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ABOUT ST MARK'S

St Mark's is a scholarly Christian theological community that has been serving Australian society and the church since 1957. It is Anglican in foundation and ecumenical in ethos, biblically based, and centrally orthodox in theological outlook.

We pursue a mission which, in the words of our founder, Bishop Ernest Burgmann (1885–1967), is to engage the people of God with Australian society.

We fulfill our mission through our undergraduate and postgraduate courses in theology, ministry, pastoral counselling, and professional supervision.

We prepare lay leaders, deacons, and priests from for a variety of situations and ministries through courses in higher education and in non-accredited training. Our courses in the higher education provision (HEP) sector are offered through our partnership with Charles Sturt University.

St Mark's also has a historic commitment to 'public theology'—the business of showing how Christian theology helps people of all faiths and none in our common life. Our leading theological journal, *St Mark's Review*, continues to do that after nearly 70 years of publication.

Our partnership with the School of Theology at Charles Sturt University puts us at the heart of a vibrant public university, whose mission to rural and regional Australia, to vocational excellence, and to the public good, strongly coincides with our own. At the same time, regular daily prayer and Bible reading in the Anglican tradition keeps us attentive to a life together in Christ.

All this at a beautiful bushland site on the edge of the parliamentary triangle in the centre of Canberra.

**READ ON—WE'RE SURE SOMETHING
HERE WILL BE FOR YOU.**

To learn more about our journal, *St Mark's Review*, visit stmarks.edu.au/about/st-marks-review/



A WORD FROM OUR ACTING DIRECTOR

Dr Michael Gladwin

Acting Director, St Mark's
National Theological Centre


Senior Lecturer in History,
Charles Sturt University
School of Theology

Faith in Christ is here to stay.

Even though the pandemic years and their sense of crisis have receded into the past, shocks and difficulties continue to assail us—wars rage overseas and divisions persist within our common life. In such times it is easy to go inward, hunker down, cut ourselves off. And then, it becomes hard to reengage with others. That kind of post-pandemic ‘overhang’ affects each of us personally. It also affects churches, workplaces and communities as they try to rebuild. I have found that reconnecting with God, and with others, has been the most stabilising way to reintegrate after the years we’ve had. Learning at St Mark’s can be part of that, and has

helped many people during the past few years. The help has been both ‘everyday’ and profound.

Every day our rhythms of learning at St Mark’s have been an anchor: our livestreamed chapel services, lectures, and tutorials bring together on-campus and online students; our library support is delivered to your door if needed; close personal support from faculty reaches into homes across Australia and beyond—it adds up to become community. More profoundly, to delve deeply into Christian traditions that reveal and discover who we are meant to be—the person God ‘dreams’ for us to be, if I can put it like that—revolutionizes



our lives. St Mark's has been a national leader in theological distance and online education longer than any other theological college in Australia. That strength has come into its own, with the aid of Charles Sturt's fantastic infrastructure. Our partnership with Charles Sturt University also means our high-quality tertiary theological education is probably Australia's most affordable (with FEE-HELP eligibility, fee-free MPhil and PhD courses, and BTh fees around 30 per cent less than our nearest theological college). It's also probably the most flexible (online or on-campus, hybrid, full-time or part-time).

When we engage by these means, we learn about times and places where people had it tough. We hear of Christians enduring the callousness of ancient Rome, or the pains of medieval Europe, or recent colonial excess; they made it, because they learnt from Christ's endurance of his Cross, and what it was like to have the Spirit. Our learning gives a kind of perspective that enables us to transcend the anxieties of our present day.

For anyone who wants in to Christian faith, there comes hope. We take all comers at St Mark's. You may be a convinced Christian or an agnostic seeker. You may be a highly motivated

member of a Christian denomination, someone wanting 'tools' for ministry of some kind (whether lay or ordained), someone who just wants to deepen faith and understanding in their relationship with God, or someone who put faith aside years ago and is cautiously looking at it all again. You may just be someone with an interest in the beliefs, practices, and influence of the world's largest and most dynamic religion. You may be none of the above. But whoever you are, hope is on offer, because the Christian story does not stop in the past. It reaches into the present and the future, way beyond our cultural moment. It offers a new present start now, whoever we have become. Christ offers a way to become that person God has created us to be—someone stabilized and confirmed within God's all-embracing love and kindness, and in a community of others who are learning to care. We would love to share that story with you, in an environment that is 'centrally orthodox,' biblically based, practical, missional, ecumenically collaborative, and scholarly.

Come and join us.

Michael



A WORD FROM THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Rev'd Dr Jeanette Mathews

Deputy Director, St Mark's National Theological Centre

Lecturer in Old Testament Studies, Charles Sturt University School of Theology

Course Advisor
Bachelor of Theology
Undergraduate Certificate in Theology

Theology has long been understood as faith seeking understanding. In fact, 'giving an account of the faith that is in us' is something that Christians have always needed to do—both for ourselves and for the sake of others.

A theological education will introduce you to the ways in which the Christian community has sought to honour this task, in the past through to the present.

Charles Sturt University's School of Theology offers a full range of University-accredited courses in theology, from the Bachelor of Theology through to Doctoral programs in theology, ministry, and pastoral counselling. We've been distance and online learning provider for over 25 years, making it possible for students to gain a quality theological degree even if it is not possible to study in person. We emphasise the importance of studying theology in community by using blended learning technologies to encourage interaction between teachers and students.

Our students come from a wide range of backgrounds, cultures, countries, and convictions, creating a rich and vibrant educational environment. Many are already in ministry, just starting out,

or working in corporate or para-church organisations. We love the diversity, and welcome the dialogue.

By studying theology through Charles Sturt's School of Theology you will have the opportunity to explore the riches of the Christian theological heritage under the guidance of faithful and passionately committed teachers, who are making their own cutting-edge contributions to scholarship in biblical studies, church history, systematic and practical theology.

We look forward to you joining us.

Blessings,

Jeanette



INTERESTED IN MINISTRY?

FORMATION PROGRAM FOR ANGLICAN MINISTRY

St Mark's began as a library. Not long after, it became a place to prepare for ordained ministry within the Anglican Church of Australia.

We now also prepare lay leaders (and followers) to be useful in their churches and communities. Often those people start discerning a call to ministry as deacons or priests—whether to become chaplains in the community, or to serve in and lead an Anglican church.

St Mark's therefore assists applicants for ordination within the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn. Once accepted as an applicant by the bishop of the Diocese, we invite you into a two-year program of formation.

