

Diploma in Christian Education (DipCEd)

level 5, 120 credits



Flexible Study Options

Students can complete the DipCEd on campus in Henderson, Manukau or Christchurch and part-time options may also be available. Some courses are also available by distance.

Students who complete the DipCEd in the Primary Education track and meet all other criteria may staircase into the second year of the Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) programme.

Programme Requirements

The Diploma in Christian Education is a one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) programme. It consists of a total of 120 credits, comprising foundational courses in theology, teaching and learning.

FOUNDATIONS	PRIMARY EDUCATION TRACK
215.515 Beginning Theology	850.515 Reflective Practices
851.515 Innovative Teaching	852.515 Developing Numeracy
855.515 Inclusive Education	853.515 Developing Literacy
857.515 Human Development	
907.515 Bicultural Relationships	
75 CREDITS	45 CREDITS
TOTAL 120 CREDITS	

2021 Fees

\$783.75 per 15 credit course

\$3,135 per semester full-time (4 courses, 60 credits)

\$6,270 for the full programme (8 courses, 120 credits)

A Student Services fee of \$4 per credit is charged for on-campus courses. Please see the Fees Schedule for more details (www.laidlaw.ac.nz/fees).

Courses*

215.515 BEGINNING THEOLOGY

An introduction to theological reflection, providing opportunities to develop basic skills for working with biblical texts and theological ideas and applying those skills in everyday contexts.

850.515 REFLECTIVE PRACTICES

Reflective Practices is a programme of targeted, integrated, and creative self-analysis with an outward focus on developing quality practice. This transformative and collaborative approach is designed to facilitate authentic growth in student teachers through their professional practice experience.

851.515 INNOVATIVE TEACHING

This course introduces the foundational concepts of teaching and learning in the context of the digital age. The course also develops an understanding of the learner in a learning-focused culture. Digital technologies are changing the way that teachers plan, curate resources, organise content delivery and manage classroom behaviour. Digital devices both make new types of learning activities possible, and at the same time highlight how learner preferences and competencies for digital learning vary. This course will explore these issues, as well as how to maximise motivation for learning in an innovative learning environment. The role of assessment of learners' achievement and evaluation of effective teaching and learning in digital environments is also explored.

852.515 DEVELOPING NUMERACY

Students will develop a critical understanding of early years numeracy development in New Zealand primary schools and mathematics in the New Zealand Curriculum. Pedagogies and practices for the teaching of mathematics are introduced. The relationship between the mathematics and the digital technologies curricula will also be explored.

853.515 DEVELOPING LITERACY

Literacy is foundational to citizenship in society. This course introduces early literacy teaching and learning strategies encompassing oral, written and visual forms of English. The relationship between making meaning and creating meaning in Primary English across levels 1 and 2 of the New Zealand curriculum is clarified. English as an Additional Language (EAL/D) teaching theory is introduced.

855.515 INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

This foundational course explores primary education as ako—the flow of teaching and learning, the spiritual nurturing of the child—taha wairua, and whaiwāhitanga—inclusion of all learners. On this platform, a broad understanding of additional learning needs is identified, and effective and responsive pedagogies are developed and connected to inclusive practices, inclusive environments, and inclusive management strategies. A theology of inclusion is developed in response to an understanding of how teacher values, attitudes and beliefs impact on learner and learning.

857.515 HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

A survey of contemporary understandings of human development in conversation with Christian theological descriptions of human being.

907.515 BICULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS

People of all cultures draw their own self-knowledge from their engagement with other people and the world. In the Aotearoa New Zealand context this means an honouring of the covenantal spirit of the Treaty of Waitangi and an awareness of its relational intent. This course introduces Tikanga Maori on the basis of understanding people in their contexts, and combines theological, theoretical and historical reflection with the development of practices drawn from an integration of these. The course includes regular oral activities aimed at developing fluency in the use of te reo and tikanga in a range of settings. The culmination of this oral learning is participation in the Noho Marae, where an overnight stay on a marae provides an integrated opportunity to engage with Maori culture beyond the classroom.

**Not all courses are available at all locations or in all modes of delivery.*

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READY TO APPLY? ANY QUESTIONS?

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