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DIPLOMA OF MINISTRY
School of Ministry and Theology

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Overview

Diploma of Ministry (DPM)		
	Program Director	Daniela Rizzo
	AQF Level	[AQF Level 5 (Higher Education)](#)
	Qualification	Diploma
	Subjects	8
	Languages of Instruction	English, Finnish, Korean, Spanish, French
	CRICOS Code	094096J
	ASCED Code	091703
	Accreditation	Self-accreditation
	Course Length	1 year full-time; up to 4 years part-time
	Entry Requirements	*https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/diploma-ministry-he/*

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Diploma of Ministry provides an introductory body of knowledge and skills in the discipline area of ministry. The program is designed to produce graduates who can apply integrated technical and theoretical ministry concepts in a broad range of contexts from a Christian worldview, as well as embody integrity, professional knowledge and social skills, making a positive contribution to society.

The Diploma of Ministry introduces students at a foundation level to the sources and content of the discipline of ministry and provides training which emphasises vocational application in ministry. Graduates will have cognitive and communication skills to identify and analyse a range of ideas and perspectives in ministry, specialist technical and creative skills to express those ideas, and will be able to demonstrate an ability to apply a body of knowledge in a range of contexts. Students will perform complex technical operations in real-life ministry contexts with personal responsibility and autonomy, and will demonstrate an ability to plan, design, implement and evaluate approaches to ministry problems and requirements.

AC is committed to providing academic pathways for students. The course of study allows flexibility for students who may wish to start with a short undergraduate course before committing to a Bachelor program, or for students who need to exit a Bachelor program earlier than intended, due to unforeseen personal or professional reasons.

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Course Structure

Note: Contact the Student Support Team for access to previous course version.

This structure applies to students admitted into the Diploma of Ministry from 2022	
The course structure is based on two semesters (each of 13 weeks duration), with four subjects taught in each semester. It comprises: • 50 credit points of compulsory core subjects, and • 30 credit points of a specialisation OR electives. To qualify for award of the degree of Diploma of Ministry a candidate shall accrue an aggregate of at least 80 credit points, including satisfactory completion of the core subjects noted below.	

Content of the course of study		Credit points
Core Subjects	ACA001 Faith and Purpose BIB009 Old Testament Foundations *or* BIB010 New Testament Foundations EXP001 Professional Practice MIN001 Introduction to Pastoral Ministry MIN012 Character Formation and Ministry	5 x 10
Elective Subjects	3 elective subjects taken from accredited AQF Level 5, 6 or 7 subjects offered by AC.	3 x 10
Other protocols of the course	Students can complete up to four non-graded assessment subjects.	

Indicative Course Progression

Based on a full-time study mode

CORE		ELECTIVES/SPECIALISATIONS	

First Year			
Semester 1		**Semester 2**	
ACA001	Faith and Purpose	BIB010	New Testament Foundations
BIB009	Old Testament Foundations	EXP001	Professional Practice
MIN001	Introduction to Pastoral Ministry	MIN012	Character Formation and Ministry
CCM001	Introduction to Cross Cultural Ministry	THE005	Introduction to Theology

Course Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to demonstrate:
• general understanding of key issues, recent scholarship and practices within the discipline area of ministry, consistent with a Christian worldview;
• depth of understanding of practical fieldwork;
• technical and theoretical understanding of basic research principles and methods, and knowledge of research approaches used in the discipline area of ministry
Graduates will be able to demonstrate the ability to:
• identify, analyse and synthesise theoretical knowledge in the discipline area of ministry;
• examine a complex problem or management requirements using appropriate methodologies and theories from the discipline area of ministry;
• communicate technical and creative skills to express ideas and perspective related to the discipline area of ministry;
• transfer knowledge and specialised ministry skills to peers and general audiences in diverse contexts.
• apply theoretical and technical knowledge and skills acquired within the specialist area of ministry in a range of professional contexts;
• work independently, responsibly and with the level expected in a broad range of professional and ministry contexts;
• collaborate in team projects to make a positive contribution toward social issues;
• undertake self-reflection and evaluation of performance for the purpose of vocational development.

Work Integrated Learning

Work-Integrated Learning may be undertaken through various Professional Practice and Professional Experience subjects at AC. These subjects seek to create a direct linkage between the learning, skills and values engaged in lectures, and the reflection which occurs when these are applied in real-life settings. These work-based training subjects comprise of instruction, academic assessment and a placement in a workplace for each subject.

To qualify for the award of the Diploma of Ministry, a candidate will complete at least 1 subject (10 credit points) of Professional Practice. Students are usually required to find their own workplace/ employer/ mentor to be approved by AC. In some cases, a new aspect within a student's current paid employment may be suitable as a work placement.

 For further information related to Work-Integrated Learning please see the Professional Practice Handbook on Moodle or contact our *Student Support* team.

Other Course Information

For other course information, such as information on Professional Accreditation and available intakes, visit the course web page:

https://www.ac.edu.au/awards/diploma-ministry-he/

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Useful Links

AC WEBSITE

https://www.ac.edu.au/

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

https://www.ac.edu.au/key-dates/

HOW TO ENROL

Please see the Timetable for available subjects and contact Student Support Team for tailored academic advice before completing the enrolment form.

AC POLICIES

https://ww1.ac.edu.au/ppm/

LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Enrolled students will have access to AC's LMS

FEES

https://www.ac.edu.au/fees-financing/

STUDENT FORMS

https://www.ac.edu.au/forms/

GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES

https://ww1.ac.edu.au/ppm/graduate-attributes-policy/

Student Support

The Student Support team are available if you need assistance. Email the team via: studentsupport@ac.edu.au or book a phone or video call via: Bookings

Phone: (02) 8893 9005

https://www.ac.edu.au/student-services/

For disability support please contact dso@ac.edu.au

Appendix 1

COURSE PROGRESSION TRACKING TEMPLATE

Diploma of Ministry

Student:	
Student ID number:	
Year of commencement:	

Diploma of Ministry requirements:
- 50 credit points of compulsory core subjects, and
- 30 credit points of a specialisation OR electives.

50 cp Core subject Subject Code & Name	Subject Credit Points	Comments

30 cp specialisation OR elective subjects Subject Code & Name	Subject Credit Points	Comments