Explore Theology Postgraduate Qualifications at Otago

• 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 or
- 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: three 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 the three papers from List A, and 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 done a formal course in Research Methods. Participation in these workshops is required.

For those enrolling in MINS 590.

Admission

Admission requirements for the Postgraduate Certificate, Diploma and Masters programme 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, 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 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 workshops on Research Methods and the 16,000-20,000-word Research Project.

For more information

PGCertChap – otago.ac.nz/pgcertchap
PGDipChap - otago.ac.nz/pgdipchap
MChap - otago.ac.nz/mchap

General Information

Study Options and Distance Learning

Because these qualifications are offered by distance learning they are suited for 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. Or they may be taught by video conference, generally with a teaching day near the beginning of the semester.

Fees and Enrolment

The fees for 2019 have not yet been set. They will be available on the University website at a later stage. In 2018, the fees were: BIBS and CHTH 400-level papers $1098
MINS 400-level papers $1312
BMBA 500-level papers $2143

Online enrolment opens in September 2018. To enrol go to otago.ac.nz and click on ‘Find Your Programme’.

WHAT A CURRENT STUDENT SAYS

Lisa Barlow, a current Master of Chaplaincy student writes

I am now working part time in a Chaplaincy position whilst studying towards the Master of Chaplaincy at Otago University. My Bachelor of Theology totally equipped me for this ministry. The Master of Chaplaincy degree, in particular all the pastoral papers I studied with various staff, have formed the ministry I do in a significant and profound way. I love my studies through Otago University and just wish I had more time to do more. I am always promoting this University and this Department now that I live in Wellington. Thank you Otago and thank you Theology.

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