

BACHELOR OF CHURCH PLANTING

AWARD SUMMARY

CRICOS: None

Nomenclature: BChPlant

AQF Level 7 Bachelor of Church Planting

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: 3 years full-time or 12 years (maximum) part-time.

Attendance Type: Full-time, part-time.

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

Structure: 216 credit points (24 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 Bachelor of Church Planting provides students with the opportunity to undertake AQF Level 7 study in practical ministry-oriented disciplines. It is designed for those who are seeking a vocational engagement in developing new churches.

The Bachelor of Church Planting course is a primary undergraduate award which provides a broad and coherent 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 and in depth body of knowledge 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

Exit Points

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

Academic regulations for the Bachelor of Church Planting

1 Admission to Candidature

- 1.1 An applicant for admission to candidature into the Bachelor of Church Planting shall:
- 1.1.1 Have 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 Bachelor 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 6.5 with no score below 6.0 in all bands of the test, OR
 - 1.4.2 achieving an IELTS result of 6.0 with no score below 5.5 in all bands of the test providing they pass all course units in the first two semesters of the course.
- 1.5 Application for enrolment in the Bachelor of Church Planting is made to the Registrar of the appropriate Member Institution offering the course.

2 Course Structure

- 2.1 The Bachelor of Church Planting requires the completion of 216 credit points (24 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 45 credit points of Specified Electives chosen from Schedule 2; AND
 - 2.1.4 at least 18 credit points of Supervised Ministry (or units with equivalent hands-on ministry practice); AND
 - 2.1.5 a major (54 credit points) in Mission; AND
 - 2.1.6 At least 27 credit points in the Discipline of Biblical Studies; AND
 - 2.1.7 At least 18 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 18 cps of Supervised Ministry; AND
- 2.1.9 one (9 or 18 cps) elective research unit (capstone, independent guided study, research project, or action research project) focused on church planting in a specific environment.
- 2.2 Candidates who have completed 108 credit points towards the Bachelor of Church Planting may select up to 36 credit points from the Schedule of 8100 and 9200 series units. Within these units, a candidate can only select up to 18 credit points of 9200 series units, provided they have already completed at least a sub-major in that sub-discipline with a Grade Point Average of at least 2.0.
- 2.3 All course units will be taken from the University College accredited units.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 Within the AUCD (but not necessarily within every award) Majors and sub-majors are available in:
- 2.6.1 Biblical Studies
 - 2.6.2 Christian Spirituality, Mission, Pastoral Counselling, Pastoral Theology, Christian Life & Ministry [Discipline]
 - 2.6.3 Church History, Philosophy, Humanities in the Christian Tradition [Discipline];
 - 2.6.4 Theology [Discipline]; Systematic Theology; Worship & Liturgy
- 2.7 Units coded “A” are not counted towards a major/sub-major in any discipline or subdiscipline.
- 2.8 Graduates of the Bachelor of Church Planting will receive (at least) a major in Mission.

3 Period of Candidature

- 3.1 The period of candidature for the Bachelor of Church Planting shall normally be 3 years full-time and up to 12 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 Bachelor 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 144 credit points in the Bachelor of Church Planting.
- 6.2 Credit will be granted in accordance with the University College Credit Policy.

7 Saving Clause

- 7.1 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 Christian Community Development
 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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