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Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology

CMT Info Pack 2022

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CERTIFICATE IV IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY & THEOLOGY

Are you keen to learn more about the Bible and put your faith into practice?



The Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology (CMT) is an accessible way to start developing your ministry skills and knowledge, while going deeper in your personal discipleship journey with Jesus. This course is offered face-to-face, one day a week plus a few additional mornings on-campus in Wantirna, VIC. The CMT is also on offer in Launceston, TAS and in Albany, WA. Students have the option of completing the course in one year of study or part-time; and online allowing you to study from anywhere in Australia or anywhere in the world. There are no major essays or exams as part of the course. Students will be encouraged to demonstrate their understanding and skills in relation to their real life and ministry context.

Are you someone God is stirring up in the desire to be equipped to serve in your local church or further afield? We are here to help with this engaging and practical training.

CHURCH LEADERS

Engaging ministry through an Internship

Are you a church leader wanting to embed training and growth into the life of your church? This course provides just that! We take care of the content and then require hands on application to take place in your local church, cross cultural, business or school context. This course is designed to be a great partner with churches and missions that are endeavouring to train and multiply. This qualification fits very well with a church or mission internship program.

Your people that are ready to step into training might include those in a gap year, or those involved in important lay ministry as deacons or elders in training, as small group leaders, or as evangelists and church planters involved, for example, in business as mission or youth ministry.

Who has God raised up in your church that are poised for such an opportunity? We are here to help.



UNITS	CONTENT
Interpret and discuss Christian Scripture and theology	God's Story – overview of the Bible
Interpret theological data	Engaging with Scripture – tools to read and teach
Compare and present information on a theological theme or issue	Basic Christian beliefs
Compare and apply new theological insights	Discipleship & Spiritual Formation
Explain the application of Christian ethics to contemporary life issues	A Christian response to contemporary Issues
Communicate theological information (Make presentations)	Telling God's Story – evangelism and discipling
Work with Diverse Peoples	Culture and multi-cultural teams
Work in a Team	Practical ministry placement that can be done in a wide variety of contexts; church, business, mission.

COST

The cost for the full course is \$3,010 or \$430 per unit/cluster.

This is a government accredited Certificate IV level course that can also give some credit towards degree level studies in theology at MST (Melbourne School of Theology).



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FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS

- Diploma in Arts
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Education (Primary)
- Bachelor of Education (Secondary)
- Diploma in Christian Studies (at our partner MST)
- Bachelor of Ministry (at our partner MST)

For further information please contact our friendly Enquiries Coordinator at info@eastern.edu.au or call 9790 9200 to chat.

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Unit Summaries

God's Big Story

CMTTHE403 - Compare and present information on a theological theme or issue

While the Bible is made up of many books and letters, it holds themes that run through the Bible which are very important to understanding God and His purposes for the world. This Unit traces the most important theme of salvation through the OT and NT, while exploring other important themes as well. This unit will help you begin to form a solid biblical theology.

Engaging with Scripture

CMTTHE402 - Interpret theological data

Practical skills in how to use and interpret the Bible are acquired in this unit, including topics where did the Bible come from, what was the context and setting of the Bible, how do we apply it to today's cultures. A focus of this unit will be the study of the book of Philippians and the Psalms. You will learn how to lead a Bible study.

Discipleship

CMTTHE404 - Compare and apply new theological insights

Our most important call is to follow Jesus. This unit helps the student to apply the teachings of Jesus to life and ministry through a study of the Gospel of Mark. Further reflection is given to personal formation which considers the spiritual disciplines of a faithful disciple.

Knowing God

CMTTHE401 - Interpret & discuss Christian Scripture & theology

This unit introduces the student to the foundational beliefs of the Christian faith. Topics include, God, the Trinity, the Person of Jesus, the work of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Church and the Spiritual world.

Christian Ethics

CMTMIN401 - Explain the application of Christian ethics to contemporary life issues

This unit covers a number of ethical issues that we are confronted with today from a biblical perspective, with Jesus' teachings central to our considerations.

Telling God's Story (clustered unit)

CMTMIN402 - Communicate theological information

BSBCMM411 - Make presentations

This subject will help us grow in skills of sharing God's story and our story both in our context and cross-culturally. Different tools will be practiced, including a consideration of the 3D gospel – Guilt/Innocence, Honour/Shame, Fear/Power. The idea of running disciple making Growth Groups and discipling others will be explored and practiced.

