

Postgraduate Diploma in Theology in Christian Ministry – PG Dip (Theology) (Christian Ministry) (606100) (NQF level 8)

Target Group

- Prospective ministers, Christian leaders, and pastoral care givers from all denominations who want to receive supervised practical training;
 - in order to develop ministry skills within a specific denominational context by integrating theological theories with ministry practice.

Presentation

- The programme is presented by the Practical Theology and Missiology discipline group in co-operation with the Old and New Testament and the Systematic Theology and Ecclesiology discipline groups.
- The discipline group Practical Theology and Missiology is responsible for the selection and training of the supervisors and mentors, as well as for the allocation of congregations.
- The placement of candidates in congregations for congregational exposure is done in co-operation with the contracted churches before the orientation day, which takes place in November of the preceding year.

Specific Admission Requirements

- A MDiv (Church Ministry), as determined by the relevant church denomination.

Closing Date for Applications

- If you are a South African citizen, you must apply before 30 October of the year preceding study.
- If you are an international student, you must apply before 30 September of the year preceding study.

Duration of Programme

The duration of the programme is one year.

Assessment and Examination

The programme is subject to flexible assessment and you must hand in research reports and assignments during the first and second semester.

Programme Outcomes

After completion of this programme you will have:

- a theological-hermeneutical understanding of the ministry practice in faith communities;
- an understanding of the functioning of a practical theological ecclesiology;
- the ability to act as leader within different faith communities; and
- the ability to illustrate various ministry skills in opportunities created by the ministry practice.

Programme Structure

- The programme focuses on supervised professional training within a congregational context, in order to develop ministry skills.
- The training takes place under supervision of the Board of Governors and church councils of various church denominations in co-operation with the Faculty of Theology, in order to comply with the church's requirements regarding the admission and calling of ministers, Christian leaders and pastoral care givers.
- You do not attend any lectures for this programme. You work independently and must submit reports and assignments.

Course of the Programme

- All the prospective candidates and their mentors must attend an orientation day in November of the preceding year.
- The candidates report to the congregations at the beginning of the last full week in January.
- Students return to campus four times during the year:
 - In March: At this session the programme is set out by the programme co-ordinator and the lecturers explain the assignments and the requirements of the subdisciplines.
 - In May: The half-year assessment takes place over the course of one week. All assignments for the first semester are discussed at this session.
 - The last two full weeks in August: Final conversations with the curatorium take place and the assignments of the second semester are discussed.
 - The first week in November: After the candidates have completed their year-long ministry exposure in the congregations, the whole group meets for final feedback and assessment with the mentors and lecturers.
- Cross-cultural exposure:
 - Each candidate is expected to experience cross-cultural exposure at another denomination for a period of at least two weeks.
 - This cross-cultural exposure is organised in collaboration with the supervisor for a time and place as mutually agreed upon.

Programme Content

Total 120 credits

Compulsory Modules

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| Mentorship | 711(10) |
| Ministry Practice | 711(50) |
| Congregational Ministry and Administration (20) | |
| Pastoral Ministry (10) | |
| Public Worship and Communication (10) | |
| Youth Ministry (10) | |
| Old and New Testament | 711(10) |
| Research Portfolio | 711(40) |
| Systematic Theology | 711(10) |