



TE KĀRETI IRIRI O CAREY  
**CAREY**  
BAPTIST COLLEGE

KO TE KURA PAETAHI O CAREY

# Carey Graduate School Prospectus 2026



*Theology that transforms*

Postgraduate programmes which will enable you to climb higher, see further,  
and resource the church, for the sake of Jesus and his ministry in this world.

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*“Carey has been a special place of learning and encouragement for me. Firstly, as I completed my undergraduate study and now as I pursue Postgraduate qualifications. The staff are excellent, knowledgeable and generous. I’ve been challenged to engage deeply with Scripture and integrate it well to my own life and ministry.”*



**Brad de Villiers**

*Student, Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Theology*

# Nau mai, haere mai ki te kāreti iriiri o Carey

Welcome to Carey Baptist College! I'm glad you've picked up this prospectus to explore what Carey is about. Let me share a few key bits of information to help you get started. At Carey, we understand that theological study is not just an academic exercise. It's much more than that; it's a life-changing journey. Our vision, therefore, is not just to see brains filled with new thoughts, but to see each of our students deeply formed by God's Word, nurtured in a vibrant community, and equipped to serve the church and the world with creativity, courage, and compassion.

For 100 years now, Carey has been committed to training women and men for ministry and mission across Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond. We are passionate about integrating rigorous biblical scholarship with practical ministry formation and deep spiritual growth. You will learn from experienced faculty who are scholars and practitioners, and you will be supported by a community that prays, studies, worships, and laughs together.

Whatever your calling—pastoral leadership, chaplaincy, mission, social service, or simply a desire to grow as a follower of Jesus—Carey offers programmes that will stretch your mind, shape your character, and prepare you for a lifetime of faithful service. Our learning environment is relational, innovative, and grounded in Scripture. We value questions as much as answers and encourage students to bring their whole selves into the journey of theological reflection.

We would love you to join us. Bring your passion, your questions, your hopes for the church and the world. I invite you to study with us, and discover what God might do through you. This is an exciting first step.

Nau mai, haere mai — welcome to Carey!

*Dr Paul Jones*

Principal



# Exceptional Academic Staff and Research



**Dr. John Tucker**



**Dr. Christa McKirland**



**Dr. Michael Rhodes**



**Dr. Jonathan Robinson**



**Emma Stokes**



**Dr. Phil Halstead**

Carey continues to be among the leading research-led private establishments in Aotearoa, with a teaching team who are a community of scholars committed to a theology that transforms. The team includes highly qualified and respected academics and active practitioners who are applying what they learn and teach in church, mission, and community contexts. Above all, they are followers of Jesus who want to live out their faith in authentic Christ-centered lives.

In addition to the resident faculty, learning at Carey is enriched by contributions from adjunct and visiting lecturers, including international scholars, Māori Christian leaders and academics, and practitioner theologians with a range of ministry and mission experience.

At Carey, learning is grounded in relationship. Our lecturers embody the values of ako and whakawhanaungatanga, fostering genuine connections with students. Whether onsite or online, students experience accessible, supportive faculty who invest personally in their formation. These relationships often extend beyond the classroom, continuing well beyond a student's time at Carey.

*We would love to journey with you!*

# About Carey Graduate School

## *Nau mai, haere mai ki te kura paetahi o Carey*

We are so excited that you are considering being part of our research community. Postgraduate study in the Carey community will allow you to go deeply into questions and issues that are crucial for Christian life, leadership, and mission today.

Carey offers two programmes, which you can pursue on either a full-time or part-time basis:

QUALIFICATION	DURATION	LEVEL	CREDITS	INTAKES
Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Theology (NZQA accredited)	Full-time, one year Part-time, up to four years	Level 8	120	February
Master of Applied Theology (NZQA accredited)	Full-time, one year (120c thesis only) Full-time, up to two years Part-time, up to four years	Level 9	120, 180, 240	February

These programmes are designed for ministry and mission leaders, as well as for those who love learning and want to explore theology to a higher level. Both programmes will give you the opportunity to engage in focused research that addresses questions important to you and your context.

With Carey's strong commitment to whakawhanaungatanga, you will experience a rich and dynamic research community in which staff and students journey together. Our integrative approach to theology will ensure that your learning brings together faith, context and practice in ways that can transform both you and your community.

Our courses run for the whole year and are taught as block intensives over a few days in conjunction with scheduled live online classes. This means that, outside those short windows, you have flexibility as to when and where you study, fitting it in around the demands of your life, or your ministry calendar.

We offer scholarships and funding options to support your study, please visit [carey.ac.nz](http://carey.ac.nz) for more information.

