation while remaining specific enough for the Christian Ministry and Theology sector.
- It provides the foundations for biblical knowledge and literacy, theological frameworks and spiritual reflection.
- It increases familiarity with, and interpretation of the Scriptures, allows for personal views and focuses on engaging others outside the faith community.
- Provide foundational studies in biblical studies, theology and ministry at a graduate level for the professional who has a call to a church in the commercial marketplace or for those wanting to fulfil their dream in ministry

This course supports leaders and laypeople assisting in parishes in ministry and pastoral care to have a deeper understanding of Christian Ministry and Theology. We regard the courses as a learning pathway for those who wish to pursue theology and ministry studies at University who may not have studied for a while.

These qualifications are used as the equipping program for members of various Churches and denominations, providing a training pathway to higher education for those aspiring to senior leadership and ministry roles.

This course is used to equip leaders for a variety of Christian ministry contexts

The subjects

The student will be required to purchase study books to complete the course from various options with other universities.

The elective subjects are appropriate for someone involved in ministry with some responsibility while subject to pastoral oversight, such as a youth leader; women or men's ministry leader; other ministry department leader;

The student will complete the following unit –

- 3 Units of Biblical Theology, identified as “CMT” units.
- 2 Elective Units: Practical Theology.

VIC has nominated subjects to satisfy the units. Students may request alternative subjects provided they satisfy the unit elements. The decision of the Principal on the substitution request is final.

Biblical Theology Subjects.

- 1. Christian Life and Evangelical Spiritual Theology**
- 2. Christian Ethics A Biblical Theology of Morality**
- 3. The Missionary Encounter with World Religions**

Due to the research nature of this level of study, students are required to purchase study books and resources to complete the course from a wide range of options..

Elective Units: Practical Theology

See elective units: Practical Theology Graduate Diploma

- 1. Advanced Ministry Research**
- 2. Developing ministry partnerships**

There are two options to complete the elective units

- 1.** Through our “Online Training Portal”. The portal provides the student with a comprehensive and interactive learning and training program. Various assignments are presented to teach and determine competency in the units required. Detailed instructions and access are provided to students by VIC as they enter into the subject.

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2. If a student is unable to access the internet or is uncomfortable with online learning, the unit is available in hard copy as a workbook with written assignments

The minimum number of practical units to be undertaken for this award is 2. The minimum nominal practicum hours must not be less than 80, regardless of the units selected.

Students may request alternative options for the elective units from, see section **Elective Skills Units VIC**. The decision of the Principal on the choice will be final.

VIC “CMT” UNIT SUBJECTS

The VIC subjects in the table below meet the requirements of the “CMT” units. A student may discuss with the Principal an alternative subject from the range of subjects offered by VIC, provided that the alternative subject satisfies the requirements of the “CMT” unit.

