

Postgraduate Diploma in Theology (PGDipTh)

level 8, 120 credits



Flexible Study Options

Students can study towards the PGDipTh 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 PGDipTh 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 PGDipTh is a one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) programme. It is made up of four Level 8 courses of 30 credits each.

2023 Fees

\$1,900.50 per 30-credit course

\$7,602 for the full programme (4 courses, 120 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).

Laidlaw Postgraduate Courses 2023

Semester One 2023

R140.830 THE GOSPEL AND ITS PROCLAMATION

Dr Mark Keown

22 – 26 May | 9am – 4pm

Our everyday world is an increasingly dynamic mix of faiths, philosophies, cultures, and ideologies in both local and global contexts. In such a world, Christians and their communities still have the imperative to share Christ but often struggle with traditional paradigms of the gospel and its effective proclamation. This course goes deeply into New Testament exploring diverse understandings of the gospel to strengthen our capacity to present the gospel today. It also explores patterns of its proclamation, providing a basis for sharing the gospel in posture, proclamation, and praxis in the complex cultural landscapes that exist within Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond.

R351.830 POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH AND WRITING

Dr Greg Liston and Dr Terry Pouono

21-24 February | 9am - 5pm

22-24 March | Wed-Thurs 9am - 5pm, Fri 9am - 1:30pm

Writer's Workshop (Optional but highly recommended)

24-25 March | 9am - 5pm

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.

R405.830 MENTAL HEALTH AND HUMAN FLOURISHING

Dr Maja Whittaker and Dr Sarah Penwarden

27 – 31 March | 9:30am - 4:30pm

Mental distress can be a common but challenging aspect of human experience. In this course, students will explore how to understand mental distress from within the framework of practical theology. Students will learn how to articulate a theology of mental distress as well as human flourishing and shalom, through a focus on mental health in general and particular experiences such as anxiety, depression and bipolar disorder. Students will gain an understanding of issues of stigma surrounding mental distress in society. Students will evaluate pastoral responses to mental distress, and will articulate an understanding of what a wise, compassionate, and informed pastoral response might involve within the varied cultural contexts of Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond.

R507.830 ANOINTED MINISTRY

Dr Myk Habets

1-5 May | Mon-Fri 9:30am - 4:30pm, Fri 9:30am-1pm

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.

R512.830 FOUNDATIONS OF MINISTRY SUPERVISION

Dr David Crawley and Karen Kemp

13 - 17 March | Mon-Fri 9.30am - 4.30pm

31 May - 2 June | Wed-Fri 9.30am - 4.30pm

This is the first of two courses which together comprise a Postgraduate Certificate in Theology, designed to equip graduates to offer professional supervision in a range of ministry contexts (understanding ministry in the broad sense of Christian vocation). It examines the nature and purpose of professional supervision, including its importance in people-related ministries. Several theoretical approaches to supervision will be evaluated and participants will reflect critically on theological, ethical, and cultural dimensions of offering supervision in their own contexts.

Semester Two 2023

R121.830 OLD TESTAMENT NARRATIVE: ITS MESSAGE AND METHOD

Dr John de Jong

14-18 August & 16-20 October | 9.30am - 12.30pm

This course engages in a detailed study of the content and form of Old Testament narrative, and the hermeneutical and theological issues raised by narrative approaches to the Old Testament, illustrated by study of selected Old Testament narrative texts. The significance for preaching and application of the narrative form and content within the various cultural contexts of Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond is also considered.

R236.830 SPECIAL TOPIC: CHRISTIAN THOUGHT AND HISTORY – PATRISTICS PAPER

Dr Edwina Murphy

28 August - 1 September | Mon -Thurs 9am - 5pm,
Fri 9am - 1pm

This course provides an opportunity for students to engage in theological or historical disciplines in an advanced way. The course involves a concentrated study of a theological or historical issue. Critical issues of background and context are explored, and contemporary applications to the complex cultural landscapes that exist within Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond are investigated.

R351.830 POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH AND WRITING

Dr Terry Pouono

By distance throughout the semester

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.

R505.830 REFLECTIVE PRACTICE FOR MINISTRY

Dr Maja Whitaker and Graeme Flett

21-25 August | 9:30am - 4:30pm

This course explores the postures and practices that allow people in ministry to flourish in their ministry context. Students will learn to critically evaluate their ministry environment both culturally and contextually, 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, context and as a participant in community.

