

# EASTERN PROSPECTUS

WHERE FAITH  
MEETS VOCATION



**EASTERN**  
COLLEGE AUSTRALIA

# WELCOME!

**We are delighted that you might consider studying with us!**

At Eastern College Australia, we believe that God has uniquely gifted, shaped and called you. And we are privileged to come alongside you, and help equip, train and empower you to fulfil your God-given potential, wherever it may take you, and whatever that may be.

For some, coming to Eastern is just one step in an exciting journey of discovery, learning more about yourself, your gifts and talents, your opportunities, and how God wants to direct your life.

Many choose to study at Eastern because they deeply value our Christ-centered ethos; providing a Christian framework for life and service across a vast range of vocational and professional settings; education, counselling, chaplaincy, aid and ... the list is endless!

Our courses are all centred on a biblical foundation, and many of our Awards are infused not only with rich and thorough Christian principles, but a deep sense of the missional heart of God. And of course you'll find a rich and diverse community, in which you are likely to discover lifelong friends.

If you are passionate about the call of God on your life, and seeking, in the words of the Apostle Paul, to be "thoroughly equipped for every good work" – consider becoming a student at Eastern College Australia. Together, we may just impact the world.

Rev Timothy Meyers (MTh, BEd)



Executive Principal



# CORE VALUES

Our mission is to provide teaching, training and research from a Christian worldview that contributes to the church and the flourishing of humanity through the lives of our graduates.

Eastern College Australia is committed to:

## FAITH

Christ-centred, biblically-based, character-forming and gift-affirming faith expressed in vocational living, supportive community, service to others and connection to the church.

## REASON

The pursuit of knowledge and truth that integrates theory and practice and values academic excellence, the importance of the mind and life-long learning.

## JUSTICE

To act justly in all human relationships, to exercise responsible care and stewardship of God's creation, and to seek the just transformation of our world.

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.  
Micah 6:8 (NIV)

## WHAT'S THE LOGO?

This is a contemporary and abstract cross, emphasising the Christian faith as the backbone/ foundation of the College. The 'prism' creates a sense of connection to the world through the various lenses. It also demonstrates a diversity of perspectives and a range of connection points between students, graduates, staff and the world.



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# WHAT'S UNIQUE ABOUT STUDYING AT EASTERN?

**Eastern takes you on a journey where your faith meets your vocation. Here are some distinctives about studying at Eastern:**

**COMMUNITY.** At Eastern we deeply value relationships and people. Whether you're studying a certificate online, studying part time or full time, locally or internationally, we value you as part of our community. At Eastern you will not only develop academically and spiritually but also have the opportunity to meet wonderful individuals from all walks of life, inspiring leaders and people with the same heart. You will develop close friendships that will remain with you throughout your life.

**PARTNERSHIP.** A unique strength of Eastern is our partnership with Melbourne School of Theology (MST). We share the same campus in Wantirna and although we are two colleges we create one community. This partnership also provides an extensive selection of electives that you may be able to take. MST's offerings include subjects in the areas of: theology, biblical studies, leadership, spiritual formation, pastoral care, and cross cultural mission (See page 27).

**SMALL CLASSES.** In our tight-knit classes you will receive quality teaching and be able to build a deep rapport with your lecturers and classmates in a safe and relaxed environment.

**STUDENT LIFE.** There are plenty of opportunities to enrich your student journey through the many College activities and events that occur during the year. This includes weekly student meals, academic conferences, public talks, Collectives (interest groups), prayer and worship times, student led mission fundraisers and College chapels. Our chapels are held once a week, and are a valuable time for the whole College to stop and worship together, hear from the Word of God and spend time in community.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE.** Learning which occurs outside of the classroom is immensely important for holistic development. As part of the wider church we encourage our student body to follow in Jesus' footsteps in serving others. At Eastern, students have the wonderful opportunity to serve God's kingdom through mission trips locally and internationally through our Outbound projects. Students can also serve on campus in many ways through our community initiatives, worship leading, and serving in our Student Leadership Team.

**FLEXIBILITY.** We want to make study as accessible as possible, so our family friendly class timetable accommodates those who have children in school, 9:30am – 3:00pm. Many courses also make use of intensives and night classes to cater for those balancing work and study.

**STUDENT SUPPORT.** Your wellbeing is paramount and student welfare is taken seriously here. Our course coordinators, staff and faculty are all here to support you throughout your studies. From student chaplaincy to our library services, we are here to help.





# CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION CORE UNITS

At Eastern we are passionate about equipping our students with a solid foundation in their Christian worldview whilst encouraging them to develop their ideas about how to engage with their vocation as a Christian. We teach the following Christian foundation core units in a number of our degrees.