Code	Unit Title
CMTTHE301	<p>Research Christian Scripture and Theology Dynamic Christian Foundations</p> <p>This module is designed to instruct the student in the basic foundations of Christian doctrine and of the gospel. The textbook covers the essential truths upon which a Christian life is built with a charismatic and/or Pentecostal dimension. It comprises both the heart of the message of eternal life in Christ that we bring to the world, and the foundation upon which all believers structure their lives and ministry.</p>
CMTTHE302	<p>Interpret theological data Identify theological data Basic Bible Survey New Testament</p> <p>This module provides an overview of the New Testament, with a brief introduction to each of the 27 books of the Protestant canon, and a concise summary of their contents, enabling the learner to correctly relate the parts of the New Testament to each other, and to the Old Testament. The module allows the learners to enrich their knowledge of the Bible and their ability to read each part intelligently, with an understanding of the context in which each book occurs and of how doctrine evolved gradually over the centuries. Armed with this knowledge, students are able to develop their ability to relate the Bible and its contents to daily life and to Christian witness.</p>
CMTTHE303	<p>Present information on a theological theme or issue Great Words Of The Gospel</p> <p>An introduction to the Christian theology of salvation. The purpose of this book is to mine the riches of salvation by digging into some of the key words scripture uses to describe its benefits. Hence the title, “<i>Great Words of the Gospel.</i>” So you will not find here a comprehensive search through salvation; rather, the course searches out several of the brighter veins of gospel ore.</p>
CMTTHE304	<p>Apply new theological insight Basic Bible Survey Old Testament</p> <p>This module provides an overview of the Old Testament, with a brief introduction to each of the 39 books, and a concise summary of their contents, enabling the learner correctly to relate the parts of the Old Testament to each other, and to the New Testament. The module allows learners to enrich their knowledge of the Bible and their ability to read each part intelligently, with an understanding of the context in which each book occurs and of how doctrine evolved gradually over the centuries. Armed with this knowledge, students are able to develop their ability to relate the Bible and its contents to daily life and to Christian witness</p>
CMTMIN301	<p>Apply theological knowledge to contemporary ethical issues Faith Dynamics</p> <p>The purpose of this module is to help students to discover, understand, and appropriate the promises of God that are recorded in the Bible. Attention is given to the context in which each promise occurs, the right and wrong use of the promises, and to recognising the various fallacies that are often attached to the divine promise. Other sources of diverse promises are discussed, along with ways to guard against being misled by false influences. Students should emerge from this study strengthened in faith, and better able to live in the VIC tory, strength, and divine supply that are inherent in the promises of God and in a life of faith.</p>
CMTMIN302	<p>Communicate theology in everyday language Clothed With Power</p> <p>A presentation of the Pentecostal position on Holy Spirit baptism. The position taken generally represents the Pentecostal and Charismatic viewpoints hovering somewhere between the more extreme views taken on either side. This position on Holy Spirit baptism, the gifts of the Spirit, depends upon establishing four things – 1. there is available to every Christian an <i>experience</i> known as “<i>Holy Spirit baptism</i>”; 2. new birth and the baptism in the Spirit are separate and distinct although they may occur simultaneously; 3. that speaking in tongues is the usual initial evidence that a person has been baptised in the Spirit; and 4. that the miraculous gifts of the Spirit of the early church are still available and occurring in the worship of the modern church.</p>