R513.830 DEVELOPING A MINISTRY SUPERVISION PRACTICE

Dr David Crawley and Karen Kemp

2 - 4 August & 13 - 15 September | 9.30am - 4.30pm

This is the second of two courses which comprise a Postgraduate Certificate in Theology, designed to equip graduates to offer professional supervision in a range of ministry contexts (understanding ministry in the broad sense of Christian vocation). Through the integration of theory, practice, and theology, it enables practitioners to develop a framework for supervision appropriate to their own cultural and professional contexts, and to engage in critically reflective practice.

R612.830 THE CHURCH FOR OTHERS

Dr Joe McGarry

4 - 8 September | Mon - Fri 9.30am - 4.30pm

The church's social advocacy is increasingly recognised as a central aspect of her witness in the world. And yet, a call to social action can often be cast aside or seen as just one priority amongst many. This course presents biblical, theological, and historical investigations into the self-emptying existence for others which rests at the heart of Christian existence. Beginning with the biblical witness regarding the community's posture towards the vulnerable, the course then uses Dietrich Bonhoeffer's theological work to guide our discourse. We will hear Bonhoeffer ask, "Is the church the church if she does not exist for others?" and consider the significance of moving social action from the register of mission (something the church does) into the register of being (something the church is). The course will conclude by investigating historical case studies, illuminating how social action for the other historically and consistently emerges when the church lives from her faithful identity in Christ, and how it can be applied in the varied cultural contexts that exist in Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond.

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Summer Semester 2023/24

R540.830 FOUNDATIONS IN VOCATIONAL THEOLOGY

Dr Roshan Allpress

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Calling or vocatio is deeply rooted within the Christian tradition as a way of framing the good or faithful life. This course invites students to discern and articulate their vocation, and to frame this within a distinctively Christian theological articulation of hope. Students will engage with integrative theological frameworks, approaches, and their vocational practices in relation to God and the world, to address key questions pertinent to their own vocation, and so to faithfully enhance their own professional well-being and engagement within their own cultural and situational contexts.

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Bachelor of Theology (BTh)



level 7, 360 credits

Flexible Study Options

Students can study towards the BTh on campus in Henderson and Christchurch or by Distance Learning. A selection of BTh courses are available on-site at the Manukau campus. (Check the timetable at laidlaw.ac.nz/student-info/timetables).

This programme also allows for a range of flexible learning options, including a combination of on campus and Distance Learning courses, as well as part-time study.

Programme Requirements

For a comprehensive list of compulsory and elective courses that can be taken towards the BTh please go to: www.laidlaw.ac.nz/theology/programmes/bth

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).

Courses

The Bachelor of Theology is a three year full-time (or part-time equivalent) programme. It is made up of 24 courses of 15 credits each at levels 5,6 and 7.

The Programme Guide below lists the minimum requirements of each area.

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY	BIBLICAL STUDIES (100s)	CHRISTIAN THOUGHT AND HISTORY (200-300s)	PASTORAL, MISSIONAL AND CONTEXTUAL STUDIES (400-600s)
Minimum credits for degree	90	75	90
	A total minimum of 360 credits A minimum of 180 credits at level 6 or above A minimum of 75 credits at level 7		
Level 5	115.515 Reading the Bible 120.515 Reading the Old Testament 140.515 Reading the New Testament	201.515 Engaging Theology 308.515 Christian History: Our Story	401.515 Formation 505.515 Christian Leadership and Mission 907.515 Bicultural Relationships: Tikanga Kawenata
Level 6 & 7	111.6/715 Interpreting the Bible At least 1 OT and 1 NT exegesis paper	202.6/715 Christology 219.615 Ngākau Maia: Christian Confidence	480.6/715 Faithful Living: Intro to Reflective Practice 590.715 Capstone: Integrative Practice

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Bachelor of Theology (Honours)

level 8, 120 credits



Flexible Study Options

Students can study towards the BTh(Hons) on campus in Henderson or by Distance Learning. (Check the timetable at laidlaw.ac.nz/student-info/timetables).

This programme also allows for a range of flexible learning options, including a combination of on campus and Distance Learning courses, as well as part-time study.

The BTh(Hons) caters for

- Graduates who have successfully completed three years of undergraduate study in theology with a GPA of at least 7.0 (B) in courses at NZQF levels 6 and 7 who are looking for a pathway into research and further study.

Programme Requirements

The Bachelor of Theology (Honours) is a one year 120 credit bachelor's honours degree at level 8.

2023 Fees

\$1,900.50 per 30-credit course

\$3,801 per 60-credit course

\$7,602 for the full programme

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).

Courses

R351.830 POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH AND WRITING (30 CREDITS)

This course centres on the methodology and practical aspects of advanced research. Students reflect on the theological, ethical, and missiological implications of research whilst developing advanced skills and methods which will support a research project. A range of scholars relate their own research experience and students engage with a number of contemporary approaches to critical research and writing. Students develop and hone the skills of research and writing by designing and implementing a small research project in the field of their interest.

