

Advanced Diploma of Bible, Mission and Ministry

Information for Continuing Diploma Students

Dear Diploma Student,

Following a review of the diploma courses in 2016 the Academic Board recommended an amalgamation of the two existing diplomas into one new diploma, the Advanced Diploma of Bible, Mission and Ministry. This recommendation was approved by the Governing Board of the College in November 2016.

The amalgamation has also facilitated the introduction of a new specialisation in Women's Ministry.

The Advanced Diploma has three specialisations. Students elect one specialisation, Missions, Lay Ministry or Women's Ministry. The Core Specialisation Units are not interchangeable.

Core Units		
Missions	Lay Ministry	Women's Ministry
BS141 Biblical Theology	BS141 Biblical Theology	BS141 Biblical Theology
BS111 Old Testament 1	BS111 Old Testament 1	BS111 Old Testament 1
BS121 New Testament 1	BS121 New Testament 1	BS121 New Testament 1
CM102 Ministry and Mission 1	CM102 Ministry and Mission 1	CM102 Ministry and Mission 1
CT100 Doctrine 1	CT100 Doctrine 1	CT100 Doctrine 1
Core Specialisation Units		
CT122 History of Christian Missions	CT124 Church History & Congregations	CT170 Women and Children in Church History
CM162 Understanding Buddhism & Islam	CM105 Lay Ministry Foundations	CM182 Influences on and Issues for Aust Christian Women
CM153 Christian Communication	CM153 Christian Communication	CM184 Ministries of Women
Electives		
BS102 Greek 1A and BS103 Greek 1B	BS102 Greek 1A and BS103 Greek 1B	BS102 Greek 1A and BS103 Greek 1B
OR	OR	OR
BS130 BEE and CM108 Evangelism	BS130 BEE and CM108 Evangelism	BS130 BEE and CM108 Evangelism

Can I transfer to the Advanced Diploma?

Continuing diploma students may transfer to the Advanced Diploma of Bible, Mission and Ministry in 2017 carrying their completed units. There will be no loss of any completed units if you stay in the same specialisation.

If you want to transfer you will be able to do this in online registration.

We will be asking diploma students what they want to do:

- transfer to the Advanced Diploma
- stay in their existing diploma

Details for online registration will be distributed in mid-January.

Can I transfer to one of the other specialisations?

You will also have the option of transferring to one of the other specialisations. However any specialist units already completed in another specialisation cannot be carried over.

Example

Louise is currently in the Diploma of Bible and Missions and so far has completed BS121 New Testament 1, BS141 Biblical Theology and CM162 Understanding Buddhism and Islam. Louise would like to transfer to the Women's Ministry Specialisation.

Louise transfers to the Women's Ministry specialisation and carries over BS121 New Testament 1 and BS141 Biblical Theology. CM162 Understanding Buddhism and Islam is not carried over as it is a core unit in the Missions specialisation.

We will be asking diploma students if they want to transfer to another specialisation at registration. Details for online registration will be distributed in mid-January.

What is CM108 Evangelism?

CM108 is a new unit that combines content from CM106 Evangelistic Ministry and CM151 Evangelistic Apologetics.

If you have already done CM106 Evangelistic Ministry or CM151 Evangelistic Apologetics this will be credited in lieu of CM108 Evangelism. You do not need to do CM108 Evangelism.

What are the Women's Ministry Specialisation units?

CM182 Influences on and Issues for Australian Christian Women

This unit contributes to the Advanced Diploma course by exploring the sociological and theological influences contributing to the shaping of identity of Australian Christian women. It focuses on significant issues that have shaped the role of women in Australian society and explores the church's response to these issues from a theological and personal perspective. It relates to the other units in the diploma by exploring and then moving beyond the historical circumstances to the theological issues that underpin the events. It will assist in the development of the diplomat's ability to theologically reflect on current societal norms through understanding the effects of previous significant issues.

The purpose of this unit is to identify and explore the significant factors shaping the perception of women in contemporary Australian society for the purpose of the Christian women to better understand herself and other women. Some of the topics to be covered include the influence of war on Australian women, feminism, the sexual revolution, changing views of marriage in Australian society and immigration and multi-cultural Australia.

CM184 Ministries of Women

This unit contributes to the Advanced Diploma course by grounding women's ministry in theology and good practice. It showcases a variety of ministries exploring some key issues to enable students to develop their reflective ability for ministries for which they are responsible. It relates to the other units in this diploma by building on theological reflection and applying it to practical situations.

The purpose of the unit is to give theologically based practical input on the conduct of women's ministry in a variety of settings with special reference to important relational issues. Some of the topics to be covered include developing a women's ministry, developing a children's ministry, small group Bible study, teamwork, conflict and ministering to the vulnerable.

CT170 Women & Children in Church History

The purpose of this unit is to describe and assess the contribution of women in the realm of family, other ministries, and societal life over the past 2000 years, and explore the attitudes to women and children over this period, for the purpose of evaluating their impact on the current views concerning women and children.

Some of the topics to be covered include women and children in the early church, women and the Reformation, women and overseas mission, women in Australian church history.