## 1. INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

Dissect key biblical themes, major historical figures and events whilst analysing the authority, authenticity and reliability of the Bible. Students will also learn basic hermeneutical principles used in interpreting biblical text.

## 2. LIVING IN CHRIST

Identify and describe key Christian concepts and better understand one's identity in God. Learn how to analyse the connection between a person's inner world and outward behaviour, particularly in regard to responsibility to others.

## 3. FAITH, REASON AND JUSTICE

Explore the dynamic relation between the three key areas of faith, reason and justice. Examine major biblical texts, influential thinkers and contemporary issues demanding thoughtful attention. A range of issues related to the three key areas will be examined:

1. the importance of faith and discipleship;
2. the importance of a reasoned faith, worldview and apologetics; and
3. the importance of justice and Christian works.

## 4. FOUNDATIONS FOR FAITH

Study key areas of Christian theology and the interaction of theology with everyday life and spirituality. Investigate the variety of Christian belief systems and explore one's personal belief systems whilst appreciating how past and present contexts have combined to shape them.

## 5. LITERATURE AND WORLDVIEW

Explore the ways in which literature historically and presently shapes and reflects society. Study the formation and attributes of Christian worldview and how these compare and contrast with other dominant worldviews. Examine different facets of literary analysis and learn how to demonstrate the fundamentals of effective academic writing.

## 6. INTEGRATION OF VOCATION AND FAITH

This unit is taken at the end of one's academic journey and focuses on how to integrate one's faith and vocation. Spiritual formation and spiritual disciplines will be taught and practiced as being central to personal growth, while providing a way to sustain oneself in the midst of working life.



# EDUCATION

Schools are places of change and development for children and young people. Christian educators significantly impact the lives of their students, showing them something of the love and power of God. And by helping students to understand themselves and their world based on Christian foundations, they enrich and transform lives and culture.

You will study in a supportive and intimate environment, and in our higher education courses you will also engage with ideas of faith and Spirit. Our Christian foundation units offered in the diploma and bachelor courses will challenge, broaden and connect you with your vocation.

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**Certificate III in School Based Education Support** CHC30221

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**Certificate IV in School Based Education Support** CHC40221

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**Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care** CHC30121

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**Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care** CHC50121

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**Diploma in Arts specialising in Education Studies**

This is a pathway for students that don't achieve the minimum ATAR required to enter the Bachelor of Education

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**Bachelor of Education (Primary)**

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**Bachelor of Education (Secondary)**

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**Master of Teaching (Primary)**

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**Master of Teaching (Secondary)**

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**Master of Education**

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## CERTIFICATE III IN SCHOOL BASED EDUCATION SUPPORT CHC30221

This program provides you with the essential skills to work collaboratively with teachers and students in school and community settings.

In particular, individuals will be qualified to provide assistance and support to teachers and students under broad-based supervision, such as: teacher aides, education assistants, language workers, literacy workers, and school support workers.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- » English proficiency
- » Suitability for the course is determined by a new student interview

### FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS:

- » Certificate IV in School Based Education Support CHC40221

\* TAMums (Blanchard's Customised Training) is an authorised broker of Eastern College Australia for sourcing potential students.

30 weeks

12 Core Units + 5 Electives  
+ 100 Hours of Placement

A range of school based locations

Minimum class size required

### HOW TO APPLY:

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“Recently I completed my Certificate III in Education Support from Eastern College Australia successfully. I enjoyed participating in the course because it taught me how to support children in a school setting. I would recommend this course to anyone, and if you are thinking you can't, well think again because 'YOU CAN'. My teacher is one of the greatest inspirations during my studies, Gurmit Kaur not only teaches from her heart but has the experience to back up everything she teaches in the classroom. I thank God for getting me through this course and know that I am a better person because I completed the course with excellence and passion. I have also gained employment during my course period which was a great moment in my life. It has built my confidence and belief in myself. All the best to those who choose to go ahead with the course, you will never regret it!”

**BIANCA PERERA**

## CERTIFICATE IV IN SCHOOL BASED EDUCATION SUPPORT CHC40221

This qualification equips you with additional skills to work collaboratively with teachers and students in a range of positions, such as: teacher aides, education assistants, language workers, literacy workers, and school support workers.

The course has a particular focus on how to assist teachers and students, especially children with special needs in schools and community settings.

Those who have recently completed the Certificate III in School Based Education Support CHC30221 will be eligible for credit.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- » English proficiency
- » Suitability for the course is determined by a new student interview

### FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS:

- » Bachelor of Education (Primary)

36 weeks

12 Core Units + 5 Electives  
+ 100 Hours of Placement

A range of school based locations

Minimum class size required

### HOW TO APPLY:

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## CERTIFICATE III IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

### CHC30121

The Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care is the entry qualification to working with under fives in a regulated early childhood education and care setting. It is in that environment, that as an educator, you can play a significant role in building an essential foundation for children's present and future learning and development. In the first five years of life, a child's brain creates millions of neural pathways and connections. Observing and helping children in their delight in exploring and being curious of the world we live in, is one of the many joys of working in this sector.

