

# Diploma in Christian Studies: Christian Leadership DipCS(CL)\*

level 5, 120 credits



## Programme Summary

On completion of the Diploma in Christian Studies students will have developed the capacity to tell the biblical story, to read the Scriptures within their wider historical context and to understand a theological framework for life and ministry. Students will have begun the process of developing the disciplines necessary both to maintain their own spiritual growth and to serve in voluntary leadership capacities within the church and in our world.

The Christian Leadership strand equips people to evaluate and deliver ministry programmes within their context, to think deeply about their faith, and to lead a wide range of Christian operations. Students are equipped with a biblical and theological foundation upon which applied Christian leadership skills are developed through internship in real life practical contexts.

## Flexible Study Options

Students can study towards the DipCS(CL) via a range of flexible learning options, including a combination of on campus and Distance Learning courses, as well as part-time study. This programme may also be studied at one of our partner colleges or hubs.

A student's working hours in their church or ministry context (16-20 hours/week) can count as credit towards the Leadership Internship courses.

Students who complete the DipCS(CL) may staircase into the second year of the Bachelor of Theology.

## Programme Requirements

The DipCS(CL) is a one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) programme. It is made up of four level 5, 15-credit courses and two level 5, 30-credit courses.

## 2023 Fees

\$818.25 per 15-credit course

\$3,273 per semester full-time (4 courses, 60 credits)

\$6,546 for the full programme (8 courses, 120 credits)

*A Student Services fee of \$4 per credit is charged for on-campus courses.*

*A one-off Student Services Fee of \$60 per semester is charged for Distance Learning course enrolments.*

*Please see the Fees Schedule for more details ([www.laidlaw.ac.nz/fees](http://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/fees)).*

*\*This programme leads to the New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (Level 5).*

# Core Courses

## 115.515 READING THE BIBLE (15 CREDITS)

Approach the Bible from the perspective of biblical theology, which allows the Bible to tell its own story as a unified grand narrative that culminates in the person and work of Jesus Christ. Explore the unity, diversity, and central themes of the Bible to make sense of the relationship between the Bible, theology, and all of life.

## 201.515 ENGAGING THEOLOGY (15 CREDITS)

Be introduced to systematic theology and learn to think theologically. You will examine God's self-revelation, how that revelation can be understood, and why it is foundational for Christian faith. You will then explore the arrangement of this revelation into a set of core beliefs and their application to everyday living.

## 401.515 FORMATION (15 CREDITS)

Explore personal and communal spiritual formation, through engagement with Scripture, theological understandings, and a range of Christian spiritual practices. This reflection will include (1) evaluation of key aspects of your own formation, (2) evaluation of your experiences of personal and communal strategies intended to facilitate spiritual growth, and (3) the development of spiritual practices which will foster your spiritual formation and strengthen your contribution to enhancing human wellbeing within your own social and cultural contexts.

## 505.515 CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP & MISSION (15 CREDITS)

Explore Christian leadership and mission by means of the evaluation of personal and community faith journeys, ministry programmes within your context, and your own emerging sense of call and mission.

# Internship Courses\*

## 474.530 LEADERSHIP INTERNSHIP I (30 CREDITS)

Evaluate Christian leadership principles within the context of church, mission, and community ministries. Learners will build, lead, and contribute to teams in a way that reflects their sense of call and personal strengths, and also through the application of leadership practices that enhance the goals of their chosen ministry.

## 475.530 LEADERSHIP INTERNSHIP II (30 CREDITS)

Build on leadership principles and practices learnt in Leadership Internship I, in order to develop skills for team leadership. Students will reflect on team dynamics and project management as they are practised within their ministry context, and contribute to the goals of a church, mission, or community ministry.

*\*Not all courses are available at all locations; see timetables.*

## 476.530 LEADERSHIP INTERNSHIP I - FULL YEAR

Evaluate Christian leadership principles within the context of church, mission, and community ministries. Learners will build, lead, and contribute to teams in a way that reflects their sense of call and personal strengths, and also through the application of leadership practices that enhance the goals of their chosen ministry.

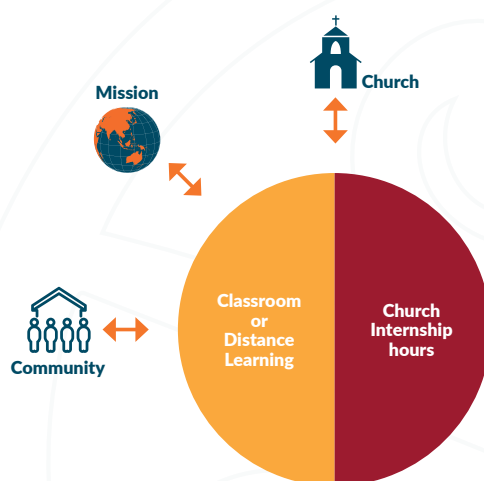
## 477.530 LEADERSHIP INTERNSHIP II - FULL YEAR

Build on leadership principles and practices learnt in Leadership Internship I, in order to develop skills for team leadership. Students will reflect on team dynamic and project management as they are practised within their ministry context, and contribute to the goals of a church, mission, or community ministry.

By the end of this programme graduates will be able to:

1. Evaluate and apply a broad understanding of theology and biblical foundations to defined contexts based on textual interpretation and religious practice.
2. Evaluate a ministry programme based on strategies that integrate personal and community faith journeys, and the social, cultural and other contextual considerations of defined groups.
3. Apply key Christian leadership principles to facilitate team development and accomplish organisational goals in particular areas of responsibility in Christian ministry.

## Programme Offering Overview



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READY TO APPLY? ANY QUESTIONS?

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