

# Postgraduate Diploma in Theology – PGDip (Theology) (50547:778) (NQF level 8)

- *Religion and Culture focus*

- As from 2018 no new students will be admitted to the program Postgraduate Diploma in Theology (Religion and Culture). However, if you want to specialise in Religion and Culture, you register for the Postgraduate Diploma in Theology. For your research assignment you should research a theme that relates to Religion and Culture.

## *Target Group*

- Students without any theological training, from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines and who have previously obtained for example a BSc, BA or similar degree.
- Students with a three-year qualification in theology who do not qualify to continue with an MDiv, MTh or Postgraduate Diploma in Theology in Christian Ministry.

## *Specific Admission Requirements*

- Any bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification, that need not necessarily be in Theology; or
- An equivalent qualification from this or another university or seminary approved for this purpose by Senate or by the Executive Committee acting on behalf of Senate.

## *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*

Assessment is by means of written as well as oral examinations, written assignments and seminars. No thesis is required.

## *Programme Outcomes*

After completion of this programme, you will:

- have a broad overview of a variety of theological disciplines for your personal enrichment;
- be able, with any B degree or equivalent degree, not necessarily in theology, to gain access to MTh studies;
- be able, with a three-year qualification in theology, to gain access to MDiv and MTh studies, as well as the Postgraduate Diploma in Theology in Christian Ministry.

## **Programme Structure**

Because the programme is aimed at two main groups, the Postgraduate Diploma Programme is divided into:

- Course A, which is a comprehensive programme for students without any previous training in theology; and
- Course B, which is an adapted programme for students with theology training inadequate for postgraduate studies.

### *Course A*

- Course A offers a more comprehensive programme to offer applicants without any training in theology the opportunity for basic orientation in the six theological subjects.
- In the first semester the focus of this programme is on an overview of the field of theology and theological theory formation within the various theological subjects.
- The focus of the second semester is determined by your field of specialisation in one or more of the six theological subjects. The second semester builds on the work you have done in the first semester and includes an assignment.
- You must pass all first-semester subjects before you may begin with the second semester.

### *Course B*

- Course B is for applicants who have already received training in theology. Within the framework of the particulars as set out below, each application is assessed individually so that adaptations can be made according to your needs and the qualifications you have already obtained.
  - In the first semester there are flexible options you can choose in order for your studies to link up with what you have done in your preceding studies.
  - The second semester builds on the work of the first semester, and also allows you to build on work in related disciplines during your preceding studies.
- You must pass all first-semester subjects before you may begin with the second semester.
- The second semester also offers the opportunity for specialisation in one or more of the subjects.

## **Programme Content**

*Total 120 credits*

*Compulsory Modules*

*(credits = 60)*

Ecclesiology	711(10)
Missiology	711(10)
New Testament	711(10)
Old Testament	711(10)
Practical Theology	711(10)
Systematic Theology	711(10)

*plus*

*Elective Modules*

Choose one or more of the subjects from the list below. If you choose more than one of these subjects, the credits and workload will be divided proportionally.

*(credits = 60)*

Ecclesiology	742(60)
Missiology	742(60)
New Testament	742(60)
Old Testament	742(60)
Practical Theology	742(60)
Systematic Theology	742(60)