



Australian
University College
of Divinity

ASSOCIATE DEGREE OF CHURCH PLANTING

AWARD SUMMARY

CRICOS: None

Nomenclature: AssocDegChPlant

AQF Level 6 Associate Degree

Entry Requirements An Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 65, or its equivalent (e.g. OP \leq 16); OR

Satisfy the requirements for Mature Age Special Entry Admission for those who have reached the age of 21; OR

Satisfy the requirements for Special Entry; OR

Articulate from other Australian University College of Divinity programs.

Duration: 2 years full-time or 8 years (maximum) part-time.

Attendance Type: Full-time, part-time.

Delivery Mode: Online, face-to-face, or multi-modal

Structure: 144 credit points (16 units).

English Proficiency:

Applicants whose entry qualifications were obtained in an institution where English is not the language of instruction normally require a minimum IELTS (or equivalent) score of 6.0 with no score less than 5.5 in all bands of the test.

Enrolment

Contact the Registrar of the Member Institution with whom you intend to study for enrolment and fee details.

Graduate Profile and Rationale

The Associate Degree of Church Planting provides students with the opportunity to undertake accredited study in practical ministry-oriented disciplines. It is designed for those who are considering vocational engagement in developing new churches.

The Associate Degree of Church Planting course is an undergraduate award which provides students with some study of Christian Life and Ministry and related studies in Biblical Studies and Theology. This degree prepares candidates for professional and lay Christian ministry in the context of initiating new churches and for further learning beyond the degree.

Course Outcomes

Knowledge

Graduates will have:

- a coherent body of knowledge with depth in the underlying principles and concepts in developing new Churches
- a broad knowledge in Christian Life and Ministry, Theology, Biblical Studies, and other theological areas of practice that will form the basis for independent lifelong learning

Skills

Graduates will have cognitive, communication, and technical skills in a church planting-related body of knowledge, so that they are able to:

- review, reflect on, and synthesise theological information and identify and provide solutions to complex problems
- think critically and generate and evaluate complex ideas
- demonstrate an understanding of theoretical concepts in the development of new churches
- communicate church planting-related knowledge, skills and ideas clearly and coherently

Applications of Knowledge and Skills

Graduates will have the ability to:

- demonstrate an understanding of theological knowledge by applying it creatively in new church settings
- make high-level, independent judgments in a range of new church settings
- initiate, plan, and implement activities and projects within a range of new church settings

The Unit Learning Outcomes of any units taken into the award contribute to the

attainment of the Discipline Learning Outcomes and the Generic Learning Outcomes of the AQF level, as well as the Graduate Attributes of the Award.

Exit Points

Students enrolled in the Associate Degree of Church Planting may exit with a Diploma of Church Planting provided they have met the requirements of the award.

Academic regulations for the Associate Degree of Church Planting

1 Admission to Candidature

- 1.1 An applicant for admission to candidature into the Associate Degree of Church Planting shall:
 - 1.1.1 An Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 65, or its equivalent (e.g. OP \leq 16); OR
 - 1.1.2 Satisfy the requirements for Mature Age Special Entry Admission for those who have reached the age of 21; OR
 - 1.1.3 Satisfy the requirements for Special Entry; OR
 - 1.1.4 Articulate from other Australian University College of Divinity programs.
- 1.2 A candidate for the Associate Degree of Church Planting shall be designated as full-time or part-time.
- 1.3 A student is designated as full-time if enrolled in 27 credit points or more in a semester, or part-time if enrolled in fewer than 27 credit points per semester.
- 1.4 Applicants whose entry qualifications were obtained in an institution where English is not the language of instruction normally will be required to demonstrate competency in English by:
 - 1.4.1 achieving an IELTS (or equivalent) result of 6.0 with no score below 5.5 in all bands of the test
- 1.5 Application for enrolment in the Associate Degree of Church Planting is made to the Registrar of the appropriate Member Institution offering the course.