Working with Diversity in Healthy Teams (clustered unit) including a ministry placement

CHCDIV001 - Work with Diverse Peoples

MSMSUP106 - Work in a Team

This unit helps students to identify and develop skills for learning about and working with people who are different or from other cultures. We consider the idea of Cultural Intelligence. Team life is explored and what makes for a great team member working on a multi-cultural team. This unit requires a ministry placement for practice and reflection in a real life ministry situation.

WANTIRNA CAMPUS and ONLINE			
SEMESTER 1			
Weekly Thursday Classes			Whole Year
Week Commencing	9:00-1:00pm	1:30-4:45pm	9am -1pm Dates as follows:
14/02/22	CMTTHE403 God's Big Story Compare & present information on a theological theme or issue JA	CMTTHE402 Engaging with Scripture Interpret theological data SA	CHCDIV001/MSMSUP106 Working with Diversity in Healthy Teams Work with diverse people/Work in a team Friday 25/02/22 & 25/03/22 - SA
Mid-semester break 11/4/22 - 22/4/22			
16/05/22	CMTTHE401 Knowing God Interpret & discuss Christian Scripture & theology OP	CMTTHE404 Discipleship Compare & apply new theological insights SA & DB	Friday 27/05/22 - SA
Mid-year break 20/6/22 - 15/7/22 *** Mission Outreach *** (TBC)			
SEMESTER 2			
18/07/22			Friday 19/8/22 - SA
29/08/22	CMTMIN401 Christian Ethics Explain the application of Christian ethics to contemporary life issues JA	CMTMIN402/BSBCMM411 Telling God's Story Communicate theological information/Make presentations SA Note: first class Fri 9am 29/7/22	
Mid-Semester Break 19/9/22 - 30/9/22			
3/10/22			Friday 18/11/22 - SA

ALL UNITS ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE RUNNING THE SAME DATES AS ABOVE - Online units to be engaged with weekly at a time that best suits the student, with 2-3 Virtual classes per Unit, normally a Wednesday or Thursday evening (AEST).

Trainers: SA-Stephen Andrews, JA-Jenny Ayton, OP- Oreste Pompetti, DB-Daisy Barnard

Other Activities:

Devotions: Thursday during semester, normally 12:30 (TBC)

Chapel: Wednesdays during semester 10:30am - 11:10am (followed by morning tea)

Luncheon: With your Pastor/Elder/Mentor/Spouse Thur 2/6/22 (TBC)

Retreat: 18/8/22 - 19/8/22 for students enrolled in CMTTHE401, CMTTHE404 & CHCDIV001/MSMSUP106

Mission Outreach: Options locally and abroad are being considered (TBC)

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Booklist 2022

The required books listed below you will need to borrow or purchase as they are integral to the CMT. Don't worry, you will not be expected to read all of them entirely, but a significant number of chapters from each one, as directed by your trainer, will be required. Obviously, if you would like to read them all, that would be great, along with any of the other suggested books listed here too. You may like to purchase any of these when a bookstore sale is on.

God's Big Story

CMTTHE403 - Compare and present information on a theological theme or issue

Required Reading: Vaughan Roberts, *God's Big Picture: Tracing the storyline of the Bible* (IVP 2002).



Suggested Reading:

Robert Johnston, *Users' Guide: God's Story* (NICE, 2013).

William Dyrness, *Themes in Old Testament Theology* (Paternoster Press, 1977/1998).

Don Carson, *The God who is There: Finding your Place in God's Story* (Baker, 2010).

Engaging with Scripture

CMTTHE402 - Interpret theological data

Required Reading: *ESV Illuminated Scripture Journal: Philippians*, Crossway, 2018.



Suggested Reading:

Gordon D. Fee & Douglas Stuart, *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*, Zondervan, 1981/2014.

Discipleship

CMTTHE404 - Compare and apply new theological insights

Required Reading: *ESV Illuminated Scripture Journal: Mark*, Crossway, 2001/2016.



Suggested Reading:

Walter W Wessel, *Mark*, The Expositor's Bible Commentary, 1995.

Eckhard Schnabel, *Mark*, Tyndale NT Commentary, 2017.

Adele A Calhoun, *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook* (Rvd & Expanded), IVP, 2015.