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- » English proficiency
- » Suitability for the course is determined by a new student interview

#### FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS:

- » Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care CHC50121

38 weeks

15 Core Units + 2 Electives  
+ 160 Hours of Placement

Location - Wantirna

Minimum class size required

#### HOW TO APPLY:

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## DIPLOMA OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

### CHC50121

You have completed your Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care, and possibly had some industry experience. Now you wish to build on this foundation and learn more in this field and have the opportunity to seek more responsibility in the workplace. The Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care is the next step for you!

Successfully completing the Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care gives a greater understanding of curriculum development and team leadership.

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- » English proficiency
- » Suitability for the course is determined by a new student interview

#### FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS:

- » Bachelor degree in Education or other fields

38 weeks

12 Core Units + 3 Electives  
+ 280 Hours of Placement

Location - Wantirna

Minimum class size required

#### HOW TO APPLY:

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## DIPLOMA IN ARTS SPECIALISING IN EDUCATION STUDIES

If you're interested in becoming a teacher and would like to commit one year to study, this course is a great way to explore teaching as a career.

This course is a study pathway into the Bachelor of Education and depending on the units that you complete, this course may form part or all of the first year of an Eastern bachelor course.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- » Year 12 or equivalent, or mature age entry for over 21
- » English proficiency
- » Suitability for the course as determined by a new student interview
- » Character reference

### FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS:

- » Bachelor of Arts
- » Bachelor of Education (Primary)
- » Bachelor of Education (Secondary)

1 Year Full Time

5 Core Units + 3 Electives

Wantirna (Full)  
Online (Partial)

Semester 1 & 2

### HOW TO APPLY:

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## BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (PRIMARY)

Designed to equip both school leavers and mature aged students to be primary school teachers. All units engage with Christian ideas, and there is a core of theological units to challenge, broaden and connect students' faith with their teaching vocation.

Graduates are able to apply for registration and teach in Christian, government, Catholic and independent schools in Australia and overseas as the course is fully recognised by the Victorian Institute of Teaching and government bodies.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- » English proficiency
- » Suitability for the course as determined by a new student interview
- » ATAR of 70 or above (adjustment factors may be available)
- » Working With Children Check
- » Character reference

### AVAILABLE MAJORS:

- » English
- » Mathematics
- » History
- » Humanities
- » Other relevant majors may be completed cross-institutionally.

### FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS:

- » Master of Education

4 Years Full Time

4 Christian Foundation Units  
+ 8 Education Core Units  
+ 8 Primary Core Units  
+ 12 Electives (in a major and minor)  
+ 4 School Based Professional Experiences

Wantirna (Full)  
Online (Partial)

Semester 1 & 2

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“I chose Eastern because I wanted to study teaching in a way that aligned with my Christian faith. I love being able to look at the principles of teaching through a faith lens. There is value in being trained as a teacher taught from a Christian worldview as it helps define the way we see students - as human beings created in the image of God with hope and a purpose - thus shaping the way we approach teaching. Studying from a Christian point of view has helped me come to the 'why' of teaching, not just the 'how' or 'what'.”

**KATIE MCCANN**

## BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (SECONDARY)

Prepare for the demands of 21st Century learning and teaching from a Christian perspective. All units engage with Christian ideas, and there is a core of theological units to challenge, broaden and connect students' faith with their teaching vocation.

Designed for school leavers and mature aged students, the course is fully recognised by the Victorian Institute of Teaching and government bodies. Graduates will be able to apply for registration and teach in Christian, government, Catholic and independent schools in Australia and overseas.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- » English proficiency
- » Suitability for the course as determined by a new student interview
- » ATAR of 70 or above (adjustment factors may be available)
- » Working With Children Check
- » Character reference

### AVAILABLE MAJORS:

- » English
- » Mathematics
- » History
- » Humanities
- » Other relevant majors may be completed cross-institutionally.

### FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS:

- » Master of Education

4 Years Full Time

4 Christian Foundation Units  
+ 8 Education Core  
+ 8 Secondary Core  
+ 12 Electives (in a major and minor)  
+ 4 School Based Professional Experiences

Wantirna (Full)  
Online (Partial)

Semester 1 & 2

### HOW TO APPLY:

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## MASTER OF TEACHING (PRIMARY)

Teaching is a challenging yet rewarding profession and if you already hold a degree in another discipline, a Master of Teaching will qualify you to apply for registration and teach in Christian, government, Catholic and independent schools in Australia and overseas.

