

INTERNAL COURSES

1. CERTIFICATE IN BIBLE AND MINISTRY

Duration:	One-year full-time or equivalent.
Credit points:	32
Purpose:	To provide an overview of the contents of the Bible, an application of this to contemporary thought and life, and an orientation to Christian ministry in its widest sense.
Admission:	Students will normally be expected to have a Higher School Certificate, or equivalent, or, for mature age entry, to be 21 and to satisfy the Faculty that they are capable of studying at the level of the course.
Modes:	Distance, Full-time, Part-time.
Austudy:	Not available.
FEE HELP:	Not available.
Overseas students:	Available to overseas students by distance.
Course structure:	One 200-level or higher (4 cp) subject from each of the fields Old Testament (OT), New Testament (NT), Theology (TH) and Church History (CH), and an additional 16 cps from any field or fields. See subject descriptions.

2. DIPLOMA OF DIACONAL STUDIES

Duration:	Three years of full time study.
Credit Points:	A minimum of 100 credit points.
Purpose:	This award is designed for those preparing for service as deaconesses within the Presbyterian Church of Australia, or for others preparing for diaconal ministry.
Admission:	ATAR of 77.10 (UAI of 75), or, for mature age entry, to be 21 years and to satisfy the Faculty that the applicant is in a position to successfully undertake the course of training.
Modes:	Full-time and part-time.
Austudy:	Only available for accompanying ACT award.
FEE-HELP:	Only available for accompanying ACT award
Course Structure:	The Diploma of Diaconal Studies will normally require the completion of an ACT award, normally the BMin, BTh or MDiv, or equivalent, though the Faculty may permit

candidates to pursue the Diploma of Diaconal Studies in conjunction with the ACT's Advanced Diploma of Ministry or equivalent. Each of the abovementioned awards requires the completion of 96 credit points. The candidate is required to complete 8 credit points (2 years) of Field Education.

The following subjects must be completed at 4 credit point level, unless otherwise indicated, for the Diploma of Diaconal Studies:

Languages

One LA subject e.g. LA303A/503A (Biblical Hebrew) /304A/504A (NT Greek)

Old Testament

OT301/501	OT Foundations
OT302/502	OT Prophets and Writings
OT420/430/620/630	Pentateuch
OT4**/6**	Any unit of OT exegesis

New Testament

NT301/501	Content and Setting of the Gospel Traditions
NT302/502	Early New Testament Church
NT4**/6**	Any unit of NT exegesis that focuses on a gospel
NT4**/6**	Any unit of NT exegesis that focuses on (an) epistle(s)

Theology

Two of the following subjects:

TH304/504	Introduction to Theology
TH401/601	Knowledge of God
TH402/602	Doctrine of God and Work of Christ
TH403/603	Doctrine of Grace and Eschatology
TH404/604	Church Ministry and Sacraments
TH710/489/689	Westminster Confession of Faith

Philosophy and Ethics

PE402/602	Theological Ethics
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Church History

CH305/505	Early Church History (30-451)
And one of:	
CH424/624	Reformation
CH425/625	History of Evangelical Christianity

Pastoral and Church Focused Ministries

PC301/501	Ministry Formation (2 or 4 cps)
PC403/603	Pastoral Skills and Methods (2 or 4 cps)
891	FES A
892	FES B (normally taken in conjunction with an ACT subject)

Practical Ministry / PE Electives

Any three of:

PE310/510	Christian World View (2 or 4 cps)
PE325/525	Philosophy of Religion (2 or 4 cps)
PNM31/51	Evangelism in Contemporary Australia (2 or 4 cps)
EM418/618	Multicultural Ministry (2 or 4 cps)

EM603	Biblical Theology of Mission (2 or 4 cps)
PE489/689	Preaching Differing Biblical Genres (2 or 4 cps)
PC449/649	Ministry Training for Women (4 cps)
++490/690	A project from any field

Electives Any other subject offered by the PTC to enable the student to attain both an ACT award (either BMin, BTh or MDiv) and 100 cps.

3. DIPLOMA OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Duration: Four years full-time or equivalent.

Purpose: This is the major internal course of the PTC. It consists of pastoral, biblical, theological and contextual study, designed primarily to equip those preparing for pastoral, church planting, evangelistic, chaplaincy and cross-cultural ministries, particularly within the context of the Presbyterian Church of Australia. The course covers the educational requirements of the course of training for candidates for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Australia (see also Candidates).

Admission: Students are expected to have at least a Higher School Certificate, or equivalent, with ATAR of 77.10 (UAI of 75), or, for mature age entry, to be 21 and to satisfy the Faculty that they are in a position to study at the level of the course. All applicants for the award are admitted provisionally and will be reassessed after the first year.

Credit for prior study: Credit is normally only given on the basis of prior study of an equivalent nature and standard for up to 50% of the course. Candidates for the ministry credit may be granted more generous credit. See Guidelines for Cross Credits.

Austudy: Not available unless taken in conjunction with a complying ACT award.

FEE HELP: Not available unless taken in conjunction with a complying ACT award.

Overseas students: Not available to overseas students unless taken in conjunction with a complying ACT award.

Course structure: The normal educational standard of the theological course for Presbyterian candidates is degree level. Hence the Diploma of Theological Studies may incorporate the curriculum of the BTh, BMin or MDiv. However, the Faculty may permit some candidates to take the Diploma of Theological Studies in conjunction with the ACT (Advanced) Diploma of Ministry, taking the Diploma level equivalent of the Bachelor or MDiv subjects where such exist. For details of such a course, consult the Registrar. Where subjects allow for a 2 cp option

in assessment, students enrolled in at least two undergraduate degree or MDiv subjects with the ACT through the PTC may elect to take the non-degree subjects at the lower level of assessment.

Course description: Candidates for the ministry in their final year of the BTh(Hons) or BMin(Hons) degree may do any subject from PC, EM, DM, CH and PE at 2 credit point level.

Languages (16 cps required)

LA003A	Biblical Hebrew A (4 cps)
LA003B	Biblical Hebrew B (4 cps)
LA004A	New Testament Greek A (4 cps)
LA004B	New Testament Greek B (4 cps)
160	Greek 2 (0 cps)
OR	
LA489/689	Language Seminar (Intermediate Greek) (audit)

Old Testament (24 cps required) (* two OT exegetical units in Hebrew and two OT exegetical units in either English or Hebrew required)

OT301/501	OT Foundations (4 cps)
OT302/502	OT Prophets and Writings (4 cps)
OT430/630/420/620*	Pentateuch (4cps)
OT431/631/421/621*	Former Prophets (4 cps)
OT435/635/425/625*	Apocalyptic (4 cps)
OT436/636/426/626*	Psalter (4 cps)
OT489/689/789*	OT Seminar (Studies in 1 Kings)

New Testament (24 cps required)

NT301/501	Content and Setting of the Gospel Tradition (4 cps)
NT302/502	Early New Testament Church (4 cps)
NT430/630	Synoptic Gospels (Greek) (4 cps)
NT434/634	Fourth Gospel (Greek) (4 cps)
NT438/638	Other Epistles (Greek) (4 cps)
NT439/639	Romans (Greek) (4 cps)

Theology (16 cps required)

TH401/601	Knowledge of God (4 cps)
TH402/602	Doctrine of God & Work of Christ (4 cps)
TH403/603	Doctrine of Grace & Eschatology (4 cps)
TH304/504	Introduction to Theology (4 cps)
OR	
TH404/604	Church, Sacraments & Ministry (4 cps)

Church History (minimum 20 cps required)

CH305/505	Early Church History (30-451) (4 cps)
CH424/624	Reformation (4 cps)
CH425/625	History of Evangelical Christianity (4 cps)
OR	
TH789	Theology Seminar (The Practical Divinity – The Theology of the English Puritans) (8 cps)
	<i>or TH/CH489/689 Seminar (4 cps)</i>
CH756	Issues in Australian Presbyterian History (8 cps)
	<i>or CH489/689 Seminar (4 cps)</i>

CH761 Westminster Confession of Faith (8 cps)
or TH/CH489/689 Seminar (4 cps)

Philosophy and Ethics (10 cps required)

PE310/510 Christian World View (2 or 4 cps)
PE402/602 Theological Ethics (4 cps)
PE325/525 Philosophy of Religion (2 or 4 cps)

Evangelism and Missions and Developmental Ministry (EM775 is
COMPULSORY. ONE further unit is required)

PNM31/51 Evangelism in Contemporary Australia (2 or 4 cps)
EM603 Biblical Theology of Mission (2 or 4 cps)
EM775 Preaching Different Biblical Genres (8 cps)
or PE489/689 Seminar (2 cps or 4 cps)

Pastoral and Church Focussed Ministries (26 cps required)

PC301/501 Ministry Formation (2 or 4 cps)
PC403/603 Pastoral Skills and Methods (2 or 4 cps)
PC435/635 Principles of Leadership and Management (2 cps or 4 cps)
PC/TH785 Church and Ministry : Reformed Understanding and
Practice (8 cps)

or PC489/689 Seminar (2 or 4 cps) or TH489/689 Seminar (2 or 4 cps)

337 Church and Ministry (extension)
390 Introduction to Preaching (2 cps)
891 FES A (4 cps)
892 FES B (4 cps)
893 FES C (4 cps)
895 Block Placement (0 cp)

Any Group (4 cps required)

++490/499H/690 Project (4 cps, 8 cps or 16 cps)

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