

Postgraduate Certificate in Theology (PGCertTh)

level 8, 60 credits



Flexible Study Options

Students can study towards the PGCertTh on campus in Henderson or by distance learning. Courses are typically offered in block-mode, allowing for students outside of the Auckland region to take part.

The PGCertTh 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.

Programme Requirements

The PGCertTh is a one semester full-time (or part-time equivalent) postgraduate certificate programme. It is made up of two Level 8 courses of 30 credits each.

Courses

Any two 30-credit taught courses at Level 8.
(Except R351.830 Postgraduate Research and Writing)

2022 Fees

\$1,851 per 30-credit course

\$3,702 for the full programme (2 courses, 60 credits)

A Student Services fee of \$4 per credit is charged for on-campus courses or \$60 per semester for distance learning. Please see the Fees Schedule for more details (www.laidlaw.ac.nz/fees).

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.

Laidlaw Postgraduate Courses 2022

Semester One 2022

R102.830 GENESIS: CREATION AND BLESSING

Dr Richard Neville
21-25 March & 16-20 May 2022 | 9:00am - 12:30pm
Henderson Campus

The book of Genesis makes a unique and profoundly important contribution to the biblical canon. We will explore that contribution by looking at the unique place Genesis occupies in the biblical Grand Narrative, investigating its theological content. We will take the opportunity to reflect on the sophisticated composition of the book, both in terms of its overall structure, but also in its carefully crafted narrative episodes. In the process students will develop their appreciation for the book's themes and message, while refining their skills for reading narrative texts. The student will also encounter the book's remarkable capacity for speaking into the life of faith.

R232.830 HUMANITY FULLY ALIVE

Dr Stephen Garner
7-11 Mar 2022 | 9:30am - 4:30pm
Henderson Campus

This course explores Christian understandings of humanity as individual human beings and in community. The course focuses on topics such as human beings as the 'image and likeness of God', understandings of body and soul, personhood and identity, the significance of community, sexuality and gender, discrimination, ecological concerns, and eschatological perspectives on human destiny.

R351.830 POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH AND WRITING

Dr Greg Liston
22-25 February & 29 March - 1 April 2022
9:30am - 4:30pm
Henderson Campus
Semester Two: By distance

Postgraduate Research and Writing introduces you to the wonder and joy of research. It is a course designed to inspire students with the vast breadth of cutting-edge investigations that are being done by the lecturers at Laidlaw, and then to teach them how to research themselves by partnering with one of these lecturers. Students will develop and hone the skills of research and writing by designing and implementing a short research project in their own area of interest.

R507.830 ANOINTED MINISTRY

Dr Myk Habets
21-25 Mar 2022 & 16-20 May 2022 | 2:00 - 5:00pm
Henderson Campus

This course examines the doctrine of the Trinity and applies this to pastoral practices in order to allow the doctrine of the Trinity to have a controlling influence over such practices. This course addresses key concerns related to the practice of ministry. By grounding the course in a robust trinitarianism, students will receive a clear biblical and theological foundation for ministry as participation in the ongoing ministry of Christ in the world in the power of the Spirit, thus preparing them for effective Christocentric pastoral and missional leadership. The course develops historical, theological, and ministerial themes, and seeks to enable students to develop convictions for ministry and reflect on ecclesial practices such as administration of the sacraments, pastoral care, preaching, prayer, and worship.

Semester Two 2022

R149.830 JESUS IN A WORLD OF COLLIDING EMPIRES

Dr Mark Keown
25 -29 July 2022 | 9:00am - 4:00pm
Henderson Campus

Jesus entered history into a world that had been characterised by colliding empires for centuries. He came to establish God's reign undoing expectations and reframing what imperial power looks like forever. This course will explore Mark's Gospel in depth, considering how Jesus does this. We will track the implications of this not only from Mark, but the NT. We will be challenged to truly embrace God's understandings of power and empire and be the people God dreams us to be.

R233.830 SPIRIT CHRISTOLOGY AND MODELS OF SANCTIFICATION FOR MINISTRY

Dr Leo Sanchez
12-16 September 2022 | 9:30am - 4:30pm
Henderson Campus

The contemporary field of Spirit Christology, which looks at the Holy Spirit's role in the life and mission of Jesus Christ, has focused on questions concerning Trinitarian theology, Christology, salvation in Christ, and to some extent life in Christ. This course extends the research in this field in a practical direction by asking how the same Spirit who dwells in Christ and guides him in his life and mission shapes the lives of his disciples today. Such a question yields a model-based theology of sanctification informed by a Christ-shaped approach to personal growth, ministry and witness. Through the study of five models of sanctification grounded in scriptural, patristic, reformation and contemporary narratives of life in Christ, students will learn to humbly discern and articulate theologically the movement of the Spirit of Christ in their own lives, and vocations in church and world.

R351.830 POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH AND WRITING

Dr Greg Liston
By distance throughout the semester
(see description in Semester One)

R505.830 REFLECTIVE PRACTICE FOR MINISTRY

Dr Maja Whitaker and Graeme Flett
22 -26 August 2022 | 9:30am - 4:30pm
Henderson Campus

The capacity to reflect on our experience is a key skill that enables us to develop as practitioners in any field of vocation, including Christian ministry. This course is for people who are active in ministry, in either churches or community organisations, who want to deepen their practice and flourish in ministry. Students will learn to critically evaluate their ministry context, to develop practices of discernment and habits of mind that produce resilience over the long-term, and to understand what they bring to their ministry role from their own personality and as a participant in community. The course is delivered through a range of seminars, workshops, reflections and fieldwork activities, and all learning is grounded in the student's own ministry context.

R506.830 JUSTICE THAT RESTORES: THE JUSTICE OF GOD IN THE BIBLE AND THE WORLD

Dr Chris Marshall
15-19 August & 26-30 September 2022
| 9:00am - 12:30pm
Henderson Campus

There have always been debates about the definition, meaning and requirements of justice. In recent times, these debates have become even more fractious and complicated, with some thinkers simply concluding that, "nobody knows what justice is." Christians have something important to contribute to this discussion, for the biblical tradition reflects deeply and pervasively on the character of justice, and particularly on the restoring justice of God. This course will explore key themes in biblical teaching on justice, human rights and peace-making, and reflect on their concrete application today, both in society and the church, especially through the use of restorative justice principles and practices.

READY TO APPLY? ANY QUESTIONS?

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