R352.830 HONOURS SPECIAL TOPIC (30 CREDITS)

This course explores a directed course of study of a chosen discipline of theology. Through a selection of tutoring, class time, guided, and self-directed study, the student will demonstrate a mastery of a specific area of theological study and will communicate effectively relevant theories, principles, and applications over a series of essays.

R362.860 HONOURS RESEARCH PROJECT (60 CREDITS)

This course enables students to develop and deepen, in more specialized areas of study, the skills and knowledge acquired through successful completion of the BTh (or equivalent). Students, in discussion with a supervisor, decide on a research project and conduct their research under supervision. The project must reflect the methodologies and skills appropriate to the subject area in which they are working. This course allows students to develop their theological thinking in a systematic capacity, subject to the constraints and rigours of research methods appropriate to the respective disciplines. As part of the supervision process the student will present regular summaries of their progress to the lecturer and receive feedback on the progress of their proposal.

On completion of the Bachelor of Theology (Honours) Laidlaw College graduates will:

1. **Have developed skills in advanced research and writing**
2. **Be able to disseminate the results of advanced research to wider networks**
3. **Engage in self-directed learning and advanced study**
4. **Demonstrate intellectual independence, analytic rigour, and the ability to understand and evaluate new knowledge and ideas**
5. **Demonstrate the ability to identify topics for original research, plan and conduct research, analyse results, and communicate the findings to the satisfaction of subject experts.**
6. **Be prepared for higher levels of academic research**

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Certificate in Christian Ministry (Internship) (CertCM)*



level 4, 120 credits

Programme Summary

The Certificate of Christian Ministry (Internship) provides a pathway for emerging Christian leaders to pursue ministry formation and theological study while serving their churches. Students develop knowledge, skills and experience by connecting their own reflection on the Christian faith with real life practical contexts, equipping them for service in the church. The Certificate of Christian Ministry also provides a pathway into further study for further personal and professional development.

Students spend around half their time in ministry placement (including 210 hours per semester of Supervised Ministry Practice), while also grounding themselves in core papers in Bible, Theology, Mission and Discipleship.

Flexible Study Options

The CertCM (Internship) is a one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) programme. The programme is made up of a total of 120 credits.

Students can study in this programme through one of our Partners located around the country or on-site at the Manukau campus.

Programme Requirements

The CertCM (Internship) is made up of the following courses:

116.415 Encountering the Bible (15 credits)	216.415 Basics of Christian Belief (15 credits)	416.415 Discipleship (15 credits)	506.415 Faith in Action (15 credits)
472.430 Ministry Internship I (30 credits)		473.430 Ministry Internship II (30 credits)	

*This programme leads to the New Zealand Certificate in Christian Ministry (Level 4).

Courses

116.415 ENCOUNTERING THE BIBLE (15 CREDITS)

This course introduces students to the Bible and explores the major themes that occur throughout Genesis to Revelation. It also shows how the Bible can be read so that it speaks into our lives, ministries, and workplaces.

216.415 BASICS OF CHRISTIAN BELIEF (15 CREDITS)

This course introduces students to key ideas and concepts that form the heart of Christian belief. Students will examine how these ideas fit together and shape Christian life and faith, and how they can interact with the wider community.

416.415 DISCIPLESHIP (15 CREDITS)

This course introduces students to key aspects of Christian discipleship. Drawing on the Bible and key ideas in Christian belief students engage in personal reflection and directed exercises connecting faith, life and ministry.

472.430 MINISTRY INTERNSHIP I (30 CREDITS)

In this Internship course students mix practical ministry activity with personal reflection and course learning. They are introduced to personal development, self- and task-management, and the attributes and character of a leader.

473.430 MINISTRY INTERNSHIP II (30 CREDITS)

This Internship course extends students in their supervised ministry practice though personal reflection on their own journey into ministry in relation to a sense of call and personal strengths.

506.415 FAITH IN ACTION (15 CREDITS)

This course introduces students to a range of different contexts where Christian faith is being lived out. Students will be introduced to a framework for action-reflection to assist them in connecting faith and life an ministry in the everyday world.

2023 Fees

\$580.50 per 15-credit course

\$4,644 for the full programme (6 courses, 120 credits)

Please see the Fees Schedule for more details (www.laidlaw.ac.nz/fees).