We believe you will find learning through these programmes deeply stimulating and enriching, both for your leadership and the community you serve.

*Dr. Christa McKirland*  
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*Climb higher.  
See further.  
Resource the church.*



# Postgraduate Programmes

## Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Theology

Level 8 | 120 credits | Full-time or part-time

The Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Theology provides an advanced theological qualification for those who are committed to career-long education. It supports professional development for pastors and other Christian ministry and missional practitioners who have high levels of curriculum knowledge, research skills, and leadership capacity.

### INVOLVES EQUIVALENT TO ONE YEAR FULL-TIME STUDY COMPRISING:

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<b>MA801</b>	Research Methods in Applied Theology	30 credits
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### AND THREE OR MORE LEVEL 8 COURSES (2026 courses on offer include):

<b>MA805</b>	Human Flourishing	Dr Phil Halstead and Dr Christa McKirland	30 credits
<b>MA806</b>	Luke and the Missional Imagination	Emma Stokes	30 credits

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### GENERAL ADMISSION

An applicant will normally have completed one of the following:

- A recognised undergraduate degree in theology or Christian ministry with a grade point average of B in courses of the undergraduate programme at levels 6 and 7 (or equivalent).
- A professional or other qualification which, in the judgement of the Academic Director, can be recognised as equivalent to Bachelor's degree in theology or Christian ministry.

An applicant who does not meet these requirements but who has completed a recognised undergraduate degree in a discipline other than theology or Christian ministry may be admitted as a candidate following successful completion of a bridging programme of study as determined by the Academic Director.

This programme is open to full-time and part-time New Zealand students and full-time International students.

For full information on admission requirements please go to [carey.ac.nz](http://carey.ac.nz).



## Master of Applied Theology

Level 9 | 120, 180, 240 credits | Full-time or part-time

The Master of Applied Theology aims to equip students interested in advancing academic scholarship and research in the field of applied theology. It is therefore also intended as a pathway for those interested in continuing on to doctoral studies, particularly through one of the established pathways Carey has with Otago University, and other tertiary institutions.

There are three different entry points into the Master's programme depending on prior qualifications and experience:

- The 240 credit Masters is the normal starting point for those with an undergraduate theology qualification.
- The 180 credit entry point may be suitable for those with an undergraduate qualification AND with significant Christian ministry leadership experience, allowing a shorter pathway to the Masters.
- The 120 credit, thesis-only entry may be the best option for those with a postgraduate theology qualification (which must include an appropriate course in research methods).

**FOR THE 180 AND 240 CREDIT OPTIONS OF THE MASTER OF APPLIED THEOLOGY, THE PROGRAMME COMPRISES OF:**

<b>MA801</b>	Research Methods in Applied Theology	30 credits
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**AND SELECT THREE LEVEL 8 COURSES FROM THE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA**

**AND:**

<b>MA901</b>	Thesis	90 credits	<b>OR</b>	<b>MA902</b>	Thesis	120 credits
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### MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY AND DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Carey has agreements with a number of universities allowing Carey to assist students in the advanced research degrees of Master of Philosophy (MPhil) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

*“My study at Carey has been transformative. At Carey, my passion for the gospel has been reawakened, and I’ve been encouraged to let it shape every part of my life. Carey has given me the space to integrate my ministry experience into my academic journey, deepening both my faith and practice.”*



**Jeremy Thom**

*Student, Master of Applied Theology*



# 2026 Course Descriptions

Visit [carey.ac.nz](http://carey.ac.nz) for the detailed 2026 timetable.

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## MA801 Research Methods in Applied Theology

It is commonly said that the researcher is the main instrument, shaping every aspect of a research project. Carey's research methods course encourages self-reflexivity in order to understand your impact as the researcher while you shape a research project applied to a real-world issue of importance to you. The class will engage with a wide range of research practitioners, learning from their experience and together critically examining research methods across the traditional Christian disciplines and their intersection with related disciplines. You will design a research project that integrates different types of knowledge in order to inform the thriving of God's church and world, and be ready to conduct your own research project within a rich and diverse community of Christian researchers at Carey.

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## MA805 Human Flourishing

*Dr Phil Halstead and Dr Christa McKirland*

God epitomizes the flourishing life within Godself. Further, God creates the cosmos out of the sheer abundance of God's goodness and plenitude, not because God needs to create, but in some sense, God wants to create. In creating, God orders the creation toward its full flourishing. While that flourishing has also been thwarted, God has still provided means for this to be restored and even deepened. This course will focus especially on human flourishing, assuming this is what God intends for humankind. To inform what is meant by flourishing, we will look at biblical, theological, and psychological perspectives on the flourishing life. This will entail looking back to understand that which impedes us from flourishing and looking forward as we envisage what flourishing may look like in the future.