Our courses are unique in their emphasis on the significant positive contribution a Christian worldview can bring to education. The course is designed to provide graduates with a broad understanding of teaching theory and practices, as well as the ethical and legal dimensions of the profession.

This course is fully recognised by the Victorian Institute of Teaching and government bodies.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- » An undergraduate degree in a relevant field
- » English proficiency
- » Suitability for the course as determined by a new student interview
- » Working With Children Check
- » Character reference

### FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS:

- » Master of Education

2 Years Full Time

13 Coursework Units  
+ 2 Electives  
+ 1 Capstone Unit  
+ 3 Professional Experience Units

Wantirna (Full)  
Online (Partial)

Full Time (Sem 1)  
Part Time (Sem 2)

### HOW TO APPLY:

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## MASTER OF TEACHING (SECONDARY)

This course prepares graduates to contribute to schools and other settings as quality secondary school teachers. This course explores significant value that education from a Christian perspective can provide.

If you already hold a degree in another discipline, a Master of Teaching will qualify you to apply for registration as a teacher in secondary schools in Australia and overseas.

The course is fully recognised by the Victorian Institute of Teaching and government bodies. Graduates will be able to teach in Christian, government, Catholic and independent schools.

### AREAS OF TEACHING SPECIALISATION:

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- » English
- » Mathematics
- » Art
- » Science
- » History
- » Humanities
- » Psychology
- » Religious Studies
- » An undergraduate degree in a relevant field
- » English proficiency
- » Suitability for the course as determined by a new student interview
- » Working With Children Check
- » Character reference

#### FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS:

- » Master of Education

2 Years Full Time

11 Coursework Units  
+ 4 Curriculum  
& Pedagogy Units  
+ 1 Capstone Unit  
+ 3 Professional Experience Units

Wantirna (Full)  
Online (Partial)

Full Time (Sem 1)  
Part Time (Sem 2)

#### HOW TO APPLY:

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## MASTER OF EDUCATION

This course equips teachers and school leaders to advance their skills in professional practice and contribute to schools and other settings as leaders in education.

Graduates develop an expanded understanding of contemporary developments in education and explore the significant influence that a Christian worldview can bring to education.

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- » An undergraduate award in teaching or equivalent
- » 2 years professional experience in an educational setting (or part-time equivalent) within the last 10 years
- » English proficiency
- » Suitability for the course as determined by a new student interview
- » Character reference

3 Years Part Time

3 Core Units + 3 Electives Units

Wantirna (Full)

Semester 1 & 2

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# ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

The goal of our School of Arts and Social Sciences is to provide a flexible pathway for graduates to have a broad educational experience. We desire to develop individuals with strong values, clear personal commitments, and who are socially aware and responsible.

These courses include opportunities for students to develop broad philosophical and theoretical frameworks. They help to provide a base on which to develop task-specific skills and outcomes.

Eastern's academic staff have strong links with a wide range of church and community based organisations. We are committed to learning with and from the best practitioners, many of whom teach with us. Come and learn as you sharpen your skills in this vibrant and engaging set of programs.

## AREAS OF STUDY:

Counselling

Aid & Development

Applied Linguistics

English

Education Studies

History

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Diploma in Arts

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Bachelor of Arts

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Bachelor of Applied Social Science specialising in Counselling

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Graduate Certificate in Arts

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Graduate Diploma in Arts

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Master of Community Counselling

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Master of Transformational Development

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## DIPLOMA IN ARTS

Diploma students obtain an introduction to the basics of Christian studies. The course provides the opportunity for some specialisation and students are able to pursue individual areas of interest.

Graduates obtain foundational knowledge, understanding and skills, and the ability to apply these to various contexts.

This diploma is particularly useful if you are returning to tertiary studies after some time and can be completed in one year full-time or through flexible part-time options.

The Diploma in Arts may form part or all of the first year of an Eastern bachelor course.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- » English proficiency
- » Suitability for the course as determined by a new student interview
- » Year 12 or equivalent, or mature age entry for over 21
- » Character reference

### FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS:

- » Bachelor of Arts
- » Bachelor of Applied Social Science
- » Bachelor of Education (Primary)
- » Bachelor of Education (Secondary)

### AREA OF SPECIALISATION:

- » Applied Linguistics
- » Christian Foundations
- » Counselling Studies
- » English
- » History
- » Mathematics
- » Ministry Experience

1 Year Full Time

2 Core Units  
+ 3 Specialisation Units  
+ 3 Electives

Wantirna (Full)  
Online (Partial)

Semester 1 & 2

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## BACHELOR OF ARTS

This course is built on the understanding that social and personal values and faith shape social and workplace communities, cultures and families.