Graduate Profile

Graduates will be able to:

1. **Integrate foundational knowledge of selected biblical principles and Christian beliefs and apply to specified communities, acknowledging bicultural or multicultural context.**
2. **Apply biblical and theological principles to own faith journey and to that of others.**
3. **Apply biblical, theological and ministry skills in a mentored practical ministry context to support the spiritual development of individuals and groups.**
4. **Organise and prioritise tasks and responsibilities in the provision of practical ministry to individuals and groups.**
5. **Set goals and make plans for providing practical ministry to individuals and groups.**

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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).

**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.

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

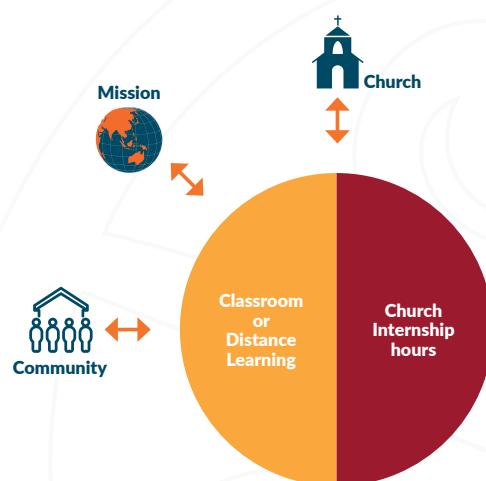
Build on leadership principles and practices learnt in Leadership Internship I, in order to develop skills for team leadership. Students will reflect on team dynamic and project management as they are practised within their ministry context, and contribute to the goals of a church, mission, or community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

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

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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Laidlaw Christian
Leadership Programme



Diploma in Christian Studies: Theological Studies DipCS(TS)*

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 Theological Studies strand provides students with an introduction to biblical studies, theological studies and spiritual formation and prepares them to live out the Gospel of Christ, engaging thoughtfully and compassionately in the world.

Flexible Study Options

Students can study towards the DipCS(TS) on campus in Henderson, Manukau, Christchurch, by Distance Learning or at one of our partner colleges. This programme also allows for a range of flexible learning options, including a combination of on campus and Distance Learning courses, as well as part-time study.

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

Programme Requirements

The DipCS(TS) is a one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) programme. It is made up of eight level 5, 15-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).

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

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.

120.515 READING THE OLD TESTAMENT (15 CREDITS)

Explore a broad understanding of the Old Testament and be introduced to the interpretation and application of the Old Testament in church, mission, and/or community.

140.515 READING THE NEW TESTAMENT (15 CREDITS)

Explore a broad understanding of New Testament foundations, and their interpretation and application within church, mission, and community contexts.

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.

308.515 CHRISTIAN HISTORY: OUR STORY (15 CREDITS)

Develop an integrative understanding of how Christian theology, practice, culture, and institutions have developed over history, such that you can better narrate the wider context of your leadership.

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.

907.515 BICULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS: TIKANGA KAWENATA (15 CREDITS)

Be introduced to Tikanga Māori on the basis of understanding people in their contexts. It combines theological, theoretical, and historical reflection with the development of practices drawn from an integration of these. You will also be provided with an overview of tikanga Māori and theological views of kawenata (covenant) and justice and their application within community leadership in Aotearoa. There will be 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 Māori culture beyond the classroom.

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. Integrate core tools of theology, biblical texts and ministry practice, and apply these to the broader community to provide leadership and direction that is culturally and ethically appropriate.**

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Diploma in Christian Studies: Intercultural Studies DipCS(IS)*

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 Intercultural Studies strand provides students with an introduction to biblical studies, theological studies and spiritual formation, as well as an initial examination of Christian theology, context, and practice within a particular culture. The aim of the Intercultural Studies strand is to provide graduates who are able to use intercultural skills and practices to bridge gaps among communities in Aotearoa New Zealand, and provide services in local and global Christian ministry, mission organisations, non-governmental and social organisations, and intercultural communities.

Flexible Study Options

Students can study towards the DipCS(IS) on campus in Henderson or Manukau (depending on the timetable). Some courses may be taken by Distance Learning. This programme also allows for a range of flexible learning options, including a combination of on campus and Distance Learning courses, as well as part-time study.

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

Programme Requirements

The DipCS(IS) is a one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) programme. It is made up of eight level 5, 15-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)

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

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.

907.515 BICULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS: TIKANGA KAWENATA (15 CREDITS)

Be introduced to Tikanga Māori on the basis of understanding people in their contexts. It combines theological, theoretical, and historical reflection with the development of practices drawn from an integration of these. You will also be provided with an overview of tikanga Māori and theological views of kawenata (covenant) and justice and their application within community leadership in Aotearoa. There will be 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 Māori culture beyond the classroom.

