

Postgraduate Certificate in Theology (Ministry Supervision) (PGCertTh(MinSup))

Level 8, 60 credits

This programme offers in-depth training in Ministry Supervision, leading to a Postgraduate Certificate. Successful completion of the PGCertTh(MinSup) will assist graduates in meeting the supervisory needs of people in a range of ministries, as well as professionals in other helping vocations.

Flexible Study Options

The PGCertTh(MinSup) is taught via lecture blocks at Laidlaw's Henderson campus, with course readings and assessments across the semester. In-person engagement in the lectures is essential for the Ministry supervision courses.

The PGCertTh(MinSup) caters for:

- Those who have successfully completed a recognised undergraduate degree in theology or Christian ministries or have qualifications which, in the judgement of the Postgraduate Committee (PGC), are of an equivalent standard. A grade point average of 7.0 (B) in courses of the qualifying undergraduate programme equivalent to NZQA Levels 6 and 7 is required.
- Those who hold a recognised Bachelor's level degree in a discipline other than theology who have successfully completed a bridging programme of theological study such as those provided by Laidlaw College and other theological institutions or as approved by the PGC. Bridging requirements may be satisfied wholly or partly by credit transfer and/or recognition of prior learning.
- Special admission for the Postgraduate Certificate in Theology (Ministry Supervision) is possible for students with a Bachelor's degree in a different discipline who have significant ministry experience.

In addition to the above:

- Candidates must have a minimum of two years' experience in ministry or a people-helping profession of some kind.
- During the second Semester, candidates are expected to offer regular (at least monthly) supervision to at least one person who is actively engaged in ministry or people-related work.
- Applicants must complete a police check and may be required to have an interview.

Programme Requirements

The Postgraduate Certificate in Theology (Ministry Supervision) is a part-time programme comprised of two successive courses, each 30 credits at level 8. The two courses need to be completed in order, although not necessarily in the same year.

Courses

R512.830 FOUNDATIONS OF MINISTRY SUPERVISION

Rev. Dr Karen Kemp & Dr David Crawley
4-6 Mar | Wed-Fri, 9am-5pm
6-8 May | Wed-Fri, 9am-5pm
Henderson campus

This course examines the nature and purpose of professional supervision, including its importance in people-related ministries. Several theoretical approaches to supervision will be covered, with in-class opportunities for practice. Participants also reflect critically on the theological, ethical and cultural dimensions of offering supervision in their own contexts, and in the wider context of Aotearoa.

R513.830 DEVELOPING A MINISTRY SUPERVISION PRACTICE

Rev. Dr Karen Kemp & Dr David Crawley
29-31 Jul | Wed-Fri, 9am-5pm
9-11 Sep | Wed-Fri, 9am-5pm
Henderson Campus

Pre-requisite: R512.830

This second course enables practitioners to develop a framework for supervision practice, appropriate to their own cultural and ministry contexts. The focus is on the integration of theory, theology and critically reflective practice.

On completion of the Postgraduate Certificate in Theology Laidlaw College graduates will:

1. Evaluate critically a wide spectrum of literature in each of the coursework areas and in the areas of the research undertaken.
2. Demonstrate mastery of the issues of debate in each of these areas.
3. Give a fair and informed account of representative points of view in each subject area.
4. Utilise sound hermeneutical principles in contextualising biblical theology within the subject area studies.
5. Demonstrate advanced skills of research, critical analysis and constructive synthesis and application so as to make a significant contribution to knowledge in their area of specialisation.
6. Reflect on the professional, ethical, and relational implications of their study for ministry in the modern world.

2026 Fees

Domestic: \$2,193 per 30-credit course. **\$4,386** for programme (2 courses, 60 credits).

International: \$6,390 per 30-credit course. **\$12,780** for programme (2 courses, 60 credits).

NOTE: Annual fee may vary. A Student Services fee of \$4.20 per credit is charged for on-campus courses or \$63 per semester for distance learning. Please refer to Fee Schedule for more details (www.laidlaw.ac.nz/fees)

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READY TO APPLY? ANY QUESTIONS?

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