

CERTIFICATE & DIPLOMA COURSES

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN 2011

New courses to equip people for caring, teaching, creative arts, faith sharing, leadership and mission work.



follow your call. find your gifts. fuel your faith. fulfil your vision.

In 2011 the Adelaide College of Divinity introduces new courses designed to equip people for Christian leadership and service. The courses provide foundations in understanding the Bible and Christian teachings, leadership in ministry, and growth in Christian discipleship.

We offer a Certificate III, Certificate IV and Diploma in Christian Life and Ministry. All units are taught by experienced ministry

practitioners. These courses are nationally accredited.

At Uniting College, we believe that God has gifted every person for ministry and service in the world. We see the role of leaders as uncovering those gifts and enabling them to grow. We are passionate about helping the church to move further in mission in the power of the Spirit.

Our mission is to provide you with opportunities to deepen your faith and grow

your gifts, to lift your vision and to step out in ministry.

So what is God calling you to do and be? What is your passion and call? What will enable you to be better equipped to serve - to teach, care, create, change, build or whatever it is that you are gifted for?

Here are some ways to grow in your service to God. We invite you to hear the call to take a new step as a disciple of Jesus Christ.



Uniting College
for Leadership & Theology

Certificate and Diploma in Christian Life & Ministry

Certificate IV in Christian Life & Ministry

This course is for

- lay preachers
- worship leaders
- youth & childrens' leaders
- Bible study leaders
- Elders and other leaders

Duration: 400-500 hours learning, normally one semester full-time or equivalent. May be studied part-time.

Units are defined in nominal hours. This is the estimated minimum time required for learning and assessment, including classroom time.

Core Units (required)

Engaging in the Gospels (60 hrs)
Overview of the nature, background and message of the Gospels (OR unit below)

Engaging in the Christian Scriptures (60 hrs)
Overview of the background and themes of the Old Testament and the early church in the New Testament (OR unit above)

Engaging in the Christian Faith (60 hrs)

Overview of Christian beliefs and teaching through the ages and today

Engaging in Culturally Appropriate Mission (60 hrs)

Exploring of how we express and share faith in everyday life

Engaging in the Christian Life (60 hrs)

Exploring the practices and patterns of spiritual growth for individuals and groups

Develop Healthy Groups (20 hrs)

An introduction to how groups work and how to lead them

Write Complex Documents (50 hrs)

How to preparing written materials for reporting and assessment

Elective Units

Elective units are available in your area of ministry interest. These include units in

- Children and family ministry
- Youth and young adults ministry
- Pastoral care
- Creative arts and music
- Worship, preaching and the sacraments

"Our teacher was helpful, inclusive, and easy to follow. A great chance to learn and share from each other."

**Music in
Worship
student**



Lay Preacher Studies

The following units are designed to meet the Uniting Church requirements for preparation for the ministry of Lay Preacher.

Engaging in the Gospels

Engaging in the Christian Scriptures

Engaging in the Christian Faith

Special Theology Elective A - Believing in Jesus Christ

Special Ministry Elective A - Worship in the Uniting Church

Make a Presentation - Preaching in the Uniting Church

Those wishing to complete a Certificate IV need to complete additional core units (as listed).

In addition, *Sacraments in the Uniting Church* is available as a Diploma level elective - *Special Theology Elective B*.



"This was a most enriching course to attend. The presence of God with us, around us and within and the presence of God in every pastoral conversation. The lecturer had a deeply spiritual influence on us all."

Pastoral Care student

Diploma in Christian Life & Ministry

This course is for

- lay pastors
- lay chaplains
- youth & childrens' pastors
- creative arts directors
- mission workers
- other church staff

Duration: 800 hours learning, normally two semesters full-time or equivalent. May be studied part-time.

Core Units

Equipping with the Gospels
(60 hrs)

Equipping in the Christian Faith
(60 hrs)

Equipping for Culturally Appropriate Mission (60 hrs)

Interpreting our Christian Heritage (60 hrs)

Equipping in Ministry Practice
(60 hrs)

Equipping in the Christian Life
(60 hrs)

Undertake Research Activities
(60 hrs)

Elective Units

Elective units are available in your area of ministry interest. These include units in

- Aged Care Chaplaincy
- Creative arts and music
- Leadership
- Developing 'fresh expressions' of mission
- Cross-cultural mission
- Spiritual Formation

Ministry of Pastor

People entering the lay ministry of Pastor in the Uniting Church are required to complete assessment in two core areas of competency.

Uniting College offers the following unit to meet one of these these requirements.

Interpreting our Christian Heritage (60 hrs)

Understanding the formation, beliefs and structures of the Uniting Church

Period of Discernment

Equipping in Ministry Practice is recommended for people undertaking the Period of discernment. Other units are also available.

For more information about the Period of Discernment contact Uniting College on 08 8416 8420.

Certificate III in Christian Life & Ministry

(scheduled to commence in 2012)

This course is for

- school leavers
- exploring the basics of faith & service
- people wanting a 'gap' year (Certificate III followed by Certificate IV)

Duration: 400-500 hours learning, normally one semester full-time or equivalent. May be studied part-time. Information about units is available on request.

Distance Learning

Uniting College offers distance learning nationally on behalf of the Uniting Church through the Adelaide College of Divinity. All units are available as printed material. Some units include audio CDs and DVDs. Some units will also be available online through our new online learning site from March 2010 - www.unitingleaders.org.au. Study support is available through the College's library facilities, online support from staff and faculty, and one-to-one course advising.

Fees

Fees for each unit are based on the no. of hours in the unit. The fee for a 60 hour unit is \$330. Audit fees are 50% of fees for credit enrolment.

enquiries & enrolment new & existing students

Contact Uniting College if you are interested in more information about these courses and units.

It is possible to enter study at Certificate III, Certificate IV or Diploma level. Eligibility for higher level study requires some evidence of prior learning and church or ministry involvement.

Credit can be given for previous studies completed, and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is also possible. Please note that a fee will be charged for RPL assessment.

Existing students have until the end of 2011 to complete their studies under the previous qualifications, or may transfer to the new qualifications and receive credit for studies completed. Contact Uniting College to discuss these options with an academic advisor.

New students for Semester One, 2011 need to enrol by mid-February 2011.

"Thanks for giving us your great skills on the leadership area. Through those skills you have encouraged us to identify our own leadership strengths and weaknesses and apply them to in our own churches."

Leadership student



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