
1. AIMS

The 10744NAT Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology course is designed to provide students with the ability to communicate the Gospel and serve the community, both in formal Christian ministry work and/or in the workplace. The course will train leaders in a range of Christian Ministry areas relevant to the local church, Christian organisation and/or the workplace.

2. OUTCOMES

This course will give students:

- A deepened understanding of the Bible and its application
- High level skills in theological reasoning and ethical decision-making
- Highly developed communication (especially in communicating biblical concepts) and people management skills
- Pastoral care, advanced leadership and ministry skills with a heart for God and people
- Practical opportunity for further 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 a ministry project demonstrating all areas of competency will need to be completed to graduate.

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

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

4. DURATION

The Advanced Diploma course can be commenced once the student has completed the core units of the Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology course or gained equivalent Recognition of Prior Learning. This course could typically be completed over a one year period involving a scheduled mix of formal studies and field experience. Part-time study options are available.

5. LOCATION OF TRAINING

The course is delivered at the campus of 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	\$150
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ACADEMIC FEES

Fees for full-time students of the 10744NAT Advanced Diploma in Christian Ministry & Theology are:

Domestic students	\$6,000
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- Individual subject costs are available on enquiry.

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

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

Government study assistance such as Austudy, Abstudy and Youth Allowance is available to eligible domestic students for this course. Visit www.studyassist.gov.au for more details.

7. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURE

For entry into this course it is expected that students will have completed the core units of the 10743NAT Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology course or have gained equivalent learning from other sources.

The entry requirements for the 10744NAT Advanced Diploma in Christian Ministry and Theology include the expectation that the student is a committed Christian and actively involved in a local church or Christian community.

General requirements for entry are:

- A completed student application form & payment of the application fee
- Two references (i) from local church pastor or leader and (ii) from another Christian leader unrelated to yourself (if not already provided)
- A successful interview with the Principal or representative (where physically possible)
- Completion of the necessary pre-requisite core units from the Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology course or demonstration of equivalent competency.
- Satisfactory English language skills
- Students should have computing skills including the ability to use a word processing package and the internet.

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 about 9 hours per week of class contact plus private study time. College obligations, which include college community and Christian Community participation are additional hours and include retreats and Encounter sessions. In addition a substantial part of this course will be undertaken via a church or Christian ministry experience, monitored in class.

The college uses a wide variety of training methods appropriate 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

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

9. COURSE COMPETENCIES

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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 many Christian Colleges in Australia. As such relevant units would, in most cases, receive automatic recognition.

The following 6 core Units of competency are achieved through successful completion of the core Units from the 10744Nat Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology.

National Code	Competency
CMTTHE601	Analyse and critique Christian theology
CMTTHE602	Critique the interpretation of theological data
CMTTHE603	Apply critical analysis to a theological theme or issue
CMTTHE604	Critique new insights on theological information
CMTMIN601	Synthesise theological ideas and apply these to specific personal or community issues
CMTMIN602	Communicate theology in depth

4 of the following additional nationally recognised Units of Competency are achieved on successful completion of this course.

Students may be able to study a range of elective subjects, and where possible elective subjects don't appear on the sample list below students are invited to discuss alternatives with the course coordinator.

National Code	Competency
Elective Units	
CHCCDE005 OR CHCCDE013	Develop and support relevant community resources OR Establish and develop community organisations or social enterprises
TLIM4004	Mentor individuals or small groups
CHCCCS016	Respond to client needs
CHCPOL002	Develop and implement policy

Required electives embedded in Ministry Project Semesters.

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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 above competencies for the 10744NAT Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology course are achieved through the study of the following subjects. Full time students will study these at the rate of 5 per term.

The following is a breakdown of the subjects studied.

Subject Code	Name	Subject length	Core/ Elective	Unit of competency
THE103	Theological Issues	Semester 2	Core	CMTTHE603A
BBS140	Apply The Scriptures (Biblical Studies 4)	Semester 2	Core	CMTTHE602A
THE110	The Church and the Kingdom	Semester 1	Core	CMTTHE601A
ETH101	Biblical Christian Ethics	Semester 2	Core	CMTMIN601A(pt) CMTTHE604A
MIS111	Communicating Christ in a Multicultural world	Semester 1	Core	CMTMIN602A(pt)
CSF114	Knowing God Growing Self (Christian Life 4)	Semester 1	Core	CMTMIN601A(pt) CMTMIN602A
MIN163	Ministry Projects 1	Semester 1 & 2	Electives	CHCCDE005 Or CHCCDE013
MIN164	Ministry Projects 2	Semester 1 & 2		And CHCCS016 CHCPOL002 TLIM4004

Note: Several Units of Competency are shared over multiple Subjects.

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 Unity College Australia
- Return of all college resources including library books
- Maintained a satisfactory level of Christian conduct during his/her time at College
- Completion of co-curricular requirements including student/community participation

12. PATHWAYS/PACKAGES

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

Advance Diploma is equivalent to an Associate degree, otherwise it leads to a Bachelor degree.

- Bachelor of Theology
- 10745NAT Graduate Certificate of Christian Ministry and Theology

Students successfully completing this Course would be capable of employment in a Pastoral Care or Christian worker endeavour both Christian based and other organisations; also the student would be well equipped for:

- missionary endeavour
- associate pastor
- effective community services (various streams) in a secular environment.
 - Certificate IV of Community Services (various streams)
 - Diploma of Community Services (various streams)
 - Advanced Diploma of Community Service (various streams)

Non-specific 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 of the above courses may not be available through Unity College Australia's Canberra campus or partner campuses.

13. COURSE DATES:

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