

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for this course, please complete the application form online at stmarks.edu.au or access the page directly through the QR code on the right. You can also call us on 02 6272 6252.



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DIPLOMA OF

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY & THEOLOGY



DCMT Brochure A | Jul 2018 edition

ABOUT ST MARK'S

St Mark's is a scholarly Christian theological community, serving Australian society since 1957.

It is Anglican in foundation and is home to students and lecturers from a range of backgrounds, cultures, countries and convictions, creating a rich and vibrant educational environment. 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 is a Registered Training Organisation providing nationally recognised vocational and educational training in Christian ministry and theology, counselling, and professional supervision. Together with our partner Charles Sturt University (CSU), we also provide undergraduate and postgraduate courses through CSU's School of Theology.



FEES

Cost: \$2,500 (or \$250 per unit)

Students will be required to pay for each unit that they are enrolled in at the start of each term. If you are completing the entire course, a 5% discount will apply if you pay for the full course prior to commencement.

Course progression and graduation is conditional upon timely payment of fees. St Mark's reserves the right to withdraw students who are in arrears.

ADMISSION

You will need to provide a letter from your church minister indicating that they:

- consider you have the capacity for introductory training in theology and lay ministry; and
- take responsibility for you to be inducted into safe church practices relevant to their church setting.

If English is not your first language, you may need to complete a language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) indicator test prior to enrolment. You must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen, an Australian permanent resident, or hold a permanent humanitarian visa.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Why this course could be an answer to prayer

St Mark's 10434NAT *Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology* can give you the confidence to help others, whether you're just starting out or you've been a follower of Jesus for a long time.

The course gives you foundational and inspiring training by balancing practical skills with Biblical grounding. Our introduction to theology is engaging and applicable to your life. You will also gain skills in starting a new ministry, pastoral care, leading volunteers, running small groups, and communicating your faith in Jesus.

The Diploma's online and intensive format makes it perfect for regional and remote learners, and is particularly aimed at younger and older people who are new to, or reengaging with, study.

As we are a Registered Training Organisation (RTO), this Diploma is a nationally recognised qualification.

COURSE UNITS

For full course details, visit stmarks.edu.au

READING THE BIBLE

(CMTTHE502A) **Analyse and interpret theological data**

You will be given an introduction to reading and interpreting English texts from the Bible, as well as an appreciation of the Bible's story line, basic exegesis, and an awareness of research tools to help you read the Bible.

CHRISTIAN BELIEFS

(CMTTHE501A) **Analyse and interpret theological beliefs in the light of current thinking**

You will be introduced to reading and interpreting English texts from the Bible; Biblical Theological theory and other ways of interpreting the Bible; basic exegesis; and an awareness of research tools to help you read the Bible.

COMMUNICATING IN A CHURCH COMMUNITY

(BSBCMM401) **Make a presentation**

This unit provides practical training in preparing for and leading a service in a range of contexts. You will be encouraged in reflective practice that both builds up the Christian community and aids visitors in encountering Jesus Christ.

BEGINNING NEW TEAM MINISTRY

(CHCCDE002) **Develop and implement community programs**

You will learn how to research ministry needs and opportunities, and plan for and begin new team ministry. We will also cover the logistics of one-off event ministry and ongoing ministry programs, and impart our experience and knowledge on how to lead volunteers and evaluate the effectiveness of the ministry.

THEOLOGICAL WISDOM

(CMTTHE504A) **Identify new theological information**

This unit aims to enable you to grow in your own Christian life and your self-awareness, so you can develop discernment and wisdom when facing new theological ideas. *This subject is delivered during a weekend intensive in Canberra.

BEYOND SUNDAY

(CMTMIN501A) **Relate theological ideas to the Christian way of life**

In this unit, you will learn how to apply theological ideas and the Bible to your Christian life. The unit focuses on two main things: a framework for thinking about a topic as it relates to living as a Christian, and how to write and lead Bible study groups.

RESEARCHING CHRISTIAN BELIEFS

(CMTTHE503A) **Research and analyse information within a theological theme or issue**

You will be given a framework for thinking about Doctrine, as well as the opportunity to delve into a particular area of Christian beliefs.

WELCOME

(CHCCOM001) **Provide first point of contact**

You will learn how to welcome and integrate visitors into your church community, focusing on both process and interpersonal aspects of welcoming.

PASTORAL CARE

(CHCPAS001) **Plan for the provision of pastoral and spiritual care**

This unit offers introductory pastoral care skills. You will be encouraged to recognise and avoid over-functioning, to intentionally include others in pastoral care where appropriate, and to integrate your faith into your practice.

COMMUNICATING THE MESSAGE OF JESUS CHRIST

(CMTMIN502A) **Communicate theology in a clear form**

You will learn to communicate the message of Jesus Christ to others in a variety of contexts. This unit covers evangelism, sharing our story, apologetics, and preparing a Bible talk for a context of your choice. *This subject is delivered during a weekend intensive in Canberra.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Students can enrol in any term, although the course is designed to commence in Term 1. Application closing dates can be found on our website – stmarks.edu.au

Running shoes for your Christian walk

Changing lives starts with learning about God. By deepening your understanding of God's Word and picking up the practical skills to communicate and shine the light on Jesus, you can start to make even greater strides in your Christian journey.

So get out there and develop your God-given gifts to help and inspire others. Learn how to step up as a leader and speak boldly about your hope in Jesus. Understand the Bible well enough so you can share God's word with conviction and clarity.

This course has been prayerfully designed to help you grow in your personal walk with Jesus. We're here to help give you the confidence to give.

