

HOW TO APPLY

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your pace, your
schedule, your
natural learning
environment*

GRADUATE DIPLOMA & MASTER OF AGEING AND PASTORAL STUDIES

*“I found the course to
be practical, covering
a wide range of needs
within ageing,
societal attitudes
to ageing
and impact
throughout
communities
globally.”*

– Mavis Salt,
class of 2015

Ageing and Pastoral Care Brochure | Oct 2017 edition

ABOUT ST MARK'S

St Mark's is a scholarly Christian theological community, serving Australian society since 1957. It is Anglican in foundation, ecumenical in ethos, biblically based, and centrally orthodox in theological outlook. St Mark's is passionate about the practical connection of theological principles to public and private life, while championing intellectual rigour in the pursuit of academic excellence.

St Mark's has been a partner in the School of Theology at Charles Sturt University (CSU) since 1996. Through this association, St Mark's offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses in theology, ministry, ageing and pastoral studies, and pastoral counselling.

These postgraduate courses in Ageing and Pastoral Studies are offered via online learning through the School of Theology at CSU.

FEES

As an indication, course fees for each 8-point subject for domestic students is \$1,800, subject to conditions. The full schedule of fees and costs is listed on the Charles Sturt University website – csu.edu.au/courses/fees-and-costs.

ASSISTANCE

As a fee-paying student, the Australian Government does not contribute towards your study costs. You pay a tuition fee for each subject you undertake. If you have studied with CSU previously, **you qualify for a 10% discount on this course.**

Options:

1. Defer your payment using a FEE-HELP loan, which is repaid through the taxation system once your income reaches a certain threshold; or
2. Pay your tuition fee up-front each session.

Check CSU's website for more details on our prices, payment options, and assistance.

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Why Ageing and Pastoral Studies

The challenges related to cultural diversity and spirituality in a multi-faith and multicultural society like Australia's are an important emerging discourse in ensuring quality of life and wellbeing for older people.

A postgraduate course in Ageing and Pastoral Studies at St Mark's equips you for life and work; it will enhance your professional practice in providing holistic care that includes attending to the spiritual wellbeing of older people effectively and sensitively.

We base our courses on current research and understanding of the relationship between spirituality and ageing, and aim to impart theoretical and practical knowledge of research principles and methods in the field. We want you to graduate with the skills and confidence to understand and manage the multi-faceted challenges of ageing, and to deliver better outcomes for older people, their families, friends, carers, and providers.

COURSE SUBJECTS

For full course details, visit stmarks.edu.au

GRADUATE DIPLOMA

NOTE: Students may choose to exit with a **Graduate Certificate in Ageing and Pastoral Studies** (32 points) upon completion of THL445, THL446, THL451, and either GER402 or WEL424.

Core subjects

- Foundations for Pastoral and Spiritual Care of Older People (THL445)
- Pastoral and Spiritual Care of Older People (THL446)
- Theological and Ethical Issues for People in Later Life (THL451)
- Ageing Bodies, Ageing Minds (GER402)
- Loss, Grief and Palliative Care for Older People (WEL424)

Restricted Electives (Choose any three.)

- Pastoral Counselling Skills
- Applied Pastoral Theology
- Pastoral and Spiritual Care in Residential and Community Aged Care Settings
- Theological Ethics for the Helping Professions
- Social Research Methods for Pastoral Studies
- Mental Health Challenges for Pastoral and Spiritual Care
- Pastoral Practice in Ageing: Politics, Policy and Principles

DELIVERY

Online (distance) education

COURSE DURATION

- Graduate diploma: 1 year full-time, 2 years part-time
- Masters: 1½ years full-time, 3 years part-time

For the full calendar of important dates, visit futurestudents.csu.edu.au/apply/application-dates

MASTERS

Core subjects

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- Pastoral and Spiritual Care of Older People
- Theological and Ethical Issues for People in Later Life
- Ageing Bodies, Ageing Minds
- Loss, Grief and Palliative Care for Older People
- Social Research Methods for Pastoral Studies

AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STREAMS:-

Option 1: Professional Practice

Issues in Ageing: Project

(to be completed at the end of the student's study in the program)

Restricted Electives (32 points required)

- Pastoral Counselling Skills
- Applied Pastoral Theology
- Pastoral and Spiritual Care in Residential and Community Aged Care Settings
- Theological Ethics for the Helping Professions
- Mental Health Challenges for Pastoral and Spiritual Care
- Pastoral Practice in Ageing: Politics, Policy and Principles
- Advanced Seminar in Chaplaincy (16 points)

Option 2: Research

Masters Dissertation in Ageing and Pastoral Studies

(to be completed at the end of the student's study in the program) (32 points)

Restricted Electives (16 points required)

- Pastoral Counselling Skills
- Applied Pastoral Theology
- Pastoral and Spiritual Care in Residential and Community Aged Care Settings
- Theological Ethics for the Helping Professions
- Mental Health Challenges for Pastoral and Spiritual Care
- Pastoral Practice in Ageing: Politics, Policy and Principles
- Advanced Seminar in Chaplaincy (16 points)

Equipping you for Work and Life

Career positions held by our Graduate Diploma graduates include

- Pastoral Carers and Workers (paid and volunteer)
- Pastoral Care team leaders or coordinators
- Practice Nurses
- Manager in Aged Care
- Case managers
- Allied health care professionals
- Health care practitioners

Career positions held by our Masters graduates include

- Aged care consultant
- Director of Mission
- Senior Chaplain in Aged Care
- Seniors Minister
- Seniors Pastoral Carer
- Seniors Spiritual Care Practitioner

