

Postgraduate Diploma in Theology (PGDipTh)

level 8, 120 credits



Flexible Study Options

Students can study towards the PGDipTh on campus in Henderson or by distance learning. Courses are typically offered in block-mode, allowing for students outside of the Auckland region to take part.

The PGDipTh caters for:

- Those who have successfully completed a recognised undergraduate degree in theology or Christian ministries or have qualifications which, in the judgement of the Postgraduate Committee (PGC), are of an equivalent standard. A grade point average of 7.0 (B) in courses of the qualifying undergraduate programme equivalent to NZQA Levels 6 and 7 is required.
- Those who hold a recognised Bachelor's level degree in a discipline other than theology who have successfully completed a bridging programme of theological study such as those provided by Laidlaw College and other theological institutions or as approved by the PGC. Bridging requirements may be satisfied wholly or partly by credit transfer and/or recognition of prior learning.

Programme Requirements

The PGDipTh is a one year full-time (or part-time equivalent) programme. It is made up of four Level 8 courses of 30 credits each.

2024 Fees

Domestic - \$1,953 per 30-credit course. **\$7,812** for programme (4 courses, 120 credits)

International - \$6,030 per 30-credit course. **\$24,120** for programme (4 courses, 120 credits)

A Student Services fee of \$4 per credit is charged for on-campus courses or \$60 per semester for distance learning. Please refer to Fees Schedule for more details (www.laidlaw.ac.nz/fees)

Laidlaw Postgraduate Courses 2024

Semester One 2024

R351.830 POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH AND WRITING

Dr Terry Pouono and Rev. Dr Sarah Penwarden
20-23 February | 9am - 5pm
2-5 April | Wed-Thurs 9am - 5pm, Fri 9am - 1:30pm
Writer's Workshop (Optional but highly recommended)
3 May | 9am - 5pm

Postgraduate Research and Writing introduces