



Alphacrucis University College

COURSE HANDBOOK

DIPLOMA OF CHAPLAINCY

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Overview

Diploma of Chaplaincy (DPC)	Program Director	Rebecca Jones
	AQF Level	AQF Level 5 (Higher Education)
	Qualification	Diploma
	Subjects	8
	Languages of Instruction	English
	CRICOS Code	094095K
	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-chaplaincy/

COURSE OVERVIEW

The Diploma of Chaplaincy provides an introductory body of knowledge and skills in the discipline area of chaplaincy. The program is designed to produce graduates who can apply integrated technical and theoretical chaplaincy and pastoral care 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 Chaplaincy introduces students at a foundation level to the sources and content of the discipline of chaplaincy and provides training which emphasises vocational application in chaplaincy. Graduates will have cognitive and communication skills to identify and analyse a range of ideas and perspectives in chaplaincy and pastoral care contexts, 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 chaplaincy contexts with personal responsibility and autonomy, and will demonstrate an ability to plan, design, implement and evaluate approaches to chaplaincy problems and requirements.

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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 Chaplaincy 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 Chaplaincy 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 MIN013 Chaplaincy Ministry MIN014 Theories and Practices of Chaplaincy MIN015 Chaplaincy Support in Practice EXP009 Professional Practice in Chaplaincy	5 x 10
Electives	3 subjects taken from accredited AQF Level 5, 6 or 7 subjects offered by AC.	3 x 10
Specialisation	Community Chaplaincy (required to be able to apply to be an accredited chaplain) SSC010 Understanding Trauma SSC011 Understanding Addictions SSC012 Methods of Youth Work	
Rules of progression	Students must complete 4 subjects, including MIN013, before enrolling in EXP009.	
Other Protocols of the course	For students wishing to apply for accreditation with Chaplaincy Australia: SSC010, SSC011 and SSC012 must be completed.	
Pre-requisites for specific subjects	Pre-requisites are noted on the subject outline. Students must have completed the pre-requisite to enrol in the subject. Must have the appropriate police checks and/or approvals for working with children.	
Bridging/Nested Courses	There are no nested courses within this course of study	

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Recommended Course Progression

Based on a full-time study mode.

Students can track course progression using the template at the end of this handbook.

CORE	ELECTIVE
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First Year			
Semester 1		Semester 2	
ACA001	Faith and Purpose	EXP009	Professional Practice
MIN013	Chaplaincy Ministry		Elective
MIN014	Theories and Practices in Chaplaincy		Elective
MIN015	Chaplaincy Support in Practice		Elective



Course Learning Outcomes

Graduates will be able to demonstrate:
• General understanding of key issues, recent scholarship and practices within the discipline area of chaplaincy, 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 chaplaincy.
Graduates will be able to demonstrate the ability to:
• Identify, analyse and synthesise theoretical knowledge in the discipline area of chaplaincy;
• Examine complex problems or presenting issues using appropriate methodologies and theories from the discipline area of chaplaincy;
• Employ specialist technical and creative skills to express ideas and perspectives related to the discipline area of chaplaincy;
• Communicate effectively to transfer knowledge and specialised chaplaincy skills to peers, clients, and general audiences in diverse contexts.
• Apply theoretical and technical knowledge and skills acquired within the specialist area of chaplaincy in a range of professional contexts;
• Work independently, responsibly and with the level expected in a broad range of professional and chaplaincy contexts;
• Undertake self-reflection and evaluation of performance for the purpose of vocational development.
• Collaborate in team projects to make a positive contribution toward social issues;



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 Chaplaincy, a candidate will complete at least 1 subject (10 credit points) of Professional Practice.

For further information please refer to the SHHS Student Moodle Page.

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-chaplaincy/>

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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

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Course Progression Tracking Template

Diploma in Chaplaincy

Student:	
Student ID number:	
Year of commencement:	

For detailed subject information please refer to the [website](#)

	Enrolment	Notes
Core Subjects		
ACA001 Faith and Purpose		
MIN013 Chaplaincy Ministry		
MIN014 Theories and Practices in Chaplaincy		
MIN015 Chaplaincy Support in Practice		
EXP009 Professional Practice in Chaplaincy		

Chaplaincy Subjects <i>(required for chaplaincy accreditation)</i>		
SSC010 Understanding Trauma		
SSC011 Understanding Addictions		
SSC012 Methods of Youth Work		

OR

Elective Subjects <i>(taken from any area eg: BIB, THE, MIN, SSC)</i>		
Elective 1:		
Elective 2:		
Elective 3:		