Some applicants for ordination complete theological study, also required by the bishop, in parallel with the formation program. Others have already completed a degree in theological learning. (The bishop has specific requirements for your theological learning, which you should check with us before choosing electives. People who already have a theological degree may need to do some further learning.) While theological learning entails fees, the formation program is free of charge.

We accept all comers into our CSU courses, but the formation program is different. You can only enter it if the bishop has indicated provisional openness to ordain you. (The bishop will require you to demonstrate an active Christian

faith; involvement in ministry as a lay person; a recommendation from a pastor; and no impediment after psychological assessment and some other checks.)

We regard formation as a time for personal stretching and change, to ensure you become even more 'fit for purpose' for ministry. There is some reading and preparation for monthly meetings, and some training in the specifics of Anglican ministry. The program is 'unaccredited', meaning that no degree or award arises from it. Trainers in the program will share with you their views on your readiness for ministry, and will also convey those views to the bishop. Formation can be a taxing time, but it is also a good time, and St Mark's trainers aim to be on your side in it.

For further information, it is best to call St Mark's and ask for advice on ordination. We will explain to you the bishop's tertiary educational requirements, and details about the formation program. We can also put you in touch with the bishop's delegate, who explains and guides the process of becoming an applicant for ordination.

Also, join our email list and keep your eye out for Ordination Enquiry Days, each a joint venture of St Mark's and the Diocese, held once or twice yearly.

For further information, contact the Rev'd Dr Brian Douglas at bdouglas@csu.edu.au



UNDERGRADUATE & POSTGRADUATE

In partnership with



Charles Sturt
University

- Undergraduate Certificate in Theological Studies
- Bachelor of Theology
- Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies
- Graduate Diploma of Theological Studies
- Master of Arts (Theological Studies)
- Master of Theology
- Master of Philosophy (Arts and Education)
- Doctor of Philosophy (Arts and Education)
- Graduate Certificate in Ministry
- Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision
- Master of Ministry
- Graduate Diploma of Pastoral Counselling
- Master of Pastoral Counselling

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ST MARK'S PARTNERSHIP WITH CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

For over twenty-five years St Mark's has been a partner in the School of Theology at Charles Sturt University, and collaborates with United Theological College (UTC) in the operation of the School. Ming Hua Theological College (MHTC) also participates in the School. St Mark's offers a range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses in theology, ministry, and pastoral counselling. St Mark's, UTC, and MHTC each teach their cohorts according to their needs.

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

- We have over 25 years' experience in education, both online and on campus, of students around Australia and internationally.
- Charles Sturt has the highest graduate employment rates for undergraduate students in Australia—85% of Charles Sturt graduates get jobs faster than graduates from any other university.
- According to the Department of Education, Skills and Employment Higher Education Statistics 2020, Charles Sturt is Australia's most experienced and largest online university.

The School of Theology has an established reputation for its emphasis on student learning, quality teaching, and research. These are combined with a flexible learning environment that includes face-to-face teaching, online delivery of subjects, intensives, and various other features designed to enhance your participation in the adventure we call theology.

Online delivery of subjects is offered within the School from the Canberra campus of St Mark's, and by its faculty.

Research seminars for postgraduate students include many from around Australia.

Our member colleges have their bases in the Anglican and Uniting Church denominations. However, the ethos of the School is ecumenical, with staff drawn from a variety of Christian traditions. All are committed to deliver a faithful, comprehensive, rigorous, and vibrant theological education. We respect each learner's starting point in their journey, helping them to see how other views from within the Christian tradition (and beyond) may inform their own.

Research is highly valued in the School, which is committed to fostering a scholarly theological community that engages with contemporary society. This commitment is reflected in our postgraduate research program and in the close association between the School and its Canberra campus neighbour, the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture (ACC&C), and the ACC&C's CSU-based research centre, the Centre for Religion, Ethics and Society (CRES).

FUNDING YOUR STUDY

HECS-HELP LOAN

HECS-HELP is a loan which allows you to defer paying fees until you are earning a salary. If you are eligible for and are offered a Commonwealth supported place, the majority of your tuition fees will be subsidised and you will only be required to pay a portion of the total amount, which can be deferred through HECS-HELP.

A HECS-HELP loan can cover all or part of your student contribution amount, and you repay it through the taxation system once you are earning a certain salary.

Read more about Commonwealth Supported Places:

study.csu.edu.au/get-support/help-with-costs/government

Check out your eligibility for a HELP loan:

www.studyassist.gov.au

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

A range of scholarships and grants may help you with some of the costs of studying at Charles Sturt University. Being granted a scholarship may be easier than you think. Start planning early!

View the full range of scholarships:
study.csu.edu.au/get-support/scholarships

See if you are eligible for a CSU alumni discount:

alumni.csu.edu.au/benefits/study-discounts

Use CSU's fee calculator:

study.csu.edu.au/apply/fees-costs

FEE-HELP LOAN

FEE-HELP is a loan scheme that assists eligible fee-paying students pay all or part of their tuition fees. It cannot be used for additional study costs such as accommodation or text books. The total amount of FEE-HELP a person can use is known as the 'FEE-HELP limit'.

For more information:
studyassist.gov.au/help-loans/fee-help

CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

When you apply to study at Charles Sturt University, you may be eligible to receive credit based on Recognition of Prior Learning for your previous study and/or work experience.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is an assessment process that involves assessment of an individual's relevant prior learning (including formal, informal and non-formal learning) to determine the credit outcomes of an individual application for credit. Your application for credit, including full documentation of your prior learning, will need to be submitted together with your application for admission to a course.

For more information:
study.csu.edu.au/apply/recognition-of-prior-learning

KEY DATES 2024–25

We break up our academic year into three sessions. (n.b. most of our subjects are offered in sessions 1 and 2).

2024

Session 1: 26 February to 14 June 2024

Session 2: 8 July to 11 October 2024

Session 3: 11 November 2024 to
7 February 2025

2025

Session 1: 3 March to 20 June 2025

Session 2: 8 July to 31 October 2025

Session 3: 17 November 2025 to
13 February 2026

APPLICATION DATES

Application dates are listed on the CSU website. However, there's some flexibility regarding these dates and students can apply for courses right up to the beginning of session (see the three session starting dates above).

For the full calendar of important dates:
[about.csu.edu.au/our-university/
important-dates](https://about.csu.edu.au/our-university/important-dates)

If you are a school leaver wanting to study on campus, you should apply through the Universities Admission Centre (UAC). Future students can also apply directly to Charles Sturt – an online application takes about 15 minutes to complete.

