



THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Program Code: 4195

Graduate Certificate in Applied Pastoral Theology

Grad. Cert. (AppPastTheol)

Program Code: 4196

Graduate Diploma of Applied Pastoral Theology

Grad.Dip. (AppPastTheol)

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2 AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these requirements will be made in accordance with the General Regulations.

Version	Date Amended	Amendment Details	Approved by
1	October 2023	Programs created	Academic Council
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3 PURPOSE

These Program Requirements set out the approved requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Pastoral Theology and the Graduate Diploma of Pastoral Theology.

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability

The Graduate Certificate in Applied Pastoral Theology and the Graduate Diploma of Applied Pastoral Theology have been approved for delivery on the Fremantle Campus and the Sydney Campus.

4.2 Student Availability

The Graduate Certificate in Applied Pastoral Theology and the Graduate Diploma of Applied Pastoral Theology are available for enrolment to domestic students only.

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework

The Graduate Certificate in Applied Pastoral Theology and the Graduate Diploma of Applied Pastoral Theology is accredited by the University as a Level 8 AQF qualification.

4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Certificate in Pastoral Theology is 0.5 years of equivalent full-time study.

The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Diploma of Applied Pastoral Theology is 1.0 years of equivalent full-time study.

An option to complete these Programs Part-time is available.

4.5 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Graduate Certificate of Applied Pastoral Theology is three years. The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Graduate Diploma of Applied Pastoral Theology is four years.

4.6 Study Mode

The Graduate Certificate Graduate in Applied Pastoral Theology and the Graduate Diploma of Applied Pastoral Theology are offered in Multimode Study mode.

4.7 Professional Accreditation

There are no professional accreditation requirements applicable to this Program.

5 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5.1 University Admission Requirements

To be eligible for admission to The University of Notre Dame Australia, all applicants must meet the [University's minimum requirements for admission](#). The requirements for admission are detailed in the University's Policy: *Admissions*.

5.2 Specific Program Requirements for Admission

To be eligible for admission to the GradCert in/GradDip of Applied Pastoral Theology applicants must also meet the following specific requirements.

5.2.1 Current employment or past experience in a field of pastoral practice.

6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- 6.1** Students are not required to complete a practicum or internship but may do so as an elective.

7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Program Description

These unique programs bring together Theology and Counselling, knowledge and skills that are important for pastoral practitioners and chaplains to develop capabilities and competency in the provision of emotional, spiritual support and theological reflection.

Graduates can apply their knowledge of bioethical issues, pastoral theology, and counselling, to establish therapeutic pastoral relationships in practice including facilitation of liturgy and ritual, faith, and belief integration. Students have the opportunity to undertake a practicum placement as an elective and to consolidate their understanding of leadership to begin to think about leadership opportunities.

7.2 Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Graduate Certificate in Applied Pastoral Theology graduates will be able to:

1. Communicate advanced knowledge of the theoretical dimensions of Pastoral Theology;
2. Apply knowledge of bioethical issues, pastoral theology, and counselling to establish therapeutic pastoral relationships in practice;
3. Analyze critically and evaluate complex theological concepts and ethical frameworks, to apply to pastoral encounters;
4. Communicate the significance of applied theology to pastoral practice.

Upon successful completion of the Graduate Diploma of Applied Pastoral Theology graduates will be able to:

1. Communicate advanced knowledge of the theoretical dimensions of Pastoral Theology;
2. Apply knowledge of bioethical issues, pastoral theology, and counselling to establish therapeutic pastoral relationships in practice;
3. Analyze critically and evaluate complex theological concepts and ethical frameworks, to apply to pastoral encounters;
4. Reflect on leadership in ministry by drawing on theoretical knowledge and practical experience.

7.3 Required Courses

To be eligible for the award of the Graduate Certificate in Applied Pastoral Theology, students must complete:

50 units of credit from two (2) courses:
THEO6550 Pastoral Theology Foundations
THEO6490 Bioethics – A Catholic Theological Analysis
50 units of credit from two (2) electives from the following list:
THEO6680 Personal Growth and Integration
PHIL6210 Philosophy of the Human Person
PHIL6020 Ethical Issues in Professional Life
PHTH6020 Pastoral Placement
COUN6001 Counselling Skills

To be eligible for the award of the Graduate Diploma of Applied Pastoral Theology, students must complete:

50 units of credit from two (2) courses:
THEO6550 Pastoral Theology Foundations
THEO6490 Bioethics – A Catholic Theological Analysis
150 units of credit from six (6) electives from the following list:
THEO6680 Personal Growth and Integration
PHIL6210 Philosophy of the Human Person
PHIL6020 Ethical Issues in Professional Life
COUN6001 Counselling Skills
COUN6003 Approaches to Mental Health (Can only be taken if COUN6001 completed)
COUN6009 Trauma, Loss and Grief Counselling (can only be taken if COUN6001 and COUN6003 completed)
PHIL6520 Philosophy of Religion
THEO6350 Foundations of Moral Theology
COUN6000 Interpersonal Group Practice
PHTH6020 Pastoral Placement
BUSN5280 Psychology of Work
BUSN5750 Organisations: Power, Leadership and Transformation

7.4 Course substitutions

Course substitutions, where permitted, must be approved by the Head of School of Philosophy and Theology. An approved list of course substitutions is listed below.

