

Certificate IV in Planting & Growing Vibrant Churches



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Packaging to gain qualification

Core	13
Total number of units of competency	13

Unit Code

Unit Title

BCP401A	Identify a Biblical basis for growing a Church
BCP402A	Plan a Church planting and reviewing procedure
BCP403A	Develop and implement personal evangelism strategies
BCP404A	Plan a disciple making program
BCP405A	Develop, construct and communicate a vision to plant a Church
BCP406A	Develop a God oriented lifestyle
BCP407A	Construct a personal philosophy of ministry and implementation procedure
CHCADMIN 3B	Undertake administrative work
CHCCD 9B	Support community leadership
CHCCD 12D	Apply a community development framework
CHCCOM 3C	Utilise specialist communication skills to build strong relationships
CHCGROUP 2B	Support group activities
CHCORG 5B	Maintain an effective work environment

This course develops the spiritual character and ministry skills needed to establish or revitalise a new Church or ministry and consists of 13 areas of study. It seeks to empower people to help them understand their calling.

Participants do not have to be potential Church planters or scholars to train at The Pines. The Certificate IV course was created by a group of successful Church planters and includes the knowledge, beliefs and skills required to plant culturally relevant churches. The course covers key aspects of Church life and has proven to be beneficial to evangelists, pastoral-carers, administrators, radio broadcasters, home group leaders and youth and children's workers.

The duration of the course is fifteen weeks full-time. Participants are required to attend class from 8.20 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Monday to Thursday and from 8.20 to 1.00 p.m. Friday. Courses are delivered in intensive mode. Most assignment is completed within class hours so that nights and weekends are kept free for personal use and supervised Field Training. The subjects covered in class time contain a high proportion of practical work and small group interaction. Field Training is conducted out of class hours in local Churches. Because it has a modular design participants can access subject blocks on a part-time basis as well. Graduation occurs at the end of week fifteen.

Subject Outline

BCP401A - Biblical Foundations

- Brief overview of the main themes of the Bible
- Brief overview of the foundations of Christianity, including the person and work of each member of the Trinity and the salvation process
- Responses to address objections people raise to the Gospel

CHCCD 12D - Pastoral Care Skills

- The role of “shepherd carers” in the Church
- People helping skills, including reflective listening, responding and addressing individual needs
- Skills to help people face major life stages and transitions
- The risks and limitations involved in caring for people
- Legal responsibilities
- Practical experience in caring for people

BCP403A - Evangelism

- Presentation of personal testimony
- Development of evangelistic methods acceptable to unchurched people
- Role of prayer in evangelism
- Personal evangelism opportunities

BCP404A - Discipleship

- Processes that develop and grow new Christians
- Methods to support and monitor progress of new Christians

CHCGROUP 2B - Small Group Leadership

- Purposes of small groups and home groups in Church life
- Small group structures and dynamics
- Use of resources and activities
- Pastoral care of small groups

BCP402A - Church Planting

- The importance of Church planting
- Current trends and models of successful Church planting
- Identification of qualities, gifts and skills of a Church planter
- Development of strategies to reach the community with the Gospel
- Development of a framework to measure growth

CHCCOM 3C - Communications

- Effect of worldview, culture and age on communication process
- Oral presentation skills, including practice in giving a testimony and preparing a short message
- Interviewing skills, including practice in listening, questioning and observing non-verbal messages
- Weekend workshop on children’s ministry
- Written Communication skills, including promotional material and press releases
- Use of visual resources

BCP405A & CHCCD 9B - Leadership & Developing Vision

- Biblical principal for developing vision
- Construction of a vision, using analysis of community research, development of goals, strategies and action plans
- Communication of the vision, visually and orally
- Role of the leader in developing a team of workers
- Ways of supporting leaders
- Leadership styles
- Skills to build personal self-esteem, develop coping mechanisms for difficult times and prioritise needs

CHCADMIN 3B - Administration

- Analyse issues, solve problems and make sound decisions
- Manage the group process in decision making and planning
- Organise work and programs on both a long and short term basis
- Keep appropriate office records and operate office equipment
- Develop an effective supporter's network
- Manage time, finances and people in a way that is consistent with Biblical principles

BCP406A & BCP407A - Personal Spiritual Formation & Philosophy of Ministry

- Devotional methods and skills which will sustain personal growth
- Teaching on the Biblical concept of worship that is applied to both personal and corporate experience and practice
- The role of prayer in personal and public life
- The role of the Holy spirit in personal life and ministry and the development of Spiritual gifts
- The reality of the life of faith
- Development of a personal philosophy of ministry
- Development of the philosophy based on gifts, life's lessons, view of ministry and vision

CHCORG 5B - Field Training

- Complete Ministry experience in the areas of care, worship, outreach and management
- Detailed reports of two ministry areas, indicating the ability to evaluate personal efforts and design improvements
- Journal throughout the course to demonstrate the ability to integrate theory, practice and reflection to develop spiritually