UAC Web uac.edu.au

CSU Web study.csu.edu.au/apply

OVERSEAS STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

As a School of Theology student, you have the opportunity to include an overseas study experience as part of your degree. It's a great way for you to see the world and build a competitive edge, while gaining credit towards your studies.

Through CSU Global, you could study on exchange, participate in short-term study programs, attend conferences, volunteer, or undertake workplace learning at one of the many international destinations in our network.

St Mark's regularly offers study tours as an optional part of the curriculum. Students are able to claim credit for an 8-point subject (THL361 or THL427) for their participation in these tour.

The most recent tours include:

- a three-week study tour through the Holy Land with the first week spent doing biblical archaeological fieldwork in Bethsaida, followed by a tour of biblical and archaeological sites in Israel and Jordan
- a two-week study tour of Germany, Switzerland, Italy and France, exploring the history of the Renaissance and the European Reformations.

Generous travel grants, loans, and scholarships are available, from \$500 to \$7,300, to help you undertake these amazing international educational experiences. This is a truly memorable, hands-on way of grappling with source material during your theological journey with us.

For more information, visit
study.csu.edu.au/international

ONLINE & DISTANCE LEARNING

STUDY WHERE YOU ARE

St Mark's is your 'one stop shop' for in-depth pastoral and theological learning from the comfort of your own home or local café.

But the first question we often get is: 'How often do I have to come to Canberra?'

The short answer is: it's flexible. You're welcome to come often, and we can work with you if you can't. We have students in every corner of Australia and beyond who vary in their ability to join us in person, and we work with anyone, anywhere.

THEOLOGY DEGREES ONLINE

Learning about God includes learning in relationships, through community. In our huge country, that's quite hard. Through our partnership with Charles Sturt University, St Mark's specialises in building and maintaining a strong and supportive connection with students in Australia and beyond.

- Each subject has a 'live' lecturer, not an absent pre-taped person. Our faculty is experienced and qualified in their area. You won't be referred to a less qualified 'tutor'.
- Classes are usually live-streamed so you can engage in real-time. You can access recordings of classes later, too.
- Charles Sturt's online learning platforms, Interact2 and Brightspace, give clear guidance, e-readings, teachers' notes, and more.
- Online forums give you access to other students to converse with. Our learners are from several Christian

denominations (or none); you'll meet interesting people in a collegial and respectful environment.

- You can learn with others face to face at regular two-to-four day intensives in Canberra. But we don't want to break your budget, so these are often optional.
- The full range of Charles Sturt University's magnificent library network, including its massive collection of ebooks and ejournals, is accessible online. We also post books from our theological library, one of the largest in the southern hemisphere, with reply-paid return.
- Some undergraduate courses are Commonwealth Government supported, meaning you pay far less than for comparable Australian degrees in theology (for example, our fees for the Bachelor of Theology are around one-third less than our nearest Anglican theological college).
- Some of our postgraduate courses (MPhil and PhD) are now fee-free for the normal duration of your course. You can undertake them online or in person.

In other words, we offer deep online learning in theology. We want you to know God more, with others, in the company of educators and trainers who will guide you well.

If you're aiming to fit your studies around work and life commitments, we're always open to chat with you on how we can help. Just call us on 02 6272 6252 or visit stmarks.edu.au.

A portrait of Associate Professor Bernard Doherty, a man with glasses and a dark turtleneck, standing outdoors with trees in the background.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Associate Professor Bernard Doherty

Course Director, Charles Sturt University
School of Theology

Lecturer in History and World Religions

WHERE TO GO WHEN YOU NEED HELP

At St Mark's, we are committed to providing you with the support and guidance you need throughout your learning journey, whether it's in deciding which courses to take, or finding support services and counsel available to students. Services provided by Charles Sturt University and/or St Mark's National Theological Centre include:

- help with academic writing
- course and enrolment advice
- counselling
- library, information technology and online learning support
- disability support

Students at St Mark's regularly say they appreciate the responsiveness and personal attention of our faculty, who want you to excel.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Whether you're a current student or looking to join us, we'd be happy to chat to you about your current qualifications, career goals, and how we can meet your learning needs.

We can also help you transition to your new learning environment, especially if it's your first foray into higher education or you're new to online learning.

Contact Dr Bernard Doherty,
Course Director School of Theology:
bdoherty@csu.edu.au

SINGLE SUBJECT STUDY AND AUDITING

BITE-SIZED STUDY

Limited time? Looking for an easy introduction to study?
Try a single unit enrolment or audit some of our selected subjects.

SINGLE SUBJECT STUDY

Single subject study enables you to explore a particular area of interest in more depth or just to try out theological study without committing to a full course. You get to access all subject materials and resources, and choose to complete your subject online or on-campus.

Successfully completed units can be credited towards study in the Certificate, Diploma or Bachelor of Theology at Charles Sturt University. Students will need to meet minimum requirements for entry into a Charles Sturt University course and pre-requisite requirements apply for more advanced units.

Learn more about Single Subject Study: study.csu.edu.au/study-options/single-subject

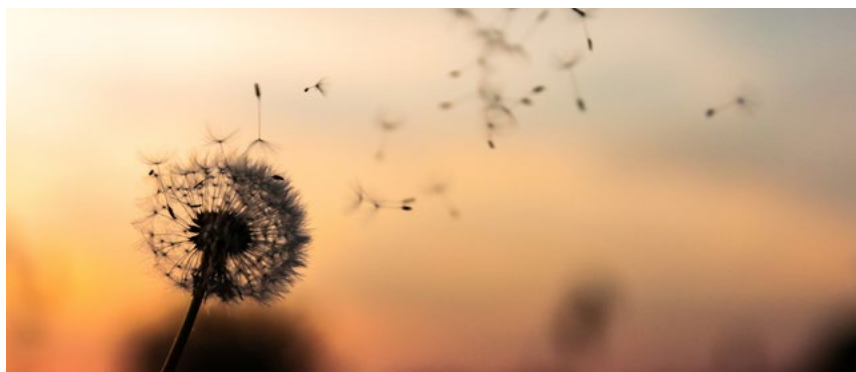
AUDITING

If you've always wanted to listen in on quality theological lectures but lack the time to finish assignments, then auditing is a great way to start your theological journey.

As an auditor, you will be able to participate in weekly lectures and class discussions on campus. There are no entry requirements, and all lectures and classes are conducted in Canberra.


Only some selected subjects are available for auditing each semester. Cost is \$350 per subject.