Through drawing on a number of disciplines, this bachelor encourages students to develop an understanding of the integration and interplay of Christian faith, knowledge and social justice. The course is also structured to enable students to develop capacities to contribute to strengthening the communities with which they are associated.

### POSSIBLE MAJORS:

- » English
- » Mathematics
- » Education Studies
- » History
- » Counselling

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- » English proficiency
- » Suitability for the course as determined by a new student interview
- » ATAR of 60 or above (adjustment factors may be available) or mature age entry for those who are over 21
- » Character reference

### FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS:

- » Master of Community Counselling

3 Years Full Time

6 Core Units  
+ 18 Major/Minor/Elective Units

Wantirna (Full)  
Online (Partial)

Semester 1 & 2

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*“I commenced my academic journey at Eastern College at a transitional and in many ways formative period in my life... Quintessential questions of direction and competency filtered through my consciousness like moths through sunlit windowpanes, uncatchable and unknown. My experience at Eastern was a wandering beyond. A simmering in the unfathomable, a rewriting of my soul to sing in the knowing.”*

*Studying at Eastern offered the necessary scope, structure and flexibility to engage with the direction of my research, to hone my craft and repurpose my natural tendency to create through the language of storytelling with a pragmatic and spiritual impetus.*

*The academic expectations of the college exceeded the mere reiteration of ideas of extraneous information... It is because of such that I graduate with the class of 2017 competent and sure of character, prepared to meet the challenges of postgraduate study, prepared to use my hands to do the good work and despite the seeming smallness of my soul prepared to walk always toward the city of God, which incidentally enough is like wandering further than my front garden toward murky woods and the growing fruitfulness of my life.”*

**ALISSA PINER**

## BACHELOR OF APPLIED SOCIAL SCIENCE SPECIALISING IN COUNSELLING

If you care about people and desire to make a real difference in the lives of others, this course may be the next step for you.

Successfully completing the minimum requirements of counselling and supervision over the two counselling field education units in the Counselling Stream will allow you to apply for registration as a:

- » counsellor with the Australian Counselling Association (ACA) and/or
- » provisional member with the Christian Counsellors Association of Australia (CCAA), a Constituent Member Association of the Psychotherapy and Counselling Federation of Australia (PACFA)

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- » English proficiency
- » Suitability for the course as determined by a new student interview
- » ATAR of 60 or above (adjustment factors may be available) or mature age entry for those who are over 21
- » Character reference

### FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS:

- » Master of Community Counselling

3 Years Full Time

6 Christian Foundation Units  
+ 3 Social Science Core  
+ 14 Counselling Units  
(including 2 placements)  
+ 1 Elective

Wantirna (Full)  
Online (Partial)

Semester 1 & 2

### HOW TO APPLY:

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ARTS

This course allows students with an existing degree to commence studies in an area of personal interest or to pursue a different aspect of already existing knowledge.

Students undertaking this award will be able to gain new knowledge and develop skills in one area of specialisation including:

### AREAS OF SPECIALISATION:

- » Counselling Studies
- » Christian Foundations
- » Applied Linguistics

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- » English proficiency
- » Suitability for the course as determined by a new student interview
- » An undergraduate degree or special entry
- » Character reference

### FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS:

- » Graduate Diploma in Arts

0.5 Year Full Time

1 Christian Foundation Unit  
+ 3 Specialisation Units

Wantirna (Full)  
Online (Partial)

Semester 1 & 2

### HOW TO APPLY:

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## GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ARTS

This course is designed for those who hold a tertiary qualification and wish to build upon their existing experience and understanding. This course has a high degree of flexibility and allows students to concentrate on one specialised area within the broad areas of the arts or theology.

Graduates will gain new knowledge and develop skills in areas including education studies, counselling, youth studies, biblical and theological studies.

### AREAS OF SPECIALISATION:

- » Counselling Studies
- » Christian Foundations
- » Applied Linguistics

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- » English proficiency
- » Suitability for the course as determined by a new student interview
- » An undergraduate degree
- » Character reference

### FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS:

- » Master of Community Counselling

1 Year Full Time

2 Core Units + 2 Electives  
+ 4 Specialisation Units

Wantirna (Full)  
Online (Partial)

Semester 1 & 2

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## MASTER OF COMMUNITY COUNSELLING

This course is well suited to professional counsellors wishing to extend their training and range of interventions. It builds on a relevant undergraduate award with the intention to both broaden and deepen the student's perspectives on community issues and counselling interventions.

