### 1. Aims

The 10744NAT Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology course is designed to provide students with the ability to communicate the Gospel and serve the community, both in formal Christian ministry work and/or in the workplace. The course will train leaders in a range of Christian Ministry areas relevant to the local church, Christian organisation and/or the workplace.

### 2. Outcomes

This course will give students:

* A deepened understanding of the Bible and its application
* High level skills in theological reasoning and ethical decision-making
* Highly developed communication (especially in communicating biblical concepts) and people management skills
* Pastoral care, advanced leadership and ministry skills with a heart for God and people
* Practical opportunity for further development of specialised ministry skills

### 3. Overview

This qualification is fully competency based and while knowledge and some aspects of competency are assessed within the realms of each subject, completion of a ministry project demonstrating all areas   
of competency will need to be completed to graduate.

The student will obtain practical experience in the field at their local church, with a Christian ministry   
or community service organisation. This practical experience is to be gained in an area that complements   
the assessment project and the immediate goals of the student.

A full-time student would normally undertake a study load of 5 subjects at any one time. Individual subjects may be delivered on a week by week basis or by intensives.

### 4. Duration

The Advanced Diploma course can be commenced once the student has completed the core units of the Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology course or gained equivalent Recognition of Prior Learning.   
This course would typically be completed over a one-year period involving six months of formal studies   
and a six-month field experience. Part-time study options are available.

### 5. Location of Training

This course is delivered at LoveWorld Leadership College, 11 / 1 – 11 Bryants Road, Dandenong VIC 3175.

### 6. Costs 2019

###### Application Fee

For international students wishing to study at credit level there is a one-off non-refundable enrolment application fee.

Domestic Students (Australian permanent residents, onshore applicants) $150

International students $300

###### Academic Fees

Fees for full-time students of the Advanced Diploma in Christian Ministry & Theology are:

Domestic Students - Australian permanent residents $6,000

International Students $6,800

* Individual subject costs are available on enquiry.

*Note: The college reserves the right to alter fees prior to the start of each academic year.*

###### Government assistance

Government study assistance (such as Austudy, Abstudy and Youth Allowance) is NOT available to domestic students for this course. Visit www.studyassist.gov.au for more details about courses that are eligible for the offer of assistance.

### 7. Entry Requirements & Procedure

For entry into this course it is expected that students will have completed the core units of the Diploma   
of Christian Ministry and Theology course or have gained equivalent learning from other sources.

The entry requirements for the Advanced Diploma in Christian Ministry and Theology include the expectation that the student is a committed Christian and actively involved in a local church or Christian community.

General requirements for entry are:

* A completed student application form & payment of the application fee
* Two references (i) from local church pastor or leader and (ii) from another Christian leader unrelated to yourself (if not already provided)
* A successful interview with the Director or representative (where physically possible)
* Completion of the necessary pre-requisite core units from the Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology course or demonstration of equivalent competency.
* Satisfactory English language skills. International students must have English language skills to at least the level of IELTS 6.0 or equivalent across each aspect of testing.
* Students should have computing skills including the ability to use a word processing package and   
  the internet.

Students should in good conscience be able to subscribe to the Unity College Australia statement of beliefs that are found in the tenets of mainstream Christianity.

Students evidencing concerns in the area of Language, Literacy and Numeracy will be provided with assistance as appropriate.

### 8. Training Process

The course entails an average of about 9 hours per week of class contact and private study time for each subject. Overseas Students must be in class or supervised situation for a minimum of 20 hours/week.   
College obligations, which include college community and Christian Community participation are additional hours and include retreats and Encounter sessions. In addition, a substantial part of this course will be undertaken via a church or Christian ministry experience, monitored in class.

LoveWorld Leadership College uses a wide variety of training methods appropriate to the course context.

LoveWorld Leadership College adopts adult-learning principles, and all students are treated as adult learners. Therefore, participants in this program are expected to take charge of their own learning process. It is expected that each selected participant will be committed to meeting the requirements of the course and will attend all relevant classes and activities including co-curricular activities, and complete all work required   
for assessment on time.

It is expected that all program participants will have access to a computer. This is mandatory for successful course completion.

### 9. Course Competencies

****Australia has a system of national standardisation of training for many industry areas. This system is implemented using training packages (groups of courses) and individual units of competency within a course. This system enables students to get automatic recognition across all accredited government and private training organisations   
for relevant studies undertaken at any one of them. Several elective competencies fall into this category.

There are no nationally recognised courses or competencies developed for Christian Ministry and Theology   
at this point in time. This course, however, is common to more Christian Colleges than any other accredited course in Australia and as such relevant units would have automatic recognition. The 6 core units   
of competency fall into this category.

