

FROM THE CERTIFICATE, TO THE DIPLOMA, TO THE MASTER IN CHAPLAINCY

Students who have completed the three-paper Postgraduate Certificate in Chaplaincy may go on to complete the Postgraduate Diploma in Chaplaincy by taking three additional papers. Students who have completed the Postgraduate Diploma in Chaplaincy may complete the Master of Chaplaincy by undertaking PAST212 and the 20,000 word Research Project.

STUDY OPTIONS AND DISTANCE LEARNING

Because these qualifications are offered by distance learning they are suited for persons who wish to study from home while in full-time or part-time employment or vocation.

Papers may be taught as one-week intensives with ongoing reflection and assessment through the semester. Or they may be taught by videoconference, sometimes with a teaching day near the beginning of the semester.

ADMISSION

Admission requirements for the Postgraduate Certificate, Diploma and Masters degree are a degree or equivalent three-year qualification (not necessarily in Theology) with satisfactory grades. In cases where a person's prior qualifications do not include theological study, he or she may be required to undertake one or more 300-level papers in theology in order to satisfy the prerequisites for specific 400-level papers in Biblical Studies (BIBS) and/or Christian Thought and History (CHTH).

Direct Admission to the Master of Chaplaincy requires an average of B+ in the 300-level papers of the undergraduate degree programme.

FEES

The fees for 2016 have not yet been set. They will be available on the University website at a later stage.

In 2015, the fee for MINS 400-level papers was \$1,225; for BIBS and CHTH 400-level papers was \$1,025. The fee for MINS590 was \$3,673.00. Fees will increase a little in 2016. The fees for 2016 have not yet been set. They will be available on the University website at a later stage.

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POSTGRADUATE



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Qualifications in Chaplaincy

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Qualifications in Chaplaincy

The Department of Theology and Religion offers the Postgraduate Certificate in Chaplaincy, the Postgraduate Diploma in Chaplaincy and the Master of Chaplaincy.

These programmes are designed as professional qualifications for those who serve as chaplains in a variety of settings and who seek advanced professional education to enhance their work, and for those seeking learning resources to assist in their training as chaplains. The papers will be relevant to chaplaincy in diverse settings.

THE STRUCTURE OF THE QUALIFICATIONS

The **Postgraduate Certificate in Chaplaincy** involves three taught papers. All three of these can be taken from List A, which are papers focussed on areas of Chaplaincy. Alternatively, two of the three can be from List A with a third paper from List B. These are papers that will be of value for those working as chaplains, and focus on a range of areas in Biblical Studies, Christian Thought and History, or Ministry Studies.

The **Postgraduate Diploma in Chaplaincy** involves six taught papers. These are made up of the three papers from List A and three papers from List B.

The **Master of Chaplaincy** involves the six taught papers taken for the Postgraduate Diploma in Chaplaincy and a Research Project worth 60 points (the equivalent of half a year of full-time study). The Research Project is around 20,000 words and is an investigation of a topic emerging from the contemporary practice of Chaplaincy.

NOTE: PAST212 *Research Methods*, or an equivalent paper in the social sciences, is required as a prerequisite for enrolment in MINS590.

LIST A:

MINS 409 Chaplaincy Studies (Advanced)* (Semester 2, 2016)

Examines the practice of Chaplaincy in diverse settings within contemporary NZ along with listening skills, theology of chaplaincy, and self-care.

MINS 410 Pastoral Care in Dying Grief and Loss

Explores the role of chaplains, ministers and other caregivers in situations of death, dying and loss, and the ways they can facilitate a healthy grieving process.

MINS 411 Chaplaincy in Diverse Contexts

An exploration of the role of the chaplain in diverse contexts, with particular emphasis on the forms of traumatic stress that chaplains deal with in each setting.

NOTE: *It is anticipated that the Postgraduate Certificate will not be completed in one year, since the three core Chaplaincy papers will be offered over a two-year period. However, if a student wishes to complete the Certificate in 2016, they should enrol in MINS409, MINS405 (which can be substituted for MINS410 or 411) and either BIBS413 or CHTH420.*

* **These papers are on offer in 2016.**
The other papers are likely to be offered in 2017.

LIST B:

BIBS 413 God, Suffering and Justice (Advanced)* (Semester 2, 2016)

A detailed study of texts from the Hebrew Bible and related literature that wrestles with the problem of how God can be regarded as just in the face of the reality of suffering.

CHTH 415 Reconciliation, Christian Ethics and Public Theology (Advanced)

This paper seeks to develop a fuller understanding of theoretical and practical approaches to reconciliation in the aftermath of division and violence. It explores the ethical challenges in transforming personal, social and structural relationships that have been damaged by conflict in different contexts.

CHTH 420 Public Theology and Social Justice (Advanced)* (Semester 2, 2016)

An examination of public theology's contribution to social justice, through case studies of contemporary public issues, such as poverty, family violence, human trafficking, and environmental stewardship.

MINS 405 Special Topic: A Practical Theology of Disability and Mental Health by Professor John Swinton* (Semester 1, 2016)

The paper explores the nature of what it means to be a human being by focusing on the theological implications of the experiences of people living with disabilities and with mental health issues.

MINS 408 Ministry in a Culturally Diverse Society (Advanced)

An exploration of ministry in a multicultural society, including theology of culture, the changing characteristics of New Zealand culture, and ministry in a multicultural society with a foundational bi-cultural commitment.