EITHER

312.515 NGĀ HUNGA HOHOURONGO (THE GOSPEL PEACEMAKERS) (15 CREDITS)

Explore an aspect of Māori responses to the introduction of Te Rongopai—the Gospel—to Māori society. The message of the Gospel contends with utu, war, and the law/lore of tapu. This course provides an overview of peace-orientated Christianity and its impact on Māori society through the reception of the Bible as a book of peace.

OR

313.515 A HISTORY OF PACIFIC CHRISTIANITY (15 CREDITS)

Explore the spread of Christianity in the Pacific. You will look at the critical role that Western and Pasifika missionaries played in the process of evangelisation and the historical development of Pacific churches. You will also look at the growth and influence of diaspora Pacific churches and communities in Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia. This course also reflects on the development of Pacific Christianity and its relevance for Christian life, mission, and ministry today.

EITHER

579.515 NGĀ HUNGA MAIA (FAITH-LED MĀORI LEADERSHIP) (15 CREDITS)

Examine the impact of the Bible and the gospel message on both traditional and contemporary Māori leadership. You will explore the influence of early Māori Christian evangelists in changing traditional leadership roles and the continuation of Māori faith-led leadership in contemporary iwi, hāpori and hāhi transformation.

OR

407.515 DISCIPLING PASIFIKA COMMUNITIES (15 CREDITS)

Explore the expertise and skills for discipleship in the local church, local community, and/or global missions. You will develop an understanding of the practical dimensions of Christian ministry by collaborating with Pasifika role models in church environments and professional vocations. This course will prepare you to minister effectively in Christian missions and inter-cultural communities.

EITHER

649.515 WHAKAPAPA O TE ATUATANGA (GENEALOGY AND GOD) (15 CREDITS)

Have an overview of the relevance of genealogy within both Māori society and the biblical scriptures. Explore how both whakapapa Māori and biblical genealogy is key to connecting to Atua (God), tangata (people), and whenua (land), and look at this concept in the context of identity, adoption, and redemption. Identity, adoption, and redemption are central features of biblical genealogy and speak directly to a Christian whakapapa.

OR

217.515 PASIFIKA THEOLOGY

Explore how theology is done contextually in the Pacific region through the examination of Pacific concepts, stories, and socio-politico-economic structures of life. The understanding developed provides a foundation for shaping Pacific ministries based on biblical interpretation, theological reflection, and religious practice.

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. Use intercultural skills and practices to bridge gaps among communities.
4. Provide necessary services in specific roles required of local and global Christian ministry, mission organisations, non-governmental and social service organisations and intercultural communities.

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Distance Learning



Diploma in Christian Studies

Bachelor of Theology | Graduate Certificate in Theology

Graduate Diploma in Theology

Bachelor of Theology(Honours)

Postgraduate Certificate in Theology

Postgraduate Diploma in Theology | Master of Theology

Flexible Study Options

The flexibility of distance learning allows you to fit your studies around your other life commitments. You can study one course at a time, or take as many courses as you can manage up to a full time load. Our courses are designed to enable you to study where you find it most convenient to study—at the library, in your room, on the sofa. This is lifestyle learning at its best!

Programmes

Ten of the School of Theology's NZQA-accredited undergraduate programmes are offered by distance learning:

- Diploma in Christian Studies (Christian Leadership) (DipCS(CL))
- Diploma in Christian Studies (Intercultural Studies) (DipCS (IS))
- Diploma in Christian Studies (Theological Studies) (DipCS(TS))
- Bachelor of Theology (BTh)
- Graduate Certificate in Theology (GradCertTh)
- Graduate Diploma in Theology (GradDipTh)
- Bachelor of Theology(Honours)
- Postgraduate Certificate in Theology
- Postgraduate Diploma in Theology
- Master of Theology

Students enrolled in these programmes are eligible for student loans and allowances, subject to StudyLink regulations. These programmes can be studied full-time or part-time. Full details of these programmes can be found on the Laidlaw College website: www.laidlaw.ac.nz/theology.

2023 Fees

\$818.25 per 15-credit course (level 5 - 7)

\$1,900.50 per 30-credit course (level 8 & 9)

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).