Contact us to find out which subjects are available in each session:
admin@stmarks.edu.au



THEOLOGY COURSES



A portrait of Dr Jacqueline Service, a woman with long, wavy brown hair, smiling. She is wearing a dark blue top and a gold and white earring. The background is a blurred green outdoor setting.

Dr Jacqueline Service

Lecturer in Systematic
Theology

Associate Head of School,
School of Theology

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY

The Bachelor of Theology offers a thorough grounding in the four foundational areas of theology: Biblical Studies, Systematic Theology, Practical Theology, and Church History.

The course has a strong basis in Biblical Studies and Systematic Theology, but students have opportunities to pursue a significant number of subjects in any of the four main areas. Although undertaken with the rigour of university studies, there is a strong commitment to a balance integrating of theory and practice.

COURSE DURATION

3 years full-time
6 years part-time

ADMISSION

Indicative ATAR is 65.00

MODE

Online (Distance Education)
On Campus (Canberra)

SUBJECTS

The Bachelor of Theology comprises 24 subjects, beginning with core subjects that introduce the four discipline areas, a biblical language subject and an indigenous studies subject. Higher-level subjects give more focus and deeper analysis in the discipline areas. It is possible to add up to four subjects from a non-theology discipline to this degree structure. Provided required core subjects are covered, students in this degree program may exit early either with an Associate Degree in Theology (16 subjects) or a Diploma of Theology (8 subjects).

CORE SUBJECTS (88 POINTS)

BIBLICAL STUDIES (3 SUBJECTS)

- Introduction to Old Testament Studies
- Introduction to New Testament Studies

And one Biblical Language Subject chosen from:

- Introduction to Biblical Languages
- New Testament Greek 1
- Biblical Hebrew 1

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY (3 SUBJECTS)

- Introduction to Christian Theology
- Being the Church
- Jesus the Christ

CHURCH HISTORY (2 SUBJECTS)

- Early Church History
- The European Reformations

PRACTICAL THEOLOGY (2 SUBJECTS)

- Christian Worship
- Practical Theology

INDIGENOUS STUDIES (1 SUBJECT)

- Aboriginal Cultures and Spirituality

EXIT POINTS

ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN THEOLOGY (16 SUBJECTS)

- 10 core subjects
- 6 electives

DIPLOMA OF THEOLOGY (8 SUBJECTS)

- 4 core subjects
- 4 electives

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

In some subjects you will be expected to engage in reflection on practice as part of your assessment. Theology International Study Experience can be credited for one subject in the Bachelor of Theology.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Bachelor of Theology is a foundational degree in many denominations for pastoral ministry, cross-cultural ministry, counselling, and chaplaincy. It can enhance lay involvement in church and parachurch organisations.

*For full course information
and application details,
visit our website:*



UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY (4 Subjects)

The Undergraduate Certificate in Theology is an entry level course for students without another undergraduate degree. This course can provide a pathway into a Bachelor of Theology.

COURSE DURATION

1 year part-time

MODE

Online (Distance Education)
On Campus (Canberra)

ADMISSION

Applicants require a High School Certificate (or equivalent), AQF Certificate III, or a completed Tertiary Preparation course from an Australian university. For more info, see the CSU website.

SUBJECTS

This course comprises 4 subjects (32 points).

CORE SUBJECTS

- Introduction to Old Testament Studies
- Introduction to New Testament Studies
- Introduction to Christian Theology

ELECTIVES

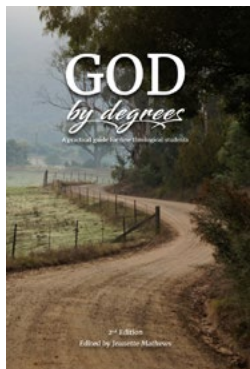
- Introduction to Biblical Languages
- New Testament Greek I
- Biblical Hebrew I
- Practical Theology
- Being the Church
- Early Church History
- The European Reformations

NEW TO STUDY?

GOD BY DEGREES

God, By Degrees is a short, readable book written by lecturers at St Mark's and in the School of Theology. Each shares insights arising from working with students who are new to theological study. The contributors have personally experienced the trepidation, confusion and anxiety that study can sometimes bring.

Expressed in plain language and featuring many practical tips, the book leads current and potential students through studying theology at a deeper level.



Purchase your copy from our website bookstore: stmarks.edu.au/product/god-by-degrees-2nd-edition/

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

(4 Subjects)

The Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies offers an admission pathway into theological study for students with an undergraduate degree from a different discipline. It provides an introduction to Christian theology, Old Testament studies, New Testament studies, and church history.

The course provides a foundational component of training for ministry in the church and offers students the opportunity to deepen their understanding of the Bible and theology. You can complete this Graduate Certificate in one year by studying four subjects part-time online, or break up your study over more semesters. This course also articulates into the Master of Arts (Theological Studies).

COURSE DURATION

1 year part-time

MODE

Online (Distance Education)

On Campus (Canberra)

ADMISSION

Applicants must hold an undergraduate degree from an approved tertiary institution, other than an undergraduate degree in Theology.

SUBJECTS

A 32-point program comprising 1 core subjects (8 points) and 3 electives (24 points).

CORE SUBJECT

- Introduction to Christian Theology

ELECTIVES

- Anglican Foundations
- Being the Church
- Biblical Hebrew 1, 2, 3
- Christian Worship
- Christianity in Australian History
- Early Church History
- Ecological Theology

- Global Christianity since 1700
- God and Humanity
- Homiletics
- Introduction to New Testament Studies
- Introduction to Old Testament Studies
- Jesus the Christ
- Judaism and Early Christianity
- Mission, Evangelism and Apologetics
- New Testament Greek 1, 2, 3
- Old Testament History and Narrative
- Pastoral Care
- Practical Theology
- Sacramental Theology
- The Diaconate
- The European Reformations
- The Pentateuch
- The Synoptic Gospels
- The Triune God
- Theological Ethics
- World Religions and Christian Theology

*For full course information
and application details,
visit our website:*



GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF THEOLOGICAL STUDIES (8 Subjects)

The Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies offers a graduate pathway into theological study for students with an undergraduate degree from a different discipline. It is also a requirement for ordination to the diaconate in the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

This course consists of eight subjects (64 points) with four core subjects and four electives. Students can choose to exit with a Graduate Certificate in Theology upon completion of four subjects. This course articulates into the Master of Arts (Theological Studies).