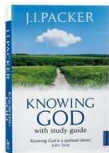
Richard Foster, *Celebration of Discipline*, Hodder & Stoughton, 1989.

David Watson, *Discipleship*, Hodder & Stoughton, 1981.

Knowing God

CMTTHE401 - Interpret & discuss Christian Scripture & theology

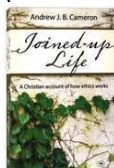
Required Reading: J.I. Packer, *Knowing God*, Hodder and Stoughton, 1973.



Christian Ethics

CMTMIN401 - Explain the application of Christian ethics to contemporary life issues

Required Reading: Andrew Cameron, *The Joined-Up Life: A Christian Account of How Ethics Works* (IVP 2011).



Suggested Reading:

Wayne Grudem, *Christian Ethics* (Crossway, 2018).

Chris Parker *The Frog and The Fish* (NICE, 2017).

John Stott, *Issues Facing Christians Today* (4th ed., Zondervan, 2011).

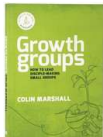
Richard Hays, *The Moral Vision of the New Testament* (HarperCollins, 1996).

Telling God's Story (clustered unit)

CMTMIN402 - Communicate theological information

BSBCMM411 - Make presentations

Required Reading: Colin Marshall, *Growth Groups*, Matthias Media, 1995.



Suggested Reading:

Mark Dever, *Discipling: How to help others follow Jesus*, Crossway, 2016.

Ajith Fernando, *Discipling in a Multicultural World*, Crossway, 2019.

Sam Chan, *How to Talk About Jesus: Personal Evangelism in a Sceptical World*, Zondervan, 2020 and *Evangelism in a Sceptical World*, Zondervan, 2018.

Robert Coleman, *The Master Plan of Evangelism*, Revell, 1963/1993.

Jayson Georges, *The 3D Gospel: Ministry in Guilt, Shame and Fear Cultures*, Tim 275 Press, 2014.

John Dickson, *A Doubter's Guide to Jesus*, Zondervan, 2018.

Gregory Koukl, *Tactics: A Game Plan for discussing Christian Convictions*, rvd edn, Zondervan, 2019.

Working with Diversity in Healthy Teams (clustered unit) including a ministry placement

CHCDIV001 - Work with Diverse Peoples

MSMSUP106 - Work in a Team

Suggested Reading:

David A Livermore, *Cultural Intelligence: Improving your CQ to engage our multicultural world*, Baker Academic, 2009.

John C Maxwell, *The 17 Essential Qualities of a Team Player*, Thomas Nelson, 2002.

Jim Chew, *When You Cross Cultures*, Nav Media, 1990/2009. (link to free pdf provided)

Placement Introduction

The units *Work with Diverse People* and *Work in a Team* are being taken by learners for either the Certificate IV in Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care or the Certificate IV in Christian Ministry & Theology.

A requirement of these units is that a learner is to take a placement in a workplace / ministry context such as the local church, a cross-cultural setting, in business, hospitals and/or schools. The placement will allow a learner to observe and participate in a range of activities related to these units.

The learner is required to complete a minimum of 32 hours in the placement (for example, 2hrs per week for 16 weeks or 16hrs per week for 2 weeks). This is in addition to the 10 sessions to be completed with Eastern during the placement, either face to face and/or on-line.

The placement may involve being on a ministry team, such as for youth, church eldership, music, chaplaincy, pastoral care, business as mission, or even more formally, for example, as an intern in a church or school.

Each learner must have a supervisor for the placement, which may or may not be their team leader. During the placement the learner must be observed by their supervisor relating to diverse people and working in a team.

The supervisor must agree to provide Eastern College Australia with a ***Third Party Observation Report***.

Prior to commencing a placement, the learner must complete a ***Placement Agreement*** in conjunction with their supervisor. The Placement Agreement must be signed by both the learner and supervisor.

The supervisor and learner must meet a minimum of three times.

- Firstly, to talk through and agree to the ***Placement Agreement***.
- Secondly, at the commencement of the placement to talk through what the learner needs to demonstrate and which the supervisor will need to observe during the placement and, at the end, document in the ***Third Party Observation Report***.
- Thirdly, at the end of the placement, when the supervisor and learner talk through and complete the ***Third Party Observation Report*** together.

If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me by email.

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