Distance Learning

Undergrad Course Offerings 2023

Semester One	Semester Two
100's Biblical Studies	
106.515 Hebrew 1	107.515 Hebrew 2
108.515 Greek 1	109.515 Greek 2
111.6/715 Interpreting the Bible	120.515 Reading the Old Testament
115.515 Reading the Bible	122.6/517 Pentateuch
123.6/715 Prophets	149.6/715 Epistles 1
140.515 Reading the New Testament	
200's Christian Thought	
219.615 Ngakau Maia: Christian Confidence	201.515 Engaging Theology
205.6/715 Church - Theology & Practice	218.615 Issues in Theology
	202.6/715 Christology
300's History of Christianity	
351.715 Research Topic 1: Christian Thought & History	308.515 Christian History: our Story
352.715 Research Topic 2: Practical Theology	351.715 Research Topic 1: Christian Thought and History
	352.715 Research Topic 2: Practical Theology
400's Spiritual Formation and Internship	
406.6/715 Models of Spirituality	401.515 Formation
480.6/715 Faithful Living: Intro to Reflective Practice	474.530 Leadership Internship I
474.530 Leadership Internship I	475.530 Leadership Internship II
475.530 Leadership Internship II	476.530 Leadership Internship I - Full Year
476.530 Leadership Internship I - Full Year	477.530 Leadership Internship II - Full Year
477.530 Leadership Internship II - Full Year	478.615 Practicum I
478.615 Practicum I	479.715 Practicum II
479.715 Practicum II	
500's Pastoral & Contextual Studies	
500.515 Connecting with Youth & Young Adults	561.6/715 Intro to Preaching
505.515 Christian Leadership & Mission	590.715 Capstone: Integrative Practice
511.6/715 Pastoral Care in Community	
550.6/715 Theology & Experience of Disability	
600's Cross-Cultural Mission	
612.6/715 Majority world Theology	603.6/715 Cultural Anthropology
907.515 T Bicultural Relationships: Tikanga Kawenata	617.6/715 Mercy, Justice, and Social Transformation
	653.715 Tikanga Rangahau
BTh (Honours)	
R352.830 BTh (Hons) Special Topic	R352.830 BTh (Hons) Special Topic
R362.860 BTh (Hons) Research Topic	R362.860 BTh (Hons) Research Topic

Distance Learning

Postgrad Course Offerings 2023

Semester One	Semester Two
R140.830 The Gospel and its Proclamation	R121.830 Old Testament Narrative: Its Method and Message
R351.830 Postgraduate Research and Writing	R236.830 Special Topic: Christian Thought and History (Patristics Paper)
R405.830 Mental Health and Human Flourishing	R351.830 Postgraduate Research and Writing
R507.830 Anointed Ministry	R508.830 Reflective Practice for Ministry
R512.830 Foundations of Ministry Supervision	R513.830 Developing a Ministry Supervision Practice

Summer Semester 2023/2024

115.515 Reading the Bible
201.515 Engaging Theology
401.515 Formation
505.515 Christian Leadership & Mission
111.6/715 Interpreting the Bible
202.6/715 Christology
R540.830 Foundations in Vocational Theology

Courses ending in 15 are 15 credits, courses ending in 30 are 30 credits.

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Graduate Certificate in Theology (GradCertTh)

level 7, 60 credits



Flexible Study Options

Students can study towards the GradCertTh on campus in Henderson and Christchurch or by Distance Learning. A selection of GradCertTh courses are available on-site at the Manukau campus. Check the timetable at laidlaw.ac.nz/study-info/timetables.

This programme also allows for a range of flexible learning options, including a combination of on campus and Distance Learning courses, as well as part-time study.

The GradCertTh caters for

- Graduates with a non-theological degree who wish to study towards a theological qualification with special emphasis on areas of personal interest;
- Graduates with qualifications in theology who wish to deepen their understanding of, and competence in, specific areas of ministry or theological study;
- Those who, although without a degree qualification, have a proven background in experience and academic study deemed to be equivalent to a degree;
- Those who have completed 60 credits of a GradDipTh which meet the GradCertTh programme requirements and choose not to continue on;
- Those who have completed a degree in a non-theological area but who wish to bridge into postgraduate programmes in theology, such as the Masters level MTh.

2023 Fees

\$818.25 per 15-credit course

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

Programme Requirements

The GradCertTh is a half year full-time (or part-time equivalent) programme. It is made up of four level 6 and 7 courses of 15 credits each. For students in the GradCertTh programme, course pre-requisite and co-requisite regulations may be waived.

The programme requirements are as follows:

GradCertTh LEVEL 7	
LEVEL	CREDITS
6	Max 15 credits
7	Min 45 credits
Must include 45 credits at level 7 or higher from the Theology curriculum.	
TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED	60

Courses

For a comprehensive list of courses that can be taken towards the GradCertTh, please go to: www.laidlaw.ac.nz/theology

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Graduate Diploma in Theology (GradDipTh)

level 7, 120 credits



Flexible Study Options

Students can study towards the GradDipTh on campus in Henderson and Christchurch or by Distance Learning. A selection of GradDipTh courses are available on-site at the Manukau campus. Check the timetable at laidlaw.ac.nz/study-info/timetables.