The content integrates the tradition of individual counselling with the wisdom of community perspectives inspired by the desire for justice and deep level emancipation. It seeks to expand the distinctively Western traditional focus on the individual level of analysis of problems and the tendency to provide individual strategies of change commonly associated with personal counselling.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- » Relevant studies and/or professional experience in the field
- » English proficiency
- » Suitability for the course as determined by a new student interview
- » Character reference

2 Years Full Time

4 Course work Double Units  
+ 4 Reflective Counselling  
Practice Units<sup>†</sup>

Wantirna (Full)

Semester 1 Intake

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<sup>†</sup> Coursework units are delivered as three day intensives each semester and regular one-on-one supervision and group supervision for the reflective practice units.

## MASTER OF TRANSFORMATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This course is designed for Christians working either directly in community development initiatives, or on the staff of development non-government organisations (DNGOs).

On successful completion of the course, students will have a well-developed understanding and theology of integral mission, a sound grasp of the complexities of pursuing an effective development program in the midst of oppressive socio-economic-political circumstances, and a well-developed understanding of the role and strategies of DNGOs working in development.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- » English proficiency
- » Suitability for the course as determined by a new student interview
- » Minimum of 5 years relevant work experience in the area of specialisation and/or relevant undergraduate studies
- » Character reference

3 Years Part Time

5 Coursework Units  
+ Online Journal  
+ 1 Research Unit

AGST (Full)  
MENA (Full)  
Wantirna (Full)

Semester 1 & 2

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“The MTD was an incredibly helpful place to explore the intersection of theology and practice for my role in community development. The readings and presentations by thinking practitioners allowed us to explore a wide variety of perspectives with global peers and test them across our widely differing contexts; South Africa, Bangladesh, East Timor. We lamented and hoped together, wrestling with the complexity of attempting to participate in God’s restorative work as broken people in a broken world.

*I now know that I am not alone in my fears and uncertainties of how to do this difficult work well, my faith and practice more integrated and shaped in a way that will hopefully sustain me for the long run. I highly commend the MTD to any Christians working in community development.”*

**CLINTON BERGSMA (AUSTRALIA/INDONESIA)**



# CHRISTIAN STUDIES

**Whatever your calling and wherever it is to be exercised, the ability to think and speak clearly about God is crucial.**

Eastern's Christian studies courses provide in-depth understanding for handling Scripture and deepening spiritual life. All our courses introduce you to studies of Scripture and Christian truth, an overview of history and ethics in the light of their history and social context and much more.

Courses in the School of Christian Studies will enable you to:

- » Live a more creative and productive Christian life
- » Think through the basics and develop skills in various ministries
- » Articulate and discuss issues of belief and behaviour in Christian life
- » Share in tasks of teaching, discipleship and mission.

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**Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology 10741NAT**

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**Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology 10742NAT**

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**Certificate IV in Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care CHC42315**

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**Diploma in Arts specialising in Christian Foundations**

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**Graduate Certificate in Arts specialising in Christian Foundations**

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## CERTIFICATE IV IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND THEOLOGY 10742NAT

This certificate will help to deepen your faith and understanding of God's word and equip you with skills for a future of ministry.

This nationally accredited VET course will prepare and qualify you for work in church contexts, including informal roles in the church, and some leadership positions - dependent upon the requirements set by the institution.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- » English proficiency
- » Suitability for the course as determined by a new student interview

### FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS:

- » Diploma in Arts
- » Bachelor of Arts
- » Diploma in Christian Studies (at our partner MST)

1 Year Full Time

6 Core Units + 3 Electives

Wantirna (Full)  
Online (Partial)

Semester 1 & 2

### HOW TO APPLY:

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## CERTIFICATE IV IN CHAPLAINCY & PASTORAL CARE CHC42315

This qualification reflects the role of chaplains and/or pastoral and spiritual care workers who provide ongoing ethical, moral and spiritual support to clients using a person-centered approach.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- » English proficiency
- » Suitability for the course as determined by a new student interview

### FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS:

- » Diploma in Arts
- » Bachelor of Arts
- » Diploma in Christian Studies (at our partner MST)

1 Year Full Time

9 Core Units + 4 Electives  
+ 100 Hours of Placement

Wantirna (Partial)  
Online (Partial)

Semester 1 & 2

### HOW TO APPLY:

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## DIPLOMA IN ARTS SPECIALISING IN CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS

By completing the core Christian foundation units, you will obtain greater knowledge and understanding that will deepen your faith and also challenge and grow your current understanding of Christianity.

Acquire skills that will help make your ministry endeavours more effective and learn how to apply Christian values of faith, reason and justice to real world situations.

This diploma is particularly useful if you are returning to tertiary studies after some time and can be completed in one year full-time or flexible part-time options.