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CMTTHE401	<p>Interpret and discuss Christian Scripture and Theology Royal Priesthood The priesthood of every believer is perhaps the most important doctrine in the New Testament, and certainly the most revolutionary. Although it stands plainly written on every page of the gospel it remains one of the most difficult truths to penetrate because it defies the common ideas most people have about religion and calls for a breathtaking boldness of faith in approaching the throne of God that will surely transform the student by recognising the Royal Priesthood God has given to us in Christ.</p>
CMTTHE402	<p>Interpret theological data Authenticity and Authority of the Bible This module provides an introduction to the documentary and historical evidence of the reliability of the biblical writings. Out of an acceptance of the <i>authenticity</i> of the Bible arises a need to confront its claims of <i>authority</i>. This module provides also a brief introduction to the <i>canon</i> of scripture – what we mean by the canon, how it came into being, how the canonical books were recognised, and the like</p>
CMTTHE403	<p>Compare and present information on a theological theme or issue Highly Exalted The Saviour's heavenly priesthood is itself a product of the great event that climaxed his passion; that is, his ascension into heaven and his resumption of his seat at the right hand of the Father. The first three chapters of the book deal with the ascension of Christ; the remainder with his role as our High Priest in the heavenlies.</p>
CMTTHE404	<p>Compare and apply new theological insights The Cross And The Crown This course is a close companion to another VCC series, Emmanuel. But whereas that series deals with the person of Christ, this deals with the work of Christ. Especially, with the historical work of Christ, and even more particularly with the events surrounding his passion – that is, the crucifixion and the resurrection.</p>
CMTMIN401	<p>Explain the application of Christian ethics to contemporary life issues Christian Life This module explores diverse views of Christian life, from the very pious to the very pragmatic, from quietism to activism, and from the formulaic to the flexible. Students are left free to select a life-style that they deem the most conformable with scripture in harmony with their own personality, character, and background. Special emphasis is placed upon the need to maintain a balance (“moderation in all things,” as Paul calls it), and upon the manner in which devout Christians should relate to themselves, to their neighbours, to the larger community, and to God.</p>
CMTMIN402	<p>Communicate theological information Equipped To Serve This module should bring the student to an understanding of the role of the charismata in the church past and present, and in contemporary worship and witness. Various gifts of the Spirit are described in detail, but always with the aim of incorporating the charismata into both the life of the church and the believer's personal life. The purpose and value of the charismata are presented, along with examples of both wise and foolish use of these wonderful gifts. A rich experience of the charismata should be the heritage of every local church, and of its members, for by the gifts of the Holy Spirit the church is able to become to its community as if Jesus himself were present in the flesh.</p>
CMTTHE501	<p>Analyse and interpret Christian Scripture and Theology The Blood Covenant Of God This module is one of the major themes of the whole Bible. It seeks to present this splendid concept succinctly and vividly. From ancient human history until our recent past, Blood Covenant was the single most common and effective manner of formalising relations between nations and peoples or of bringing about peace between warring nations and tribes. While the terminology has been lost to us over the last 200 years, the principles are still effective. This study is built around the Blood Covenant ceremony from ancient times as found in the Amarna Tablets and other records and seeks to show that Blood Covenant is a biblical concept, comparing it with the ancient ceremony and the biblical Blood Covenant ceremony, and shows the continuing relevance of the Blood Covenant between God and man today.</p>

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CMTTHE502	<p>Analyse and interpret theological data Principles Of Praise And Worship In the study of Praise and Worship, believers will discover the joy of moving into God's presence and releasing their spirits in all of the powerful, fresh, biblical expressions of high praise and intimate worship with God. By the truths revealed in this book, believers will become daily worshippers of God. Powerful breakthroughs in the Spirit will occur in the lives of all who will "draw near to God" with a new determination to release their body, soul and spirit to experience all that is revealed in these powerful, life-changing studies.</p>
CMTTHE503	<p>Research and analyse information within a theological theme or issue Corinthians: Treasures from Paul This module provides an outline commentary on Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. The aim is to equip the student to serve God and the church better by gaining deeper insight into the special truths highlighted in this great letter and to give substantial answers to the issue of divorce and to the question of whether or not re-marriage is allowable after divorce. The approach taken is generous rather than legalistic, compassionate not sternly unyielding while room is left for students to make their own decisions on the rightness of the arguments presented.</p>
CMTTHE504	<p>Analyse and apply new theological insights The Church This module offers a balanced and thoroughly biblical ecclesiology, or doctrine of the church. It examines various models of church structure and points to the strengths and weaknesses of each model. It defines the major sacraments and explores the relationship that each believer should have, both with the local and the universal church. Attention is given to church government, the officers of the church, the ministry gifts that Christ has planted in the church, and to the biblical types and descriptions of the church. On completion, students should have a clear grasp both of what the church is and what it is not, of their proper place in the church, of the purpose Christ has for his church, of the present day task of the church, and of its destiny in the coming eternal kingdom.</p>
CMTMIN501	<p>Facilitate personal or social change through the application of theological ideas Dazzling Secrets For Despondent Saints. This module examines some of the issues that are associated with depression, disappointment and seeming failure. What is the best remedy for depression? How can Christians maintain a life of continual <i>VIC</i> tory? These pages will present some key ideas that can lift people out of the gloomy pit and keep them living in the sunshine of God's love. You may not need help for yourself; yet there are probably people around you who <i>are</i> hurting. With these keys in your hand, you may be able to help them escape from darkness and come into light.</p>
CMTMIN502	<p>Present theological beliefs and their implications Understanding Your Bible This book by Ken Chant explores how our Bible came into being in its present form; its inspiration, authority and authorship. It presents the differences between the Bible and sacred books of other religions. It provides a consistent and coherent rule of interpretation that can be applied anywhere in the Bible. How can we bring our lives into harmony with the Bible unless we know what it teaches? And how shall I know what it teaches without a sound rule of interpretation? The Bible remains ineffective until it is both <i>intelligently read</i> and <i>wisely understood</i>, which is the task of good <i>hermeneutics</i> and the purpose of this book.</p>
CMTTHE601	<p>Analyse and critique Christian theology Songs To Live By We can trust without any qualm the power of the <i>Psalms</i> to rescue us from the venom of that old viper Satan. Here, in Israel's sacred songs, is a divine antivenin for all the Serpent's poison. Those who read the <i>Psalms</i>, and reflect upon them continually, will find their promise fulfilled. These are truly "songs to live by", which will quicken in you a new interest in the <i>Psalter</i>; and a desire to know more about it. The first part of this book deals with the psalmody of Israel, and the second half builds on Israel's worship experience and explores some aspects of worship in the church, along with practical issues of the art and ministry of leading others in worship</p>