This programme also allows for a range of flexible learning options, including a combination of on campus and Distance Learning courses, as well as part-time study.

The GradDipTh caters for

- Graduates with a non-theological degree who wish to study for a theological qualification with special emphasis on areas of personal interest;
- Graduates with qualifications in theology who wish to deepen their understanding of, and competence in, specific areas of ministry or theological study;
- Those who, although without a degree qualification, have a proven background in experience and academic study deemed to be equivalent to a degree;
- Those who have completed a degree in a non-theological area but who wish to bridge into postgraduate programmes in theology, such as the Master of Theology offered by the Laidlaw Graduate School.

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).

Programme Requirements

The GradDipTh is a one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) programme. It is made up of eight level 5, 6 and 7 courses of 15 credits each. For students in the GradDipTh programme, course pre-requisite and co-requisite regulations may be waived.

The programme requirements are as follows:

GradDipTh LEVEL 7	
LEVEL	CREDITS
5	Max 45 credits
6	
7	Min 75 credits
Must include at least 30 credits from Biblical Studies (100s) and 30 credits from Christian Thought and History of Christianity (200 – 300s).	
TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED	120

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Master of Theology (MTh)

level 9, 180 or 240 credits



Flexible Study Options

Students can study towards the MTh on campus in Henderson or via distance learning. Courses are typically offered in block-mode, allowing for those outside of the Auckland region to take part. Students who successfully complete the first year of the MTh, but do not wish to continue to second year studies, may apply for a cross credit towards a level 8 Postgraduate Diploma in Theology.

Programme Requirements

Level 8 entry:

The MTh degree may be completed with **180 credits** where the candidate has completed a recognized three-year Bachelor's degree in Theology or Ministry, with a grade point average of 7.0 (B) in courses of the qualifying undergraduate programme at NZQA levels 6 and 7.

The MTh degree requires **240 credits** where the candidate holds a recognised Bachelor's level degree in a discipline other than Theology or Ministry and has completed a bridging programme such as Laidlaw's 120 credit Graduate Diploma in Theology with a grade point average of 7.0 (B) at NZQA level 7.

Level 9 entry:

The MTh degree may be completed with **120 credits** where the candidate has completed a four-year Honours degree in Theology or Ministry with first or second class Honours **OR** a Postgraduate Diploma in Theology with merit.

2023 Fees

\$1,900.50 per 30-credit course

\$3,801 per semester full-time (2 courses, 60 credits)

\$7,602 for the full programme (4 courses, 120 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).

Postgraduate Scholarships

Laidlaw College provides access to a number of postgraduate scholarships and funds for students studying in New Zealand. Please see the Laidlaw website for more details: www.laidlaw.ac.nz/scholarships

Laidlaw Postgraduate Courses 2023

Semester One 2023

R140.830 THE GOSPEL AND ITS PROCLAMATION

Dr Mark Keown

22 – 26 May | 9am – 4pm

Our everyday world is an increasingly dynamic mix of faiths, philosophies, cultures, and ideologies in both local and global contexts. In such a world, Christians and their communities still have the imperative to share Christ but often struggle with traditional paradigms of the gospel and its effective proclamation. This course goes deeply into New Testament exploring diverse understandings of the gospel to strengthen our capacity to present the gospel today. It also explores patterns of its proclamation, providing a basis for sharing the gospel in posture, proclamation, and praxis in the complex cultural landscapes that exist within Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond.

R351.830 POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH AND WRITING

Dr Greg Liston and Dr Terry Pouono

21-24 February | 9am - 5pm

22-24 March | Wed-Thurs 9am - 5pm, Fri 9am - 1:30pm

Writer's Workshop (Optional but highly recommended)

24-25 March | 9am - 5pm

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.

R405.830 MENTAL HEALTH AND HUMAN FLOURISHING

Dr Maja Whittaker and Dr Sarah Penwarden

27 – 31 March | 9:30am - 4:30pm

Mental distress can be a common but challenging aspect of human experience. In this course, students will explore how to understand mental distress from within the framework of practical theology. Students will learn how to articulate a theology of mental distress as well as human flourishing and shalom, through a focus on mental health in general and particular experiences such as anxiety, depression and bipolar disorder. Students will gain an understanding of issues of stigma surrounding mental distress in society. Students will evaluate pastoral responses to mental distress, and will articulate an understanding of what a wise, compassionate, and informed pastoral response might involve within the varied cultural contexts of Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond.

R507.830 ANOINTED MINISTRY

Dr Myk Habets

1-5 May | Mon-Fri 9:30am - 4:30pm, Fri 9:30am-1pm

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.