The Diploma in Arts can form part or all of the first year of any of Eastern's bachelor courses.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- » English proficiency
- » Suitability for the course as determined by a new student interview
- » Year 12 or equivalent, or mature age entry for over 21
- » Character reference

### FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS:

- » Bachelor of Arts
- » Bachelor of Applied Social Science

1 Year Full Time

2 Core Units  
+ 3 Specialisation Units  
+ 3 Electives

Wantirna (Full)  
Online (Partial)

Semester 1 & 2

### HOW TO APPLY:

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ARTS SPECIALISING IN CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS

Designed for those holding an undergraduate degree, the Graduate Certificate in Arts will help you to consolidate knowledge and become more theologically and biblically equipped. This course is ideal for qualified professionals who would like to improve their biblical literacy.

Learn how to apply Christian understandings of faith, reason and justice to your specific context and real world situations.

This certificate is particularly useful if you are returning to tertiary study after some time and can be completed in six-months or in flexible part time modes whilst balancing work or family.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- » English proficiency
- » Suitability for the course as determined by a new student interview

### FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS:

- » Bachelor of Education (Primary)

0.5 Year Full Time

1 Christian Foundation Unit  
+ 3 Specialisation Units

Wantirna (Full)  
Online (Partial)

Semester 1 & 2

### HOW TO APPLY:

Visit our website to apply  
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## GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ARTS SPECIALISING IN CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS

The Graduate Diploma in Arts allows applicants with an undergraduate degree in any field to acquire new knowledge and develop skills through a flexible combination of study options. Specialising in Christian studies will help you to deepen your faith and improve your biblical literacy.

This course may provide opportunities in a number of vocations including church ministry, support services, parachurch and not-for-profit organisations.

You can use this graduate diploma as an introduction to a specialised area and emerge with a fresh body of knowledge or to build a solid foundation for further studies and research.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- » English proficiency
- » Suitability for the course as determined by a new student interview
- » Completion of a bachelor's degree or higher level award

1 Year Full Time

2 Christian Foundation Units  
+ 4 Coursework Units  
+ 2 Electives

Wantirna (Full)  
Online (Partial)

Semester 1 & 2

### HOW TO APPLY:

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### FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS ARE POSSIBLE AT OUR PARTNER INSTITUTION MELBOURNE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY (MST):

- » Master of Theology
- » Doctor of Ministry
- » Doctor of Theology
- » Doctor of Philosophy



“Completing my theology course with Eastern marks a significant two years of my life that was well spent understanding the necessities of good, thorough and integrous research motivated by genuine and devoted love for Jesus Christ. My time completing this course reaffirmed once again that theology at its finest is an exercise in knowing and loving God. It is significant that in this Eastern provides both, through its lecturers and content. I am thankful!”

**CHRIS MACLEOD**



# CASUAL STUDY AT EASTERN

Eastern College Australia offers three forms of casual study as a service to the Christian community for the purpose of lifelong learning. Casual study is a means of participating in classes without completing a full award.

Although each unit is designed and strategically placed to achieve the overall learning outcomes of a course, the College recognises the place of casual study as a means of enrolling in single units. Not all units are available in this format.

There are three options:

1

Audit students pay a reduced fee to simply sit in on lectures. Audit students do not receive a Unit Guide or gain access to Canvas learning resources and are not required to complete reading or assessment tasks.

2

Non Award students pay the tuition fee for the level they wish to study at. They receive a Unit Guide and gain access to Canvas learning resources. They are also expected to complete all the requirements of the unit but do not graduate from a course of study. An official transcript can be issued if required.

3

Cross Institutional students are enrolled at a higher education provider other than Eastern but complete some pre-approved units at Eastern.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applying at Eastern is easy, simply follow these steps:

1

Visit [eastern.edu.au](http://eastern.edu.au) and read through the information we offer about the course you are interested in applying for.

2

Create a new account on the application site [apply.eastern.edu.au](http://apply.eastern.edu.au) and start filling in the application form.