2 Course Structure

- 2.1 The Associate Degree of Church Planting requires the completion of 144 credit points (16 units) which shall include:
 - 2.1.1 One Compulsory Unit (9 credit points) from T7140 Theology of Mission; AND
 - 2.1.2 at least 36 credit points of Specified Electives chosen from Schedule 1; AND
 - 2.1.3 at least 27 credit points of Specified Electives chosen from Schedule 2; AND
 - 2.1.4 at least 9 credit points of Supervised Ministry (or units with equivalent hands-on ministry practice); AND
 - 2.1.5 a sub-major (36 credit points) in Mission; AND
 - 2.1.6 At least 18 credit points in the Discipline of Biblical Studies; AND
 - 2.1.7 At least 9 credit points in the Discipline of Theology, in addition to T7140 Theology of Mission; AND
 - 2.1.8 at least 18 credit points of Electives taken from the subdiscipline of Pastoral Theology in addition to the 9 cps of

Supervised Ministry;

- 2.2 All course units will be taken from Australian University College of Divinity accredited AQF 7 units of study.
- 2.3 A major in a discipline or sub-discipline requires 54 credit points from the discipline or sub-discipline, with no more than 18 credit points from 7100 series units.
- 2.4 A sub-major in a discipline or sub-discipline requires 36 credit points from units assigned to that discipline or sub-discipline, including no more than 18 credit points from 7100 series units.
- 2.5 Within the AUCD (but not necessarily within every award) Majors and sub-majors are available in:
 - 2.5.1 Biblical Studies
 - 2.5.2 Christian Spirituality, Mission, Pastoral Counselling, Pastoral Theology, Christian Life & Ministry [Discipline]
 - 2.5.3 Church History, Philosophy, Humanities in the Christian Tradition [Discipline];
 - 2.5.4 Theology [Discipline]; Systematic Theology; Worship & Liturgy
- 2.6 Units coded "A" are not counted towards a major/sub-major in any discipline or subdiscipline.
- 2.7 Graduates of the AssocDegChPlant will receive (at least) a sub-major in Mission

3 Period of Candidature

- 3.1 The period of candidature for the Associate Degree of Church Planting shall normally be 2 years full-time and up to 8 years part-time.
- 3.2 In certain circumstances the Director of Student Services may grant course extensions.

4 Leave of Absence

- 4.1 The Director of Student Services may grant leave of absence from the Associate Degree of Church Planting. The period of leave shall not be counted as part of the period of candidature for the award.
- 4.2 The period of leave shall normally be one semester after which a candidate may apply for a further period of one semester or will be required to complete candidature.

5 Assessment

- 5.1 The assessment of units of study shall be in the manner approved by the Academic Board in line with the University College's established guidelines for assessment packages at the undergraduate level.

- 5.2 Students may be required by the Academic Board to present themselves for oral examination.
- 5.3 Academic and non-academic misconduct will be penalised in accordance with the Policies and Regulations of the Australian University College of Divinity

6 Credit

- 6.1 A candidate may seek credit up to a maximum of 72 credit points in the Associate Degree of Church Planting.
- 6.2 Credit will be granted in accordance with the University College Credit Policy.

7 Progress to Further Awards

- 7.1 Students who complete the Associate Degree of Church Planting may articulate into the Bachelor of Church Planting of the University College and receive 144 credit points towards the completion of the award.
- 7.2 All units satisfactorily completed in the Associate Degree of Church Planting may be credited towards an Australian University College of Divinity Bachelor of Church Planting award, on condition that a completed Associate Degree of Church Planting will be surrendered prior to graduation in that award.

8 Saving Clause

- 8.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Academic Board of the Australian University College of Divinity may, in any case in which it may deem it appropriate to do so, vary, dispense with, or suspend any requirement or prescription by these regulations, and report forthwith to the Council of the Australian University College of Divinity.

SCHEDULES

Schedule 1

M7132 Foundations for Church Planting
M7234 Church Planting: From Launch Team to Multiplication
M7235 Church Planting: Assessing Your Fit
M7293 Seminar in Church Planting
M7295 Minor Independent Guided Study in Mission
P7233 Church Planting Through Neighbourhood Engagement

Schedule 2

M7109 Introduction to Discipleship
M7110 The Evangelising Mission of the Church
M7205 Paradigms for Contemporary Mission
M7260 Communicating the Gospel in Australia and New Zealand

P7104 Introduction to Theological Study
 P7105 Introduction to Ethical Ministry Practice
 P7139 Foundations of Community Engagement
 P7222 Leading Change in Ministry
 P7232 Cultural Analysis
 P7245 Church and Ministry
 P7258 Team Ministry Skills
 P7259 Distinctives of Church Movements
 P7288 The Church Minister
 P7271 Supervised Ministry I
 P7272 Supervised Ministry II
 S7101 Formation in Spiritual Living
 S7103 Personal Transformation
 S7201 Relational Dynamics in Spiritual Formation
 S7202 Spiritual Formation for Ministry
 S7205 Community Transformation

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