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Ready for Christian leadership? Do you want to have a solid theological foundation that will inform your practice?

The New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies will give you a broad understanding of the principles of theology, biblical foundations, applied leadership skills and establishing skills in evaluative thinking that will see you become a more effective Christian leader in your context, whether that is in a church, ministry or mission setting or in the marketplace.

You will study a range of courses in bible, theology and ministry to equip you to focus on Christian theology, practical Christianity, biblically informed practices enabling you to start to reflect theologically. Through a practical placement in your context you will engage in ministry and mission and reflect biblically and theologically on your experience, guided by a Carey tutor.

You can gateway to the Bachelor's degree, Graduate Diploma or Postgraduate study.

When you study the New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies you will be able to:

- Have a sound introductory understanding of the Bible and key theological concepts
- Apply introductory Biblical knowledge and understanding in specific contexts
- Understand and meet the specific needs of different individuals and/or groups (e.g. different ages, ethnicities, gender)
- Reflect on ministry/community contexts and identify opportunities for individual (or group) spiritual growth
- Demonstrate ethical considerations within ministry/community contexts and programmes
- Contribute to and lead (formally or informally) individuals (or groups) in ways that are culturally appropriate.

Opportunities that the Diploma brings

Studying the New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies will give you the skills and knowledge to work in senior administrative and leadership positions as managers in a variety of Christian ministry roles, in Christian Churches, the wider church, missions, non-governmental and not-for-profit organisations.

Specialise in Pastoral Care

The Diploma can also be taken with a special focus on Pastoral Care. In this specialist stream you will engage with experienced pastoral care practitioners and cover a wide range of key pastoral care and counselling issues that caregivers encounter in churches and people-oriented contexts.

What will I study?

The following courses must be completed:

MB521 Thinking Theologically (15 Credits)	MB581 Mission of God (15 Credits)	MS510 Te Ao Māori (15 Credits)
AND		
MB531 Introduction to the Old Testament (15 Credits)	AND/ OR	MB532 Introduction to the New Testament (15 Credits)
AND		
MF501 Reflective Field Education (15 credits)	OR	MF505 Contextual Theological Praxis (30 Credits)
AND up to three of the following (depending on other courses chosen):		
MM561 Introduction to Pastoral Care (15 Credits)		MM564 Worship: Then and Now (15 Credits)
MB526 Insights into Church History (15 Credits)		MM572 Foundations of Youth Ministry (15 Credits)

Entry Requirements

In order to gain admission you must have achieved a high school qualification at Level 3 or higher on the National Qualifications Framework or a grade of C or higher in each of the three subjects in New Zealand University Entrance or Bursaries and Scholarships (NZUEBS) examinations.



Studying at Carey was absolutely amazing, the faculty, the community and the students were welcoming, clever, and down to earth. I took one year out of my working life to complete the New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies at Carey. Now I think every Christian should complete this study. It was challenging, interesting and helped me grown in my faith in God. Thank you Carey for teaching me, it is a year I will never forget.”

Caleb Brown





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