COURSE DURATION

1 year full-time
2 years part-time

MODE

Online (Distance Education)
On Campus (Canberra)

ADMISSION

Applicants must hold an undergraduate degree from an approved tertiary institution, other than an undergraduate degree in Theology.

SUBJECTS

A 64-point program comprising 4 core subjects (32 points) and 4 restricted electives (32 points).

CORE SUBJECTS


- Introduction to Christian Theology
- Introduction to Old Testament Studies
- Introduction to New Testament Studies
- Early Church History

ELECTIVES

- Anglican Foundations
- Being the Church
- Biblical Hebrew 1, 2, 3
- Christian Worship
- Christianity in Australian History
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- The Pentateuch
- The Synoptic Gospels
- The Triune God
- Theological Ethics
- World Religions and Christian Theology

For full course information
and application details,
visit our website:



A portrait of Dr Amy Erickson, a woman with long brown hair, smiling and wearing a purple patterned scarf. The background is a soft-focus green field.

Dr Amy Erickson

Lecturer in Theology

Course Advisor
Higher Degree Research
(MPhil and PhD)

THREE MASTERS PROGRAMS FOR THEOLOGICAL STUDY

Charles Sturt University offers three different Master-level theological courses that cater to different academic pathways and vocations.

MASTER OF ARTS (THEOLOGICAL STUDIES)

COURSEWORK

If you have an undergraduate degree in another discipline and are new to theological study, this Masters will give you a broad and solid foundation in theology. The course can be completed in 18 months full-time and integrates with practical experience to equip you for Christian ministry and leadership. Successful completion of the Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma in Theology can be credited toward this course.

MASTER OF THEOLOGY

COURSEWORK WITH RESEARCH OPTION

This course is ideal for people seeking to deepen existing theological knowledge obtained through a previous tertiary theological qualification. Subjects are offered in areas ranging from classic and contemporary theology to approaches in biblical studies, church history, liturgical theology, spirituality, ethics, and political and public theology.

The Master of Theology by coursework can be completed in 18 months full-time and includes generous options for the development of skills in research and writing. The **research option** grounds students in the skills necessary for further research (e.g. PhD). Since this option includes core subjects, we recommend speaking to faculty at St Mark's about your course progression early in your enrolment.

MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (ARTS AND EDUCATION)

RESEARCH

This course is for people who have excelled in theological study and who wish to investigate an issue from the perspective of Christian theology in-depth. Successful completion of this award can be an outstanding foundation for further doctoral research.

This MPhil requires a completed research dissertation of no more than 50,000 words that deploys all the skills and expectations relevant to academic research. We recommend speaking to faculty at St Mark's before applying for this course.

MASTER OF ARTS (THEOLOGICAL STUDIES)

The Master of Arts (Theological Studies) is a pathway to theology for graduates from other disciplines. It gives students foundations in the four major areas of theological study — biblical studies, systematic theology, church history, and practical theology.

Integrated with practical experience, this course will help equip you for Christian ministry and leadership. Successful completion of the Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies can be credited toward this course.

COURSE DURATION

3 years part-time
1.5 years full-time

MODE

Online (Distance Education)
On campus (Canberra)

ADMISSION

Applicants must hold an undergraduate degree from an approved tertiary institution, other than an undergraduate degree in Theology.

SUBJECTS

A 96-point program comprising six core subjects (48 points) and six electives (48 points)

CORE SUBJECTS

- Introduction to Christian Theology
- Introduction to Old Testament Studies

- Introduction to New Testament Studies
- Early Church History
- Jesus the Christ
- Guided Research in Theology

ELECTIVES

- Anglican Foundations
- Being the Church
- Biblical Hebrew 1, 2
- Christian Ministry
- Christian Worship
- Ecological Theology
- Global Christianity since 1700
- God and Humanity
- Homiletics
- Judaism and Christianity
- Mission, Evangelism and Apologetics
- New Testament Greek 1, 2
- Old Testament History and Narrative
- Pastoral Care
- Practical Theology
- Sacramental Theology
- The Diaconate
- The European Reformations
- The Pentateuch
- The Synoptic Gospels
- The Triune God
- Theological Ethics
- World Religions and Christian Theology

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

After graduating with a Master of Arts (Theological Studies), you'll be ready for further study – or to start out in a new role. Enter the ministry, transition into church leadership, or play a role in church-run, non-governmental organisations or a mission setting.

For full course information
and application details,
visit our website:





MASTER OF THEOLOGY

The Master of Theology builds on previous theological study to develop an in-depth understanding of major issues in contemporary theology.

The Master of Theology by course work can be completed in 18 months full-time and includes generous options for the development of skills in research and writing.

The research option (Option 2) grounds students in the skills necessary for further higher degree by research study. Since this option includes core subjects, we recommend speaking to faculty at St Mark's about your course progression early in your enrolment.

COURSE DURATION

1.5 years full-time
3 years part-time

MODE

Online (Distance Education)
On Campus (Canberra)

ADMISSION

STUDENTS MUST:

- hold an undergraduate degree in theology with no less than a Credit average or its equivalent; or
- have obtained a Credit average or higher in the Charles Sturt University Graduate Diploma of Theology or equivalent.

SUBJECTS

The course consists of the following options.

OPTION 1: COURSEWORK

Five restricted electives (80 points total) and Guided Research Subject (16 points) (in the last session of study)

OPTION 2: RESEARCH

Four restricted electives (48 points total) and one compulsory subject: Theology Masters Coursework Dissertation (32 points)

ELECTIVES

- Advanced Biblical Exegesis
- Approaches to Enquiry in Ministry
- Christian Ethics
- Church History Methodology
- Classic Texts in Christian Theology
- Contemporary Approaches to Biblical Studies
- Contemporary Issues in Practical Theology
- Contemporary Theology in a Global Context
- Political Theology
- Seminar in Biblical and Theological Interpretation
- Studies in Liturgy and Worship
- The Philosophy of Religious History
- Theological Hermeneutics
- Theology and Spirituality in Contemporary Engagement

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

During your Master of Theology program you will develop your research, analytical and communication skills, as well as your knowledge of contemporary developments in theology.

By the end of the program you will be able to plan and execute a substantial research based project in your chosen sub-discipline.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A Master of Theology further equips you to work in ministry and mission, and to take up church positions and leadership roles. It also provides a pathway to specialised research (for example, at PhD level).

*For full course information
and application details,
visit our website:*



MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (ARTS AND EDUCATION)

Pursue advanced studies in theology with Charles Sturt's Master of Philosophy (Arts and Education).

