

DIPLOMA OF WORSHIP PRACTICE

AWARD SUMMARY

CRICOS: None

Nomenclature: DipWorPr

AQF Level 5 Diploma

Entry Requirements An Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 65, or its equivalent (e.g. OP \leq 16); OR
Satisfactorily completed Year 10 (or equivalent) from an institution recognised by the Academic Board; OR
Mature Age Special Entry Admission for those who have reached the age of 21; OR
Have adequate grounds for Special Entry; AND
Satisfactorily complete a pre-enrolment interview with a relevant course advisor.

Duration: 1 year full-time or 4 years (maximum) part-time.

Attendance Type: Full-time, part-time.

Delivery Mode: Multi-modal

Structure: 72 credit points (8 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) overall score of at least 6.0 with no subtest score below 5.5.

Enrolment

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

Graduate Profile and Rationale

The Diploma of Worship Practice provides students with introductory study designed for Christians seeking a foundation for informed participation in the worship ministry of a local church, para-church ministries, and in the wider community. It also provides some opportunity to gain knowledge and skills appropriate for practical church musicianship, multi-media roles, or worship space design but not necessarily of the breadth or depth required for a professional position. The award requires the completion of course units in Biblical Studies, Theology, and Christian Life and Ministry.

The Diploma of Worship Practice provides students with the opportunity to undertake AQF Level 5 study in practical ministry-oriented disciplines. It is designed for those who have a less formal educational background or overall commitment than AQF Level 6 or 7 studies.

Course Outcomes

Knowledge

Graduates will have:

- technical and theoretical knowledge and concepts with introductory knowledge in Biblical Studies, Theology, and Christian Life and Ministry;
- wider experience of practical worship ministry generally that will form the basis for further learning.

Skills

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

- identify, analyse, and act on ministry-oriented information about Christian worship from a range of foundational sources;
- express ideas and perspectives related to Christian worship;
- communicate worship-related knowledge, skills, and ideas to others.

Applications of Knowledge and Skills

Graduates will have the ability to:

- demonstrate an understanding of theological knowledge by applying it in Christian Worship;
- perform technical operations within Christian Worship that have some complexity, taking personal responsibility for them;
- organise, with initiative and judgment, the work of self and others, and plan, coordinate, and evaluate the work of worship and media teams (within broad but generally well-defined parameters).

Academic regulations for the Diploma of Worship Practice

1 Admission to Candidature

1.1 An applicant for admission to candidature into the Award Name 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 Satisfactorily completed Year 10 (or equivalent) from an institution recognised by the Academic Board; OR
- 1.1.3 Have adequate grounds for Special Entry; OR
- 1.1.4 Mature Age and Special Entry Admission for those who have reached the age of 21; AND
- 1.1.5 Satisfactorily completes a pre-enrolment interview with a relevant course advisor.

1.2 A candidate for the Diploma of Worship Practice shall be designated as full-time or part-time. A student is designated as full-time if enrolled in three units (27 credit points) or more in a semester or part-time if enrolled in less than three units (27 credit points) per semester.

1.3 No candidate for the Diploma of Work Practice may be concurrently enrolled in any other undergraduate or postgraduate course within the University College or any other tertiary institution unless approval has been granted by the Academic Board.

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 an IELTS (or equivalent) result of 6.0 with no subtest score below 5.5.

1.5 Application for enrolment in the Diploma of Worship Practice is made to the Registrar of the appropriate Member Institution offering the course.

2 Course Structure

2.1 The Diploma of Work Practice requires the completion of 72 credit points (8 units) which shall include:

- 2.1.1 at least 9 credit points in Biblical Studies; and
- 2.1.2 at least 9 credit points in Theology; and
- 2.1.3 at least 18 credit points of approved supervised ministry units (units with a focus on hands-on worship practice; and
- 2.1.4 a further 36 credit points chosen from approved core units

2.2 All course units will be taken from the University College Schedule of units of study coded within the 5100 series.

2.3 This award contains a unit or units of study that fulfills a mandatory training component that is face to face and on-site at a nominated location (e.g. work-based, site field work, internship, placement). For appropriate delivery of such units, the University College Workplace Learning Policy

must be followed.

3 Period of Candidature

3.1 The period of candidature for the Award Name shall normally be 1 year (2 Semesters) full-time and up to 4 years (8 Semesters) part-time.

3.2 In certain circumstances the Student Support and Administration Committee may grant course extensions.

4 Leave of Absence

4.1 The Student Support and Administration Committee may grant leave of absence from the Diploma of Work Practice. 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 shall be in the manner approved by the Academic Board in line with the University College's established guidelines for assessment packages.

5.2 Students may be required by the Academic Board to present themselves for oral examination.

5.3 Students will be required to demonstrate competence at an appropriate level which may be live, in person or online.

5.4 Academic and non-academic misconduct will be penalised in accordance with the Policies and Regulations of the University College, whose stipulations are severe.

6 Credit

6.1 Candidates may seek credit up to a maximum of 36 credit points in the Diploma of Worship Practice.

6.2 Credit will be granted for units that are from an equivalent award or institution and have outcomes, content, demand hours, and assessment equivalent to that of units in the Diploma of Worship Practice.

7 Progress to Further Awards

7.1 Students who complete the Diploma of Worship Practice and desire to undertake the Bachelor of Ministry or Bachelor of Theology will receive credit awarded to equivalent Bachelor units for Diploma units completed with a grade of Credit or higher; or subject to additional assessment requirements set by the

University College Student Support and Administration Committee.

8 Saving Clause

8.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Academic Board of the University College 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 University College.

SCHEDULE

- A. TWO compulsory units (9 credit points each)
- B5109 - Biblical Foundations of Worship
 - T5124 - Theology of Worship in its Cultural Setting
- B. Choose ONE Core 18 credit points unit (one additional 18 credit points unit may be taken in place of 2 core 9 credit points units).
- L5177 Supervised Ministry in Church Visual Arts
 - L5178 Supervised Ministry in Technology in Liturgical Worship
 - L5179 Supervised Ministry in Vocal or Instrumental Musicianship in Worship
 - P5167 Supervised Ministry in Visual Arts in Worship
 - P5168 Supervised Ministry in Audio and Multi-Media Resources in Worship
 - P5169 Supervised Ministry in Practical Church Musicianship
- C. Choose FOUR Core Units (or a SECOND Supervised Ministry [B] and TWO units) (9 credit points each)
- P5163 Introduction to Christian Song Writing
 - P5164 Worship Planning: Regular Sunday Services
 - P5165 Worship Planning: Sacraments and Special Services
 - P5166 Leading the Church in Worship
 - L 5172 Worship Space Design
 - L5173 Introduction to the Composition of Liturgical Music
 - L5174 Planning the Liturgy: Regular Sunday Services
 - L5175 Planning the Liturgy: Sacraments and Special Services
 - L5176 Leading Christian Liturgy

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