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CMTTHE602	<p>Critique the interpretation of theological data The Worlds Greatest Story This book deals with the most amazing period of Church History, <i>the first 1000 years</i>, with some intrusions into the second period, followed by a brief survey of the second millennium. The concentration is on the first ten centuries, (a) because most people are ignorant of what happened during those years; and (b) because the story they tell must surely be the world's most dramatic tale. The adventures of the new church ran the gamut of human experience, rising and falling between lofty nobility and squalid ignominy. Here we see people collapsing from grandeur into disgrace, or rising from basest cowardice to incredible bravery. Here we find chronicles of love and hate, laughter and tears, triumph and defeat, VIC and virtue, greed and generosity, failure and success. The finest and the foulest of human behaviour lie in the annals of the church; but in the end love and grace prevail, and Christ gains honour from his people</p>
CMTTHE603	<p>Apply critical analysis to a theological theme or issue Marriage And Family I: Marriage And Family Life The biblical approach to marriage and family relations is the focus of this book. Most believers are ill prepared to deal with the problems of married life and the responsibility of raising a family. This book lays a solid foundation for positive family life</p>
CMTTHE604	<p>Critique new insights on theological information When The Trumpet Sounds The author writes, "My aim has not been to convince you so much as to inform you. I have tried to present clearly both those aspects of eschatology on which evangelical Christians agree and also those on which they disagree. I do not personally belong to any particular "school" of prophecy; nonetheless, I do have a viewpoint on the subject, and this book necessarily presents that view. However, I hope my own opinions are not too intrusive, and that you will find space here to formulate your own ideas. Your study of these pages should be exciting and rewarding. Even more, may they leave you better fitted to meet the Lord with joy when he comes!"</p>
CMTMIN601	<p>Synthesise theological ideas and apply these to specific personal or community issues Throne Rights The basic theme of this course is answered prayer and spiritual authority. That may seem on the surface to be a simple theme. But, as the author says, "having now completed the series I am conscious once again that I have done little more than fumble with the fringes of my subject. The following pages could hardly be considered anything more than a wondering learner's introduction to the exciting matters with which they deal. Nonetheless, I hope that you will find here much encouragement for your faith, and that the result of your studies will be a richer experience, not just of prayer itself, but of <i>answered</i> prayer. Not all prayer is answered. But the right kind of prayer, prayed by the right person, in the right way, and to the right God, always is!"</p>
CMTMIN602	<p>Communicate theology in depth Marriage And Family Life II – Parenting on Purpose This book attempts to succinctly yet fully provide for the reader a clear understanding of how purposefully, with goal and direction, to raise children in this complex world. The combined wisdom of over twenty years of counselling troubled families, mixed with biblical wisdom are shared with a dash of humour and a spot of realism. Remember, if perfect parenting was a requirement for anything, even God would fail the test!</p>
CMTTHE801	<p>Examine and compare Scripture and theology The Pastoral Epistles Perhaps the greatest need in the Christian community today is for biblical leadership. However, there are different views on leadership issues, such as: What are the responsibilities of ministerial leaders? Who is qualified for pastoral leadership? Can women serve as pastors? This course identifies biblical answers to crucial leadership questions from Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus. Stott walks students through an exegetical analysis of these letters and shares insights from the historical background and the Greek New Testament. Throughout the course, learners are guided in applying the theology of the pastoral epistles to life and ministry.</p>