8 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these Requirements, the following definitions are available in the General Regulations.

- Leave of Absence
- Major
- Units of Credit
- Pre-requisite Course
- Minor
- Elective
- Co-requisite Course
- Specialisation
- General Elective

9 LIST OF APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: Graduate Certificate in Applied Pastoral Theology

(Part-Time)

YEAR ONE					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit	Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit
THEO 6490	Bioethics – a Catholic Theological Analysis	25		Elective	25
THEO 6550	Pastoral Theology Foundations	25		Elective	25
	Total Units of Credit for Y1 S1	50		Total Units of Credit for Y1 S2	50
Total Units of Credit Year One					100
TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT					100

(Full-Time)

YEAR ONE					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit	Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit
THEO 6490	Bioethics – a Catholic Theological Analysis	25			
THEO 6550	Pastoral Theology Foundations	25			
	Elective	25			
	Elective	25			
	Total Units of Credit for Y1 S1	100			
Total Units of Credit Year One					100
TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT					100

APPENDIX B: Graduate Diploma of Applied Pastoral Theology

(Part-Time) – **Example Only**

YEAR ONE					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit	Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit
THEO 6490	Bioethics – a Catholic Theological Analysis	25	THEO 6680	Personal Growth and Integration	25
THEO 6550	Pastoral Theology Foundations	25	COUN 6001	Counselling Skills	25
	Total Units of Credit for Y1 S1	50		Total Units of Credit for Y1 S2	50
Total Units of Credit Year One					100
YEAR TWO					
Semester One			Semester Two		
Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit	Course Code	Course Title	Units of Credit
COUN 6000 OR PTHTH 6002	Interpersonal Group Practice OR Pastoral Placement	25	PHIL 6020	Philosophy of the Human Person	25
COUN 6003 OR BUSN5750	Approaches to Mental Health OR Organisations: Power, Leadership and Transformation	25	COUN6009 OR BUSN5280	Trauma, Loss, Grief and Counselling OR Psychology of Work	25
	Total Units of Credit for Y2 S1	50		Total Units of Credit Y2 S2	50
Total Units of Credit Year Two					100
TOTAL PROGRAM UNITS OF CREDIT					200

APPENDIX C: Graduate Certificate in Applied Pastoral Theology Course Availability

Please note that students coming more from a Theology background might want to take more Counselling courses and those from a Counselling background may want more Philosophy or Theology. The lists are presented accordingly.

Key:
#: usually offered first semester
*: usually offered second semester
#: usually offered both semesters
50 units of credit from two (2) courses:
THEO6550 Pastoral Theology Foundations #
THEO6490 Bioethics – A Catholic Theological Analysis #
50 units of credit from two (2) electives from the following list:
Philosophy/Theology
THEO6680 Personal Growth and Integration *
PHIL6210 Philosophy of the Human Person *
PHIL6020 Ethical Issues in Professional Life #*
PHTH6020 Pastoral Placement #*
Counselling
COUN5500 Counselling Skills for the Professions*
COUN6009 Trauma, Loss and Grief Counselling*
COUN6003 Approaches to Mental Health #

APPENDIX D: Graduate Diploma of Applied Pastoral Theology Course Availability

Please note that students coming more from a Theology background might want to take more Counselling courses and those from a Counselling background may want more Philosophy or Theology. The lists are presented accordingly.

Key:
#: usually offered first semester
*: usually offered second semester
#*: usually offered both semesters
50 units of credit from two (2) courses:
THEO6550 Pastoral Theology Foundations #
THEO6490 Bioethics – A Catholic Theological Analysis #
150 units of credit from six (6) electives from the following list:
Philosophy/Theology
THEO6680 Personal Growth and Integration *
PHIL6210 Philosophy of the Human Person *
PHIL6020 Ethical Issues in Professional Life #*
PHIL6520 Philosophy of Religion #
THEO6350 Foundations of Moral Theology #
Counselling
COUN6001 Counselling Skills *
COUN6009 Trauma, Loss and Grief Counselling*
COUN6003 Approaches to Mental Health #
COUN6000 Interpersonal Group Practice #
BUSN5280 Psychology of Work (to be confirmed)
BUSN5750 Organisations: Power, Leadership and Transformation #
PHTH6020 Pastoral Placement #*