The following core competencies are achieved through completion of the core units from the Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology.

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| **National Code** | **Competency** |
| CMTTHE601 | Analyse and critique Christian theology |
| CMTTHE602 | Critique the interpretation of theological data |
| CMTTHE603 | Apply critical analysis to a theological theme or issue |
| CMTTHE604 | Critique new insights on theological information |
| CMTMIN601 | Synthesise theological ideas and apply these to specific personal or community issues |
| CMTMIN602 | Communicate theology in depth |

In addition, a selection of the following nationally recognised competencies are achieved based on the electives chosen.

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| **National Code** | **Competency** |
| Elective Units | |
| CHCCDE005 OR  CHCCDE013 | Develop and support relevant community resources OR  Establish and develop community organisations or social enterprises |
| TLIM4004 | Mentor individuals or small groups |
| CHCCCS016 | Respond to client needs |
| CHCPOL002 | Develop and implement policy |

Required electives embedded in Ministry Project Semesters.

### 10. Course Structure

Total course requirements for the Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology is the equivalent of 10 semester subjects.

There are 6 core semester subjects. The remaining 4 semesters of study are achieved from the electives.   
Each elective can be used to achieve multiple semesters’ worth of study credit.

Core and elective subjects for the Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology are listed below. Students may be able to study a range of elective subjects and where possible elective subjects don’t appear on the sample list below students are invited to discuss alternatives with the course coordinator.

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| **Subject Code** | **Name** | **Subject Length** | **Core/ Elective** | **Unit of Competency** |
| THE103 | Theological Issues | Semester 2 | Core | CMTTHE603A |
| BBS140 | Apply the Scriptures  (Biblical Studies 4) | Semester 2 | Core | CMTTHE602A |
| THE110 | The Church and the Kingdom | Semester 1 | Core | CMTTHE601A |
| ETH101 | Biblical Christian Ethics | Semester 2 | Core | CMTMIN601A(pt) CMTTHE604A |
| MIS111 | Communicating Christ in a Multicultural world | Semester 1 | Core | CMTMIN602A(pt) |
| CSF114 | Knowing God Growing Self (Christian Life 4) | Semester 1 | Core | CMTMIN601A(pt)  CMTMIN602A |
| MIN163 | Ministry Projects 1 | Semester 1/2 | Electives | CHCCDE005  Or  CHCCDE013  And  CHCCCS016  CHCPOL002 TLIM4004 |
| MIN164 | Ministry Projects 2 | Semester 1/2 |

Note: Several Units of Competency are shared over multiple Subjects.

### 11. Assessment overview

Assessment in each subject involves:

* attendance and participation
* practical field experience as applicable
* written assignments, exercises, tutorial/seminar presentations, tests as applicable
* journal/process diary completion as applicable

Competency-based assessment criteria apply to grading. Final assessment for each subject/unit studied will   
be shown as:

C Competent

NYC Not Yet Competent

*Final Academic Transcripts/Statement of Results will show results only for subjects/units assessed as Competent.*

Students who successfully complete the following requirements will be recommended for graduation:

* Satisfactory completion of all relevant academic requirements
* Payment of all outstanding fees owing to Unity College Australia
* Return of all college resources including library books
* Maintained a satisfactory level of Christian conduct during his/her time at College
* Completion of co-curricular requirements including student/community participation

### 12. Pathways/Packages

Advance Diploma is equivalent to an Associate degree, otherwise it leads to a Bachelor degree.

* Bachelor of Theology
* 10745NAT Graduate Certificate of Christian Ministry and Theology

Students successfully completing this Course would be capable of employment in a Pastoral Care or Christian worker endeavour both Christian based and other organisations; also, the student would be well equipped for:

* missionary endeavour
* associate pastor
* effective community services (various streams) in a secular environment.
  + Certificate IV of Community Services (various streams)
  + Diploma of Community Services (various streams)
  + Advanced Diploma of Community Service (various streams)

Non-specific pathways are as follows:

* Further Study for a Qualification for the context of applying Christian values and leadership skills into wider industry/occupations and/or Christian Ministries

### 13. Course Dates:

These dates include Orientation.

***2019 Semester 1***

Term 1 Monday 4 February - Friday 12 April

Term 2 Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July

***2019 Semester 2***

Term 3 Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September

Term 4 Monday 14 October - Friday 13 December

Graduation Wednesday 18 December

***2020 Semester 1***

Term 1 Monday 3 February - Friday 9 April

Term 2 Monday 28 April - Friday 3 July

***2020 Semester 2***

Term 3 Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

Term 4 Monday 6 October - Friday 11 December

Graduation Wednesday 16 December