R512.830 FOUNDATIONS OF MINISTRY SUPERVISION

Dr David Crawley and Karen Kemp

13 - 17 March | Mon-Fri 9.30am - 4.30pm

31 May - 2 June | Wed-Fri 9.30am - 4.30pm

This is the first of two courses which together comprise a Postgraduate Certificate in Theology, designed to equip graduates to offer professional supervision in a range of ministry contexts (understanding ministry in the broad sense of Christian vocation). It examines the nature and purpose of professional supervision, including its importance in people-related ministries. Several theoretical approaches to supervision will be evaluated and participants will reflect critically on theological, ethical, and cultural dimensions of offering supervision in their own contexts.

Semester Two 2023

R121.830 OLD TESTAMENT NARRATIVE: ITS MESSAGE AND METHOD

Dr John de Jong

14-18 August & 16-20 October | 9.30am - 12.30pm

This course engages in a detailed study of the content and form of Old Testament narrative, and the hermeneutical and theological issues raised by narrative approaches to the Old Testament, illustrated by study of selected Old Testament narrative texts. The significance for preaching and application of the narrative form and content within the various cultural contexts of Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond is also considered.

R236.830 SPECIAL TOPIC: CHRISTIAN THOUGHT AND HISTORY – PATRISTICS PAPER

Dr Edwina Murphy

28 August - 1 September | Mon -Thurs 9am - 5pm,
Fri 9am - 1pm

This course provides an opportunity for students to engage in theological or historical disciplines in an advanced way. The course involves a concentrated study of a theological or historical issue. Critical issues of background and context are explored, and contemporary applications to the complex cultural landscapes that exist within Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond are investigated.

R351.830 POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH AND WRITING

Dr Terry Pouono

By distance throughout the semester

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.

R505.830 REFLECTIVE PRACTICE FOR MINISTRY

Dr Maja Whitaker and Graeme Flett

21-25 August | 9:30am - 4:30pm

This course explores the postures and practices that allow people in ministry to flourish in their ministry context. Students will learn to critically evaluate their ministry environment both culturally and contextually, 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, context and as a participant in community.

R513.830 DEVELOPING A MINISTRY SUPERVISION PRACTICE

Dr David Crawley and Karen Kemp

2 - 4 August & 13 - 15 September | 9.30am - 4.30pm

This is the second of two courses which comprise a Postgraduate Certificate in Theology, designed to equip graduates to offer professional supervision in a range of ministry contexts (understanding ministry in the broad sense of Christian vocation). Through the integration of theory, practice, and theology, it enables practitioners to develop a framework for supervision appropriate to their own cultural and professional contexts, and to engage in critically reflective practice.

R612.830 THE CHURCH FOR OTHERS

Dr Joe McGarry

4 - 8 September | Mon - Fri 9.30am - 4.30pm

The church's social advocacy is increasingly recognised as a central aspect of her witness in the world. And yet, a call to social action can often be cast aside or seen as just one priority amongst many. This course presents biblical, theological, and historical investigations into the self-emptying existence for others which rests at the heart of Christian existence. Beginning with the biblical witness regarding the community's posture towards the vulnerable, the course then uses Dietrich Bonhoeffer's theological work to guide our discourse. We will hear Bonhoeffer ask, "Is the church the church if she does not exist for others?" and consider the significance of moving social action from the register of mission (something the church does) into the register of being (something the church is). The course will conclude by investigating historical case studies, illuminating how social action for the other historically and consistently emerges when the church lives from her faithful identity in Christ, and how it can be applied in the varied cultural contexts that exist in Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond.

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Summer Semester 2023/24

R540.830 FOUNDATIONS IN VOCATIONAL THEOLOGY

Dr Roshan Allpress

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Calling or vocatio is deeply rooted within the Christian tradition as a way of framing the good or faithful life. This course invites students to discern and articulate their vocation, and to frame this within a distinctively Christian theological articulation of hope. Students will engage with integrative theological frameworks, approaches, and their vocational practices in relation to God and the world, to address key questions pertinent to their own vocation, and so to faithfully enhance their own professional well-being and engagement within their own cultural and situational contexts.

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Postgraduate Diploma in Theology (PGDipTh)

level 8, 120 credits



Flexible Study Options

Students can study towards the PGDipTh 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 PGDipTh 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 PGDipTh is a one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) programme. It is made up of four Level 8 courses of 30 credits each.

2023 Fees

\$1,900.50 per 30-credit course

\$7,602 for the full programme (4 courses, 120 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).

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)

2023 Fees

\$1,900.50 per 30-credit course

\$3,801 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.

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