*“As a mature student, studying at Carey has enabled me to pursue a deeper academic and theological understanding of the ministry work that I have been involved in for many years. Study has equipped me with an academic and theological framework, vocabulary and knowledge that allows me to stand amongst scholars and hold my own in the arena of practical and public theology within Christian community development.”*



**Denise Tims**

*Student, Master of Applied Theology*

## MA806 Luke and the Missional Imagination

*Emma Stokes*

This course engages Luke's Gospel as a world-constituting narrative with the capacity to spark our collective imagination and form us missionally as individuals and church communities. We will undertake a missional reading of this sacred text with particular attention to Luke's unique theological emphases – such as Jesus' ministry of release, the inclusion of the marginalised, and the role of the Spirit– considered integral to the Gospel's missional impetus. Students will have the opportunity to hear from people whose work embodies Luke's transformative vision and to consider how this Gospel invites us to fresh, hope-filled engagement in our own contexts.

## MA821 Research Essay

The Research Essay provides students with an opportunity to undertake an in-depth study of a topic or issue in Applied Theology under the guidance of supervisor. The topic will normally be in an area that the student wishes to explore but is outside the scope of available courses in the academic programme. The student will acquire specialist knowledge of a specific field and develop skills in research, the evaluation of evidence and the articulation of ideas.

# Block Course Timetable

**FULL YEAR COURSES** | 23 FEBRUARY - 6 NOVEMBER 2026

COURSE	DATES AND DELIVERY
<b>MA801</b> <b>Research Methods in Applied Theology</b>	Onsite Block: <b>Thursday 26 - Friday 27 February</b> Plus Research Conference: <b>10 September</b>
<b>MA805</b> <b>Human Flourishing</b> (Dr Phil Halstead & Dr Christa McKirland)	Onsite Block: <b>Thursday 26 - Saturday 28 March</b> Term 1 Online Dates: <b>Thursdays 19 Feb, 23 Apr, 21 May &amp; 11 June 9-11am</b> Other Online Classes TBD
<b>MA806</b> <b>Luke and the Missional Imagination</b> (Emma Stokes)	Onsite Block: <b>Thursday 30 April - Saturday 2 May</b>
<b>MA821</b> <b>Research Essay</b>	

**Please Note:** The dates above are for the block courses held onsite. Each course also includes online classes throughout the year.

Attendance (onsite) at block courses is required for all postgraduate students. If you are unable to attend please discuss this in advance with your course teacher.



## Begin the journey

Where you study is a big decision. If you can, we encourage you to take a tour of our Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland campus, or come along to one of our Open Events in person, or online.

While we've done our best to provide the latest information in this prospectus, programme and course details may change. Please visit [carey.ac.nz](http://carey.ac.nz) for the most up-to-date details and our next Open Events, to ask our academic staff questions, or to apply online.

Information about application, admission requirements, fees, studying and living in New Zealand is all available on our website at [carey.ac.nz/study/international-students/](http://carey.ac.nz/study/international-students/)

**If you're ready to apply—congratulations!** We're thrilled you've made the commitment to grow in your knowledge and love of God, ministry, and mission with Carey Baptist College.

## Scholarships

We are committed to helping students achieve the dreams and goals that God has given them, therefore we provide access to a number of scholarships and funds for students studying in New Zealand. In particular, we encourage women, Māori, and Pasifika students to apply. See our website for information on other scholarship options that may be applicable. All scholarships are annual unless otherwise stated.

For further information please go to [carey.ac.nz/study/scholarships](http://carey.ac.nz/study/scholarships).

## Academic Dates 2026

New student enrolments close	Monday 9 February
Academic Year begins	Monday 23 February
Final date for late/change of enrolment/final payment	Friday 6 March
Final date for withdrawal from course	Friday 20 March
Academic Year ends	Friday 6 November

## Fees

TUITION*	
Postgraduate—domestic	\$2,291 per 30 credit course
Postgraduate—international**	\$5,982 per 30 credit course
OTHER FEES	
Student services fee	\$100 per 30 credit course

\*All fees include GST where applicable.

\*\*International students should review the Fees Schedule at [www.carey.ac.nz](http://www.carey.ac.nz) for a list of other fees and costs associated with visas, medical insurance and living in New Zealand.

\*\*\*Audit enrolments will be given at the discretion of the Academic Registrar.

Programme and course information is subject to change.  
For the latest information please refer to [www.carey.ac.nz](http://www.carey.ac.nz).





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