This higher degree by research gives you the opportunity to explore in depth a topic of your choosing by writing a thesis under specialist supervision. Topic areas include biblical studies, church history, systematic theology or practical theology. The MPhil is also a pathway to PhD studies.

In partnership with CSU we are currently offering fee-free places (that is, fees are waived for the normal duration of the course) for MPhil students who are accepted into our course.

COURSE DURATION

1-2 years full-time

2-4 years part-time

ADMISSION

You will need the following qualifications to be eligible for this course.

- A Master of Theology from Charles Sturt University with a Distinction average plus evidence of research; or
- A Bachelor of Theology (Honours) with Class 1 or Class 2 Division 1 from Charles Sturt University; or

- An award from another accredited tertiary institution, accepted by the University as equivalent to one of the above awards, and/or have demonstrated in study or professional performance potential to undertake research at a Master degree level.

Intending applicants should contact the Higher Degree by Research coordinator at St Mark's to discuss the proposal before applying for admission to the program.

For full course information and application details, visit our website:



DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (ARTS AND EDUCATION)

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) offers graduates who have an excellent academic record and proven research skills the opportunity to conduct research at a level that will contribute to the knowledge base of their discipline.

COURSE DURATION

3 years full-time
6 years part-time

ADMISSION

SPECIAL ADMISSION CRITERIA

Applications with the area of research interest clearly stated may be lodged at any time during the academic year. Initial contact with the Course Coordinator is highly advisable (contact Dr Amy Erickson: aerickson@csu.edu.au).

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR PhD

The entry qualifications required for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy program are:

- a relevant Bachelor degree at Honours Class 1 or Honours Class 2 Division 1; **or**
- a relevant Master by Research (Master of Theology, Master of Philosophy); **or**
- enrolled in a Charles Sturt University Master by Research program and has demonstrated exceptional ability in the conduct of a research project which is clearly capable of being extended to a doctoral level; **or**
- a relevant coursework Master's degree with evidence of research at a Distinction level or above; **or**
- other qualifications acceptable to the Faculty of Arts and Education and the Research Advisory Committee.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students should contact the course coordinator or potential supervisor to discuss possible research topics.

In accordance with the University's Higher Degree by Research regulations, students will be assigned an appropriate supervisor who will assist the student to develop a research proposal and title for the research project, and guide the student during the research process and thesis preparation.

In partnership with CSU we are currently offering fee-free places (that is, fees are waived for the normal duration of the course) for PhD students who are accepted into our course.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A Doctor of Philosophy in Theology opens up teaching and research careers, and leadership positions in church and parachurch organisations.

*For full course information
and application details,
visit our website:*



A woman with a braid, wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt and dark pants, is seen from behind, walking on a paved road. She is carrying a large, patterned bag or basket. In front of her, a large flock of sheep is moving along the road, filling most of the path. The landscape is rural with rolling hills and a cloudy sky. The scene is captured in a cinematic style with soft lighting.

MINISTRY COURSES



PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISION STUDY OPTIONS

St Mark's has been delivering our Professional Supervision program for over 10 years. We are innovators and leaders in this space, having developed the first Professional Supervision courses, and our courses are recommended by numerous church bodies and parachurch organisations as the preferred industry standard for their professional supervisors.

We offer professional supervision training and study that cater to different academic pathways and training needs. Our Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision course is accredited by the Australasian Association of Supervision (AAOS) for membership at Associate level and all courses are eligible for FEE-Help.

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISION (PASTORAL)

Delivered through face-to-face intensives blended with online learning, our course focuses on practice and includes a supervisory component. Our delivery style is also immersive as it models the transformational learning experience of professional supervision. There are flexible admission requirements and the course can be completed in 1 year part-time. FEE-Help is available. This course is accredited with AAOS for admission at Associate membership level.

SINGLE SUBJECT STUDY

If you are interested in deepening your previous supervision studies, then single-subject study might be the best option for you.

Our Professional Supervision subjects are:

- MIN503 Professional Supervision 1
- MIN525 Professional Supervision 2
- MIN406 Group Supervision
- MIN400 Reflective Practice in Contemporary Ministry

A portrait of Rev'd Dr Geoff Broughton, a man with long, wavy brown hair and a light beard, smiling. He is wearing a dark blue blazer over a light-colored collared shirt. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with green foliage.

Rev'd Dr Geoff Broughton

Associate Professor of Practical Theology,
Charles Sturt University School of
Theology

Lead Trainer, Graduate Certificate in
Professional Supervision (Pastoral)

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISION (PASTORAL) (4 Subjects)

This course gives ministry workers, educators, and other mid-career professionals the opportunity to study the theory and practice of professional supervision for pastoral contexts. It integrates best practice in the sector within a theological and client-centred framework.

It is intended to train people to work as Professional Pastoral Supervisors of:

- Clergy, church workers, and pastoral carers.
- Chaplains and Pastoral care workers in hospitals, the aged care sector, prisons, and schools.
- Ministry and other students in training.
- Other professionals seeking pastoral supervision including education, youth, community, and health sector workers.

This course will also allow individuals to qualify for membership of professional supervision associations.

St Mark's has been delivering our Professional Supervision program for over 10 years. We are innovators and leaders in this space, having pioneered Professional Supervision courses in Australia, and our courses are recommended by numerous church bodies and parachurch organisations as the preferred standard for their professional supervisors. This course is accredited by the Australasian Association of Supervision (AAOS) at Associate membership level.

COURSE DURATION

1 year part-time

MODE

Online, work-based, and with 3 subjects requiring intensives. Check the **CSU website** for the list of locations and states for our intensives, or contact us on admin@stmarks.edu.au.

This course emphasises face-to-face practical sessions for role play and simulated supervision experiences, and group sharing and discussion as a form of assessment. Learners are also required to include 10 hours of practice as a supervisor and 8 hours as a supervisee. Additionally, 100 hours of work placement must be logged.

ADMISSION

There are two pathways into the course:

- successful completion of an undergraduate degree in either Theology, Social Work, Psychology, Education, Management or equivalent; **or**
- have at least five years professional experience within a helping profession and a recommendation from an employer, professional association, or ordaining body.

Visit our website for more detail and to view the full list of entry requirements.

SUBJECTS

Skills and knowledge in this course are taught using a highly integrated approach.

The course comprises four subjects worth 8 credit points each (total 32 points).