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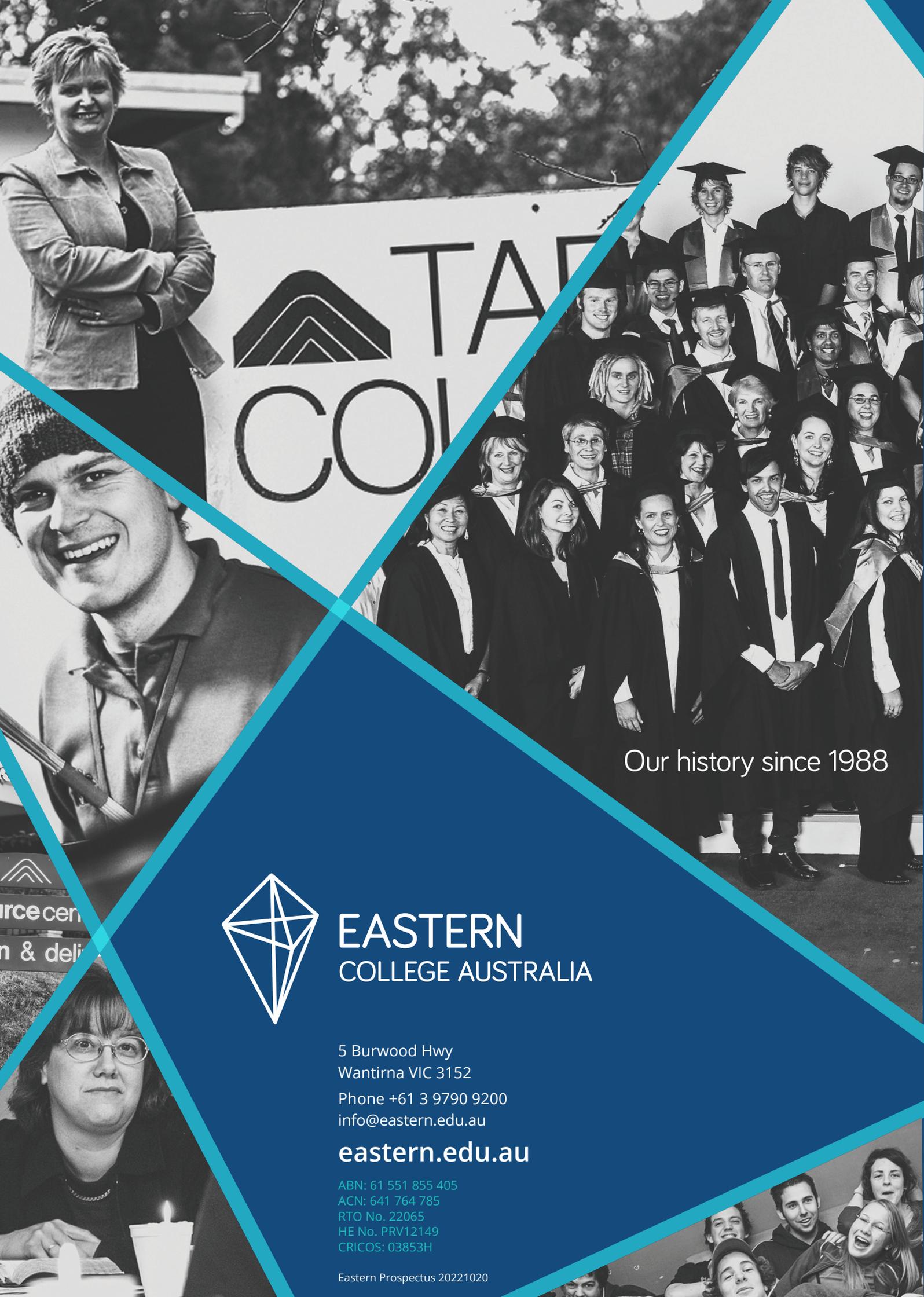
After submission you will receive a response from our admissions office outlining next steps.

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Shortly after, we will contact you for a new student interview.

May God give you clarity and peace as you consider studying at Eastern while you explore what God has in store for you.

COURSES	EDUCATION	ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES	CHRISTIAN STUDIES	MINISTRY & THEOLOGY AT MST
Certificate III AQF 3	Certificate III in School Based Education Support CHC30221 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care CHC30121		Certificate III in Christian Ministry & Theology 10741NAT	
Certificate IV AQF 3	Certificate IV in School Based Education Support CHC40221		Certificate IV in Christian Ministry & Theology 10742NAT Certificate IV in Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care CHC42315	
Diploma Higher Ed. AQF 5	Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care CHC50121	Diploma in Arts	Diploma in Arts	Undergraduate Certificate of Ministry Undergraduate Certificate of Theology Diploma of Ministry Diploma of Theology Diploma of Christian Studies
Associate Degrees AQF 6				Associate Degree of Theology Associate Degree of Ministry
Bachelor Degrees AQF 7	Bachelor of Education (Primary) Bachelor of Education (Secondary)	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Applied Social Science » Counselling		Bachelor of Ministry Bachelor of Theology Bachelor of Divinity Bachelor of Christian Studies
Graduate Certificate/Diploma AQF 8		Graduate Certificate in Arts Graduate Diploma in Arts	Graduate Certificate in Arts Graduate Diploma in Arts	Graduate Certificate of Divinity Graduate Diploma of Divinity Graduate Certificate of Pastoral Care for Mental Health
Masters AQF 9	Master of Education Master of Teaching (Primary) Master of Teaching (Secondary)	Master of Community Counselling Master of Transformational Development		Master of Divinity Master of Ministry Master of Missional Leadership Master of Theological Studies
Postgraduate Research				Master of Theology Doctor of Ministry Doctor of Theology Doctor of Philosophy



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