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CMTTHE802	<p>Analyse information within a theological theme or issue History of the Charismatic Movements Charismatic theology is more than just a theology of spiritual gifts; worship, bibliology, sanctification, and ecclesiology are also central. Learners will complete a historical and theological study of the origins and developments of Classical Pentecostalism, Charismatic Renewalism, and Restoration Movements, emphasis is given to theological backgrounds and trends. Lectures also analyze related movements, such as the Jesus Only Movement, the Vineyard Movement, and the Toronto Revival Movement. The pros and cons of various charismatic movements are presented.</p>
CMTMIN801	<p>Develop specialised understanding of concepts about God in relation to Christian life and leadership The Christian & Old Testament Theology This course examines the foundational theology of the Old Testament as applied to the New Testament and the church. It also identifies the focal point for the Old and New Testaments and discusses the continuity and discontinuity between the Testaments concerning: saving faith, the people of God, the Law, worship, atonement, the kingdom of God, the Messiah, and the new covenant. Throughout the course, Kaiser examines how Old Testament theology is vital to contemporary Christian living.</p>
CMTTHE803	<p>Research and assess theological beliefs NT502 The Pastoral Epistles The course NT502 The Pastoral Epistles examines, among other issues on the greatest need in the Christian community today is Biblical leadership. Throughout the world, churches struggle with numerous issues because they lack relevant and effective leadership. A good leader possesses godly character, sound doctrine, and Biblical priorities. Yet today, there are differing views on several issues related to leadership, such as: What are the responsibilities and priorities of ministerial leaders and their work? Who is qualified for pastoral leadership? Can women serve as pastors? What should pastors expect in ministry?</p>
CMTTHE804	<p>Research and assess information in a theological area of study for use in a ministry environment A Christian worldview A Christian worldview, answers the three questions biblically: 1) We are God's creation, designed to govern the world and fellowship with Him (Genesis 1:27-28; 2:15). 2) We sinned against God and subjected the whole world to a curse (Genesis 3). 3) God, Himself has redeemed the world through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ (Genesis 3:15; Luke 19:10), and will one day restore creation to its former perfect state (Isaiah 65:17-25). A Christian worldview leads us to believe in moral absolutes, miracles, human dignity, and the possibility of redemption. A worldview is comprehensive. It affects every area of life, from money to morality, from politics to art. True Christianity is more than a set of ideas to use at church. Christianity, as taught in the Bible, is itself a worldview. The Bible never distinguishes between a "religious" and a "secular" life; the Christian life is the only life there is. Jesus proclaimed Himself "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6) and, in doing so, became our worldview.</p>
CMTMIN802	<p>Apply researched theological concepts to Christian life and leadership The Missionary Encounter with World Religions Nothing demonstrates the pluralism of our world better than religion. Christians must be able to respond to the myriad of religious systems that permeate society. This course develops a biblical theology of religions by studying current models and approaches. Using major religious systems as examples, the lectures sketch five characteristics of all religions. Students will learn the major concepts in religious encounter, including the concept of eletics, various definitions of "religion," and the five magnetic points of religions. The course culminates with practical suggestions for approaching world religions evangelistically.</p>

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