MIN503 Professional Supervision 1

This subject introduces students to the key aspects of professional supervision. The students will learn advanced skills and knowledge in a range of areas, including how to establish and manage a supervision relationship, how to facilitate transformational learning for a supervisee, how to provide professional supervision in a range of contexts, how to distinguish professional supervision from other forms of reflective practice, how to undertake professional and theological reflection, and how to apply legal and ethical responsibilities within professional and ministry contexts (involves workplace learning and an intensive school).

MIN525 Professional Supervision 2

This subject introduces students to the key aspects of professional supervision in pastoral contexts. The students will learn advanced skills and knowledge in a range of areas, including how to establish and manage a supervision relationship; how to provide professional supervision in ministry, community sector, and professional contexts; how to undertake professional reflection; how to plan group interventions; how to provide ethical and pastoral advice; and how to apply legal and ethical responsibilities within professional and ministry contexts (involves workplace learning and an intensive school).

MIN400 Reflective Practice in Contemporary Ministry

This subject provides an overview of the basic tools of theological reflection and their application to reflective practice, forming the foundation for critical inquiry into the practice of Christian ministry. Students will develop their skills in reflective practice through the exploration of issues associated with their ministry experience. Topics include critical investigations of particular approaches to identified pastoral issues undertaken to understand thoroughly the strengths and weaknesses of methodologies. Students will apply reflection in action cycles in their own fields of ministry and establish a personal template for their reflective practice in ministry.

MIN406 Group and Peer Supervision

This subject introduces students to the principles and practice of group and peer supervision, which complement individual professional and pastoral supervision. Students will be helped to grow in the skills of facilitating group and peer supervision. Students will also learn how group and peer supervision can optimise reflective learning processes, provide supervisors with opportunities continuing professional development in their supervision practice, and enhance the importance of collaborative peer networks for advanced professional supervisors.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Our course is recognised by the Australasian Association of Supervisors (AAOS).

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

This graduate certificate emphasises face-to-face practical sessions for role play and simulated supervision experiences. This course includes emphasis on group sharing and discussion as a form of assessment. It also requires learners to contract with a supervisee for six sessions of supervision.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Completion of this award will position clergy and those in the helping/caring professions to offer professional supervision to clergy and other helpers. (National standards around clergy supervision are likely to emerge after the recent Royal Commission into churches and other institutions).

*For full course information
and application details,
visit our website:*





GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN MINISTRY

(4 Subjects)

The Graduate Certificate in Ministry is a practice-oriented course and an excellent way for ministers to upskill as you reflect on your ministry practice.

The course comprises a single core subject on reflective practice in contemporary ministry, along with three electives. Electives permit you to explore such areas as pastoral counselling, professional supervision, church governance, management and leadership, pastoral theology, chaplaincy, and contemporary mission and evangelism.

Completion of this course awards you with 32 out of the 96 required credit points for the Master of Ministry.

COURSE DURATION

1-2 years part-time

MODE

Online (Distance Education)

On Campus (Canberra)

ADMISSION

You will need the following qualifications to be eligible for this course.

- An undergraduate degree in Theology from a recognised Australian university or equivalent; or hold the Graduate Diploma of Theology with a Credit average or higher; and
- At least two years of full-time professional experience in ministry.

SUBJECTS

A 32-point program comprising 1 core subject (16 points) and up to 3 restricted electives (24 points).

CORE SUBJECT

- Reflective Practice in Contemporary Ministry

RESTRICTED ELECTIVES

Choose 32 points from one of the following fields

MINISTRY IN CONTEXT

- Applied Principles of Church Leadership
- Approaches to Enquiry in Ministry (16 points)
- Christian Chaplaincy in Context
- Church Governance and Management
- Contemporary Issues in Practical Theology
- Contemporary Mission and Evangelism
- Foundations for Pastoral and Spiritual Care of Older People
- Group and Peer Supervision*
- Pastoral and Spiritual Care of Older People
- Practical Studies in Liturgy and Worship
- Professional Supervision 1
- Professional Supervision 2*
- Theological and Ethical Issues for People in Later Life

**Professional Supervision 1 is a prerequisite for Professional Supervision 2 and Group and Peer Supervision.*


PASTORAL COUNSELLING

- Pastoral Theology
- Pastoral Counselling Skills
- Pastoral Counselling: Crisis Intervention*
- Pastoral Counselling: Grief and Loss*
- Pastoral Counselling: Relationship and Family*
- Pastoral Counselling: Theory and Professional Issues
- Spiritual Direction in the Christian Tradition

**Pastoral Counselling Skills and Pastoral Counselling: Theory and Professional Issues are prerequisites for Pastoral Counselling: Grief and Loss; Pastoral Counselling: Crisis Intervention; and, Pastoral Counselling: Relationship and Family.*

For full course information and application details, visit our website:



A portrait of Dr David Neville, a man with short grey hair and glasses, wearing a brown suit jacket, a white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera. The background is a blurred bookshelf filled with books.

Dr David Neville

Lecturer in New Testament Studies,
Charles Sturt University School of Theology

Course Advisor:

Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies

Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies

Master of Arts (Theological Studies)

Master of Theology

Graduate Certificate in Ministry

Master of Ministry

MASTER OF MINISTRY

The Master of Ministry gives current ministers the practical skills and knowledge to step up in their professional practice.

This is a practical, ministry-oriented course for qualified ministers, pastoral workers, chaplains and church leaders looking to reflect on contemporary ministry practice.

This course can be taken part-time to suit current work and family commitments while you undertake your professional development.

COURSE DURATION

1.5 years full-time

3-4 years part-time

MODE

Online or on campus with possible repalce residential with 'intensive school components for select electives.

Available on campus in Canberra

ADMISSION

You will need the following qualifications to be eligible for this course:

- An undergraduate degree in Theology from a recognised Australian university or equivalent; or hold the Graduate

Diploma of Theology with a Credit average or higher; and

- At least two years of full-time professional experience in ministry.

CREDIT

16 points of Transfer Credit towards General Electives may be granted for the completion of either:

- an Advanced Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education; or
- the 10706NAT Graduate Certificate in Professional Supervision (Clinical) (Pastoral) from St Mark's National Theological Centre.

SUBJECTS

This degree consists of 96 points comprising three core subjects (32 points). Subjects have a value of 8 points unless otherwise stated.

