



CHRISTIAN HERITAGE COLLEGE

JC401

INTRODUCTION TO MINISTRY PRACTICE

This sample unit outline is provided by CHC for prospective and current students to assist with unit selection.

Elements of this outline which may change with subsequent offerings of the unit include Content, Required Texts, Recommended Readings and details of the Assessment Tasks.

Students who are currently enrolled in this unit should obtain the outline for the relevant semester from the unit lecturer.

Unit code	JC401	
Unit name	Introduction to Ministry Practice	
Associated higher education awards	Graduate Certificate in Ministry Graduate Diploma in Ministry	
Duration	One semester	
Level	AQF Level 8	
Unit coordinator	Ps Marika Kaloutsis	
Core/elective	Core	
Weighting	Unit credit points: 10cp	Total course credit points: Graduate Certificate in Ministry 40cp Graduate Diploma in Ministry 80cp
Student workload	Face-to-face on-site	External
	Timetabled hours: 39	Directed study hours: 39
	Practical ministry hours: 39	Practical ministry hours: 39
	Readings and study hours: 12	Readings and study hours: 12
	Assignment preparation hours: 60	Assignment preparation hours: 60
	Total hours per unit: 150	Total hours per unit: 150
Students requiring additional English language support are expected to undertake an additional one hour per week		
Delivery mode	Face to Face on site External	
Pre-requisites/ co-requisites/ restrictions	Prerequisites: Nil Co-requisites: Nil Restrictions: Nil	
Rationale	<p>Ministry and mission are central to the life of the church and have their origin in God and His ways. Indeed God is active in the world fulfilling His mission, and His people are participants in His ministry. Therefore a critical examination of various preliminary elements of the practice of ministry enables the student to assess the role they may engage in to fulfil Christ's mission or the 'Missio Dei'.</p> <p>The unit is designed to help students comprehend, communicate and relate with people in a wide range of ministry settings including preaching, pastoral care, worship, social ministry, evangelism, team-work and administration for the sake of nurturing growth in the community of believers. Through participation in this introductory unit, students are afforded an opportunity to critically reflect on their practice and grow in the outworking of their calling.</p> <p>This unit will provide the basis for further studies and/or practice in the field of ministry.</p>	

Prescribed text(s)	<p>Dalton, R 2014, <i>Discovering Christian Ministry: Theology and Practice</i>, Beacon Hill Press, Kansas City , MO.</p> <p>Miller-McLemore, BJ 2012, <i>The Wiley Blackwell Companion to Practical Theology</i>, Wiley-Blackwell, Chichester, UK.</p>
Recommended readings	<p>Bossidy, L, Charan, R & Burck, C 2011, <i>Execution: The Discipline of Getting Things Done</i>, Random House Business Books, London, UK.</p> <p>Bourgeois, D T 2013, <i>Ministry in the Digital Age: Strategies and Best Practices for a Post-Website World</i>, InterVarsity Press, Westmont, IL.</p> <p>Cahalan, KA 2010, <i>Introducing the Practice of Ministry</i>, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN.</p> <p>Conn, HM & Ortiz, M 2012, <i>Urban Ministry: The Kingdom, the City & the People of God</i>, InterVarsity Press, Westmont, IL.</p> <p>Cordeiro, W 2012, <i>Sifted: Pursuing Growth Through Trials, Challenges, and Disappointments</i>, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI.</p> <p>Decker, J 2007, <i>Doing What Jesus Did: Ministering the Power of the Holy Spirit</i>, Creation House, Lake Mary, FL.</p> <p>Earley, D & Wheeler, D 2014, <i>Evangelism Is...: How to Share Jesus with Passion and Confidence</i>, B & H Academic, Nashville, TN.</p> <p>Eclov, L 2012, <i>Pastoral Graces: Reflections on the Care of Souls</i>, Moody Press, Chicago, IL.</p> <p>Grant, B 2014, <i>Courageous Compassion: Confronting Social Injustice God's Way</i>, Assemblies of God, Springfield, MO.</p> <p>Keller, T 2012, <i>Center Church: Doing Gospel-Centered Ministry in your City</i>, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, MI.</p> <p>Litfin, D 2012, <i>Word versus Deed: Resetting the Scales to a Biblical Balance</i>, Crossway, Wheaton, IL.</p> <p>Odom, JW 2014, <i>Preaching that Empowers God's People: Expository Preaching in the 21st Century</i>, PowerHouse, Natchitoches, LA.</p> <p>Putman, J, Krause, B, Willis, Jr, AT & Guindon, B 2010, <i>Real-Life Discipleship Training Manual: Equipping Disciples Who Make Disciples</i>, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO.</p> <p>Sinek, S 2014, <i>Leaders Eat Last: Why Some Teams Pull Together and Others Don't</i>, Portfolio/Penguin, New York, NY.</p> <p>Tripp, PD 2012, <i>Dangerous Calling: Confronting the Unique Challenges of Pastoral Ministry</i>, InterVarsity Press, Nottingham, GB.</p> <p>Welsh, R 2011. <i>Church Administration</i>, 2nd edn, B&H Publishing, Nashville, TN.</p> <p>Westing, HJ 2012, <i>Church Staff Handbook: How to Build an Effective Ministry Team</i>, Kregel Publications, Grand Rapids, MI.</p> <p>Wright, NT 2014, <i>For All God's Worth: True Worship and the Calling of the Church</i>, Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, MI.</p> <p>In addition to the resources above, students should have access to a Bible, preferably a modern translation such as <i>The Holy Bible: New King James Version (NKJV)</i>.</p> <p>This translation and many others may be accessed free on-line at http://www.biblegateway.com. The Bible app from LifeChurch.tv is also available free for smart phones and tablet devices.</p>
Specialist resources requirements	Nil

Content	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ministry (diakonia) and mission 2. Jesus – our model for ministry practice 3. The Holy Spirit’s empowerment for ministry 4. Ministry practice – evangelism 5. Ministry practice – discipleship 6. Ministry practice – pastoral care 7. Ministry practice – preaching 8. Ministry practice – administration 9. Ministry practice – justice 10. Ministry practice – teams 11. Ministry practice – corporate worship 12. Identifying strengths, limitations and uniqueness toward developing a personable style for ministry 13. Issues and trends for ministry practice in the twenty-first century
Learning outcomes	<p>On completion of this unit, students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Critically examine biblical and theological foundations for ministry; 2. Identify and discuss various ministry functions within a local church; 3. Critically evaluate general ministry principles and how they may be applied within the local church and/or wider community; 4. Engage in and develop foundational skills in a variety of essential ministry practices; 5. Critically reflect on the application of their own foundational skills in the practice of ministry; and 6. Communicate at an appropriate tertiary standard with special attention to correct grammar, punctuation, spelling, vocabulary, usage, sentence structure, logical relations, style, referencing and presentation.
Assessment tasks	<p>Task 1: Investigative Paper</p> <p>Word Length/Duration: 3,000 words</p> <p>Weighting: 40%</p> <p>Learning Outcomes: 1,3,6</p> <p>Assessed: Week 5</p> <p>Task 2: Ministry Practice Profile</p> <p>Word Length/Duration: 3,500 words</p> <p>Weighting: 60%</p> <p>Learning Outcomes: 2-6</p> <p>Assessed: Week 13</p>
Unit summary	<p>This unit provides an overview of ministry practice and the opportunity to integrate ‘classroom’ learning with practical experience in a ministry setting.</p>