



Course Outline

Certificate IV in Christian Ministry & Theology (10433NAT) Cityview Bible College Online

1. Aims

This qualification is designed for Christians wishing to grow in their faith, apply God's word in their life and serve more effectively in their church and/or as a preparation for future Christian ministry.

2. Ministry/Employment

This course will provide preparatory training for students who intend working in either professional or volunteer capacity in churches and Christian organisations.

Student will develop:

- The ability to understand the bible and apply it accurately in life and ministry.
- A greater intimacy with God and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's leading
- The ability to communicate and cooperate with others in a one-on-one or team settings.
- The skills to present the gospel and share biblical truths with a wide demographic in a variety of settings

3. Overview

This qualification is competency based and students will be required to demonstrate competency within each subject to successfully complete the Certificate IV.

A significant part of the course is assessed through practical field activities carried out in conjunction with the local church in areas of perceived need for that church.

Being an online course, all lectures, discussion, and written and performed assessments tasks will be submitted via the web with a variety of portals available.

4. Duration

This course is designed to be completed in 12 months if studied full-time. There is however the option to do the course at a slower pace over 2-4 years.

5. Costs

Application fee \$100 (non refundable)

Academic Fees: \$4500, payable in 6 instalments of \$750.

6. Entry Requirements

It is expected that students are committed Christians who are actively involved in a local church.

Required Knowledge and Skills

It is required that prospective students at this level will have:

- A basic knowledge of Christian traditions
- A basic knowledge of historical theology including
- Development of theological beliefs
- Timelines and context
- An understanding of doctrinal differences and differences in theological opinion of a range of Christian denominations
- A basic knowledge of the Old and New Testaments
- An awareness of the basic aids to scriptural research
- A basic knowledge of theological beliefs and language of a range of existent groups and denominations

It is also required that students would have the ability to:

- Collect and analyse information for use in a given ministry setting (i.e. sermon preparation and delivery)
- Use the identified aids and resources for theological research

General Requirements

All applicants are required to complete a formal application. Satisfactory completion of Year 12 is recommended but students without this formal educational level will be considered. Applicants should be at least 17 years (18 years for international students).

In addition, applicants need to:

- provide two references (i) from local church pastor or leader (if not already provided) and (ii) from another Christian leader unrelated to yourself;
- nominate two people, one as an academic mentor and the other to provide spiritual oversight and accountability in your personal life and service in the local church;
- have a successful interview with the Principal or representative, usually via Skype, however could be face to face if you were living local to Sydney;
- demonstrate satisfactory English language skills. International students are required to have English language skills to at least the level of IELTS 6.0 or equivalent;
- have basic computing skills including the ability to use a word processing package at an elementary level and be able to access the internet; and
- be able to subscribe to the Cityview Bible College statement of beliefs as per student handbook.

7. Training Process

The course is delivered online but may include on-site intensives, either at an approved partner campus or on client site. It will combine online interactive individual and group activities with local interaction and oversight, utilising appointed mentors and/or pastoral overseers. It also requires significant out of class research and development tasks.

For each unit, students are provided with training manuals, which include all materials used in the training sessions, and assessment materials (other than tests).

Training will include:

- Lectures accessed from the College website
- Interactive discussions with other students (via Skype or equivalent portals)
- Research projects both academic (literature) and practical (community needs or perception)
- Practical skill exercises
- Team formation, leadership and basic project management
- Audio-visual presentations
- Community engagement via research, community events and ongoing initiatives

8. Course Competencies

Australia has a standardised system of training for many skill areas in industry such that a qualification issued by an accredited training organisation is recognised nationally.

There are currently no nationally recognised competencies for Christian Ministry and Theology, however this course is common to more colleges around Australia than any other and as such relevant units have automatic recognition.



The following competencies are specific to Christian Ministry and make up the backbone of this Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology.

National Code	Competency
CMT007	Discusses the nature of the Bible and present day Christian life and practice
CMT008	Interprets theological data
CMT009	Investigates information within a theological theme or issue
CMT010	Gains new personal revelation
CMT011	Explores ideas about God in relation to the way we live as Christians
CMT012	Communicates theological information in a clear, easy to understand form

The following nationally recognized competencies are achieved on completion of the Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology.

National Code	Competency
CHCCD401D	Support community participation
CPPCMN4005A	Facilitate effective teamwork
BSBCMM401A	Make presentations
BSBWOR404A	Develop Work Priorities
CHCGROUP403D	Plan and conduct group activities

9. Course Structure

Total course requirements for this Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology is the equivalent of 20 term subjects. Full-time students will study these subjects at a rate of 5 per term.

A breakdown of the subjects into the underlying competencies is as below.

Subject #	Subject Code	Subject	Competency Code	Assigned hours per Competency
Core-1	CVC-SFL1	Spirit Filled Life 1	CMT011	60
Core-2	CVC-SFL2	Spirit Filled Life 2	CMT012	60
Core-3	CVC-THEO	Theology 1	CMT007	60
Core-4	CVC-OT	Old Testament	CMT009	60
Core-5	CVC-NT	New Testament 1	CMT010	70
Core-6	CVC-HS	Holy Spirit	CMT008	70
Core-7	CVC-WOR	Worship & Prayer		
Core-8	CVC-CH	Church History		
Core-9	CVC-CL	Church Life	CHCCD401D	60
Elect-10	CVC-DWP	Develop Work Priorities	BSBWOR404A	40
Elect-11	CVC-COM1	Communication & Planning with Teams	CPPCMN4005A CHCGROUP403D	70
Elect-12	CVC-COM2	Stage Communication	BSBCMM401A	40

10. Assessment Overview

- Indirect demonstration/observation submitted by video/YouTube (simulation and role play, interactive discussions, presentations).
- Written assessment tasks (written assignments, short answer questions/tests, practical research, log entries of field experience)
- Written Exams
- Journal / diarising as applicable
- Practical field placement activities
- Third party evidence, including reports submitted by team members, clients, supervisors

Training and Assessment context

There is a strong emphasis on the training being delivered in a community context with active engagement with the local church. As part of the process we ask that students nominate two (2) people, one who will act as an academic mentor (they could be a mature church member), and one who will provide spiritual oversight and accountability (could be pastor or small-group leader).

Barriers to employment can often be as much about a person's inability to relate and effectively empathise with other people as it is about lack of skills. For this reason there is a strong group emphasis on undertaking tasks together and working as a team in addition to the usual training priorities.

11. Pathways

Cityview Bible College's implementation of this qualification is designed to be aligned with more general training in Christian Ministry and Theology. It also lends itself to being preparatory training for a range of other community services courses at the Certificate IV and Diploma levels.

Particular pathways are as follows:

Christian Ministry:

- Certificate IV in Pastoral Care
- Certificate IV in Celebrancy
- Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology
- Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology
- Bachelor of Theology

Community services:

- Certificate IV in Community Services (other streams)
- Diploma of Community Services (other streams)

Job Roles

A competent person could undertake varying pastoral roles, which could encompass areas such as pastoral care within a church or community organisation.

Possible job titles include:

- Minister/Pastor
- Pastoral Worker
- Specialist Pastor (e.g. Youth, Family, Singles)
- Missionary Worker

12. Recognition of Prior Learning

Where appropriate full Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is offered to students in order to recognise skills that they have already gained. National recognition is also provided for any units of competency that have achieved with any other registered training organisation.

Students may apply for RPL on the basis of past informal or formal training and experience. Should you wish to apply, please contact the Cityview Bible College at info@cityview.org.au.