CORE SUBJECTS

- Reflective Practice in Contemporary Ministry (8 points)
- Theory and Practice of Christian Formation for Ministry (8 points)
- Guided Research in Ministry (16 points) (final subject)

RESTRICTED ELECTIVES

Choose 32 points from one of the following fields

MINISTRY IN CONTEXT

- Applied Principles of Church Leadership
- Approaches to Enquiry in Ministry (16 points)
- Christian Chaplaincy in Context
- Church Governance and Management
- Contemporary Issues in Practical Theology
- Contemporary Mission and Evangelism
- Foundations for Pastoral and Spiritual Care of Older People
- Pastoral and Spiritual Care of Older People
- Practical Studies in Liturgy and Worship
- Professional Supervision 1
- Professional Supervision 2
- Theological and Ethical Issues for People in Later Life

PASTORAL COUNSELLING

- Applied Pastoral Theology
- Pastoral Counselling Skills
- Pastoral Counselling: Crisis Intervention
- Pastoral Counselling: Grief and Loss
- Pastoral Counselling: Relationships and Family
- Pastoral Counselling: Theory and Professional Issues
- Spiritual Direction in the Christian Tradition

ADDITIONAL MINISTRY ELECTIVE

Students choose a further 32 points from any of the restricted electives listed above, and may include the following:

- Theological Ethics for the Helping Professions

EXIT POINT

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MINISTRY (64 POINTS)

- 2 x Core Subjects
- 4 x Restricted Electives (32 points)
- Either an additional 16 points of restricted electives or MIN501 Guided Research in Ministry (16 points).

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Students who complete *MIN503 Professional Supervision 1* and *MIN525 Professional Supervision 2* can be recognised as an Associate Member of the Australian Association of Supervisors (AAOS).

For full course information and application details, visit our website:





PASTORAL COUNSELLING COURSES

A photograph of a man and a woman smiling and talking. The man is in the foreground, wearing a light blue striped shirt, and the woman is in the background, wearing a white top. The image is slightly blurred to focus on the text.

GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF PASTORAL COUNSELLING

The Pastoral Counselling program qualifies individuals to undertake professional or highly skilled work in the field of Pastoral Counselling in settings such as pastoral and clinical counselling practice, church and community work, and lay or ordained ministry.

COURSE DURATION

2 years part-time

MODE

Online (Distance Education)

ADMISSION

Applicants should be able to demonstrate personal suitability to undertake professional practice as a pastoral counsellor, including self-awareness, relational capacity, personal ethical practice, being able to reflect on and learn from experience, and being open to positive and challenging feedback; and

- Applicants should hold an undergraduate degree in theology, psychology or equivalent. Applicants with degrees in any other disciplines are encouraged to apply; or
- Applicants without an undergraduate degree will be considered, with

evidence that they are able to undertake tertiary studies in this area (such as a letter of motivation and two professional or academic references), as assessed by the Course Coordinator.

SUBJECTS

- Pastoral Counselling Skills
- Pastoral Counselling: Theory and Professional Issues
- Pastoral Counselling: Grief and Loss
- Pastoral Counselling: Crisis Intervention
- Pastoral Counselling: Relationship and Family
- Pastoral Counselling: Mental Health and Trauma
- Spiritual Direction in the Christian Tradition
- Applied Pastoral Theology

EXIT POINT

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL COUNSELLING (4 SUBJECTS)

- Pastoral Counselling Skills
- Pastoral Counselling: Theory and Professional Issues
- Pastoral Counselling: Grief and Loss
- Applied Pastoral Theology

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

This counselling graduate diploma emphasises face-to-face practical sessions for role play and hands-on learning. This course includes emphasis on applying course learning to the student's background context for all assessment tasks.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Graduate Diploma of Pastoral Counselling enables you to make a difference to people's lives by providing spiritual and psychological support to those who need it most.

You will develop the skills and experience to offer counselling across a wide range of settings – from pastoral and clinical practice, church and community work, to lay and ordained ministry – to help them with any issue, be it personal, family, marital or faith.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

The Graduate Diploma has professional accreditation by the Australian Counselling Association (ACA) as an approved postgraduate counselling training program.

*For full course information
and application details,
visit our website:*





MASTER OF PASTORAL COUNSELLING

(with specialisation)

The Master of Pastoral Counselling aims to qualify individuals from a variety of backgrounds in pastoral counselling, including churches, universities, schools, military service, corrective services, police, aged care facilities, and the general community.

Students will learn to apply advanced knowledge and skills (including knowledge of research principles and methods applicable to the field) in a range of professional pastoral counselling contexts, enabling them to develop a mastery of the field in their professional practice. The program integrates applied pastoral theology with advanced pastoral counselling theory and skills through in-depth understanding of the discipline. This course is done through either clinical coursework or pastoral counselling research, and serves as a pathway to further learning.

COURSE DURATION

4 years part-time

MODE

Online (Distance Education)

ADMISSION

Applicants should:

- be able to demonstrate personal suitability to undertake professional practice as a pastoral counsellor, including self-awareness, relational capacity, personal ethical practice, being able to reflect on and learn from experience, and being open to positive and challenging feedback; and
- hold an undergraduate degree in theology, psychology or equivalent
- applicants with degrees in other disciplines are encouraged to apply; or
- have successfully completed the Graduate Diploma of Pastoral Counselling at CSU; or
- hold a Graduate Diploma of Counselling from another institution; if so they may be required to complete the Applied Pastoral Theology subject before being granted admission to the Master of Pastoral Counselling.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

When you study Master of Pastoral Counselling you will be able to make a difference to people's lives by providing spiritual and psychological support to those who need it most.

You will develop the skills and experience to offer counselling across a wide range of settings – pastoral and clinical practice, church and community work, and lay or ordained ministry – to help people with any issue, be it personal, family, marital or faith.

SUBJECTS

MASTER OF PASTORAL COUNSELLING (128 POINTS)

All of the Graduate Diploma of Pastoral Counselling Subjects, plus:

- Advanced Pastoral Counselling (16 points)
- Social Research Methods for Pastoral Studies (8 points)
- Pastoral Counselling Research Proposal (8 points)
- Pastoral Counselling Dissertation (32 points)

MASTER OF PASTORAL COUNSELLING (CLINICAL) (13 SUBJECTS)

All of the Graduate Diploma of Pastoral Counselling Subjects, plus:

- Advanced Pastoral Counselling (16 points)
- Theological Ethics for the Helping Professions (8 points)
- Pastoral Counselling Professional Practice (16 points)
- Reflective Practitioner Perspectives in Pastoral Counselling (16 points)
- Social Research Methods for Pastoral Studies (8 points)

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

This Masters course in counselling emphasises face-to-face practical sessions for role play and hands-on learning. This course includes a focus on applying course learning to the student's background context for all assessment tasks.

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GOD. IT IS “FAITH SEEKING
UNDERSTANDING,” IN
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