

POSTGRADUATE



Explore Theology Postgraduate Qualifications at Otago, 2024

Chaplaincy

All qualifications are available by distance learning.



Qualifications in Chaplaincy

Postgraduate Certificate in Chaplaincy (PGCertChap)

Postgraduate Diploma in Chaplaincy (PGDipChap)

Master of Chaplaincy (MChap)

These programmes are professional qualifications designed for:

- people who currently work as chaplains in a variety of settings, who seek advanced professional education to enhance their work
- people who want to train to be chaplains.

With the help of chaplaincy organisations in New Zealand, we have designed programmes that will meet the needs of chaplains in diverse settings.

All papers are available anywhere via distance learning.

The structure of the qualifications

Qualifications comprise a blend of papers: core Chaplaincy papers (List A) and a choice of more wide-ranging papers that relate to the general interests of chaplains (List B).

The Postgraduate Certificate in Chaplaincy involves three taught papers. All three of these can be taken from List A, or two of the three can be from List A with a third paper from List B.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Chaplaincy involves six taught papers. These are made up of three or four papers from List A, and two or three additional papers from List B.

The Master of Chaplaincy involves the six taught papers taken for the Postgraduate Diploma in Chaplaincy and a research dissertation (MINS 590) worth 60 points (the equivalent of half a year of full-time study). The research dissertation is 16,000 to 20,000 words in length and is an investigation of a topic emerging from the contemporary practice of chaplaincy.

NOTE: The programme offers workshops on research methods for those who have not completed a formal course in research methods. Participation in these workshops is required for those enrolling in MINS 590.

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List A *Note: Papers are offered on a rotating cycle.*

Offered in 2024

- MINS 410 Pastoral Care in Dying, Grief and Loss (Semester 2 2024)
MINS 415 Christian Ministry in te ao Māori (Summer School, 8 January–17 February 2024) with an intensive at venue to be advised, 15–19 January 2024
MINS 424 The Chaplain as Ceremonial Leader (Semester 1 2024)

Not offered in 2024

- MINS 411 Chaplaincy in Diverse Contexts

List B

Offered in 2024

- BIBS 413 God, Suffering and Justice in the Hebrew Bible (Semester 1 2024)
CHTH 416 The Theology of Bonhoeffer (Semester 2 2024)
CHTH 420 Public Theology and Social Justice (Semester 1 2024)

Not offered in 2024

- CHTH 415 Reconciliation, Christian Ethics and Public Theology
CHTH 422 Citizenship, Democracy and Discipleship
CHTH 423 Theology and Human Well-Being
MINS 408 Cultures, Migration and Faith
MINS 412 Church in Mission Theology in Changing Cultures
MINS 413 Missional God, Missional People
MINS 414 Christian Theology and the Arts

Admission

Admission requirements for the postgraduate certificate, diploma and master's programme are a degree or equivalent three-year qualification (not necessarily in Theology) with satisfactory grades. In cases in which a person's prior qualifications do not include theological study, the student 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.

From the certificate, to the diploma, to the master's

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 workshops on Research Methods and the research project of 16,000 to 20,000 words.

For more information

PGCertChap – otago.ac.nz/pgcertchap

PGDipChap – otago.ac.nz/pgdipchap

MChap – otago.ac.nz/mchap

Study options for all programmes

Because these qualifications are offered by distance learning they are suited to those 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 throughout the semester. They may also be taught by video conference, sometimes with a teaching day near the beginning of the semester.

Fees and enrolment

The fees for 2024 have not yet been set. They will be available on the University website at a later stage.

Applications to enrol are now open.

Visit: otago.ac.nz and click on "Apply Now"

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