

10743NAT DIPLOMA OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND THEOLOGY

1. AIMS

The 10743NAT Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology course is designed to train students to live an effective Christian life, effectively communicate the Gospel and serve the community either in the workplace or in Christian ministry work.

This course will train leaders and potential leaders in a range of Christian ministry activities relevant to the local church, Christian organisation and workplace.

2. OUTCOMES

This course will give students:

- An increased capacity to hear from God and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit
- A deepened understanding of the Bible and its application
- Further skills in theological reasoning and ethical decision-making
- Enhanced communication (especially in communicating biblical concepts), conflict-resolution and people management skills
- Enhanced pastoral, leadership and ministry skills with a heart for God and people
- Opportunities for the development of specialised ministry skills

3. OVERVIEW

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

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

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

4. DURATION

One year full time. Part time options are also available.

5. LOCATION OF TRAINING

This course is delivered at Canberra Campus, Belconnen, ACT, by Unity College Australia RTO 6330.

6. COSTS 2019

APPLICATION FEE

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

Domestic students (Permanent residents, on-shore applicants)	\$150
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ACADEMIC FEES

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

Australian Students (1 year)	\$6,100
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- Fees cover some costs associated with Australian field trip expenses including mission trips. The balance of field trip costs are covered through personal and college-organised fundraising activities as part of course training.
- Individual subject costs are available on enquiry.

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

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Government study assistance (such as Austudy, Abstudy and Youth Allowance) is NOT available to domestic students for this course. Visit www.studyassist.gov.au for more details about courses that are eligible for the offer of assistance.

7. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURE

For entry into this course it is expected that the student is a committed Christian and actively involved in a local church or Christian community.

General requirements for entry are:

- A completed student application form & payment of the application fee (international students)
- Two references (i) from local church pastor or leader (if not already provided) and (ii) from another Christian leader unrelated to yourself
- A successful interview with the Principal or representative (where physically possible)
- Satisfactory completion of Year 12 is recommended but students without this formal educational level will be considered. Minimum entry age is 17 years (18 years for international students).
- Satisfactory English language skills.
- Students should have computing skills including the ability to use a word processing package at an elementary level.

Students should in good conscience be able to subscribe to the College's statement of beliefs that are found in the tenets of mainstream Christianity (refer to the college website and/or handbook).

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

8. TRAINING PROCESS

The course entails an average of 5-6 hours per week of class contact plus private study time. College obligations and co-curricular activities, including college community and Christian Community participation, are additional hours.

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

The college uses a wide variety of training methods appropriate to the course context.

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

An orientation session is held for all students at course commencement. This covers both academic and environmental aspects.

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

9. COURSE COMPETENCIES

Australia has a system of national standardisation of training for many industry areas. This system is implemented through the use of training packages (groups of courses) and individual units of competency within a course. Students are able to get automatic recognition across all registered government and private training organisations for relevant studies undertaken at any one of them.



This course is an accredited course which is different to a national training package. Accredited courses are approved by and registered with the Australian government. This course is common to most Christian Colleges in Australia. As such relevant units would, in most cases, receive automatic recognition. The 6 core units of competency fall into this category. In addition, any individual units of competency included in the course from other training package courses will receive national recognition.

This course requires a total of 10 Units of Competency to be successfully completed: 6 Core Units plus 4 additional Units.

The following Christian Ministry Core competencies are achieved through successful completion of the 10743NAT Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology:

National Code	Competency
CMTTHE501	Analyse and interpret Christian Scripture and Theology
CMTTHE502	Utilise the analysis of theological data
CMTTHE503	Research and analyse information within a theological theme or issue
CMTTHE504	Analyse and apply new theological insights
CMTMIN501	Facilitate personal or social change through the application of theological ideas
CMTMIN502	Present theological beliefs and their implications

The following additional nationally recognised competencies are achieved on successful completion of this course.

National Code	Competency
Elective Units (there is a range of possible relevant competencies, a sample is below)	
BSBATSIL503	Manage conflict
FBPPPL3001*	Support and mentor individuals and groups
SISXCCS003*	Address client needs
BSBLDR403*	Lead team effectiveness

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

COURSE OUTLINE



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A student may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for any or all of the above competencies. To enquire please contact the National Office of Unity College Australia at info@unity.edu.au.

10. COURSE STRUCTURE

The 10743NAT Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology course is full time for one year and has five full streams of study equivalent to 10 semester subjects.

The following is a breakdown of the subjects studied.

Subject Code	Name	Subject length	Core/ elective	Unit of competency
BBS130	Search The Scriptures – Acts/Romans	Semester	Core	CMTTHE502(pt)
CMM104	Ministry Planning A	Semester 1	Core	BSBLDR403(pt) CMTMIN502(pt) FBPPPL3001(pt) SISXCCS003(pt)
CMM105	Ministry Planning B	Semester 2	Core	BSBLDR403(pt) CMTMIN502(pt) FBPPPL3001(pt) SISXCCS003(pt)
CSF114	Identity, Message, Voice	Semester 1	Core	CMTMIN501 CMTTHE504 (pt)
COM130	Words of Life	Semester 1	Core	CMTMIN502(pt)
HIS102 or MWV102	From Strength to Strength* OR Worldviews*	Semester 2	Core	CMTTHE502(pt) CMTTHE503(pt) CMTTHE504(pt)
LDR102	Leading in Life	Semester 2	Core	BSBLDR403(pt) FBPPPL3001(pt)
THE106	Theology That Works	Semester 1	Core	CMTTHE501 CMTTHE502(pt)
WPP102	Power of Worship	Semester 1	Core	CMTTHE503(pt)
WPP112	Revival Prayer	Semester 2	Core	CMTTHE504(pt)
COM103	Manage Conflict (Intensive)	Term 3/4	Elective	BSBATSIL503

* Usually offered in alternate years

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11. ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW

Assessment in each subject involves one or more of the following:

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

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

C	Competent
NYC	Not Yet Competent

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

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

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

12. PATHWAYS/PACKAGES

This course lends itself to being preparatory training for a range of other courses at the Certificate IV and Diploma levels. Examples of pathways are as follows:

Christian Ministry:

- 10744NAT Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology
- Bachelor of Theology
- 10745NAT Graduate Certificate of Christian Ministry and Theology

Community Services:

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

Non-particular pathways are as follows:

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- Further study for a qualification for the context of applying Christian values and leadership skills into wider industry and workplace contexts and/or specialist skills for implementation in Christian and community organisations eg leadership and management positions, information technology

Please contact the college to enquire about any of the above pathways. Note: some courses may not be available through Unity College Australia's Canberra campus or partner campuses.

13. COURSE DATES:

These dates include Orientation

2020 Semester 1

Term 1	Monday 3 February - Friday 9 April
Term 2	Monday 28 April - Friday 3 July

2020 Semester 2

Term 3	Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
Term 4	Monday 6 October - Friday 11 December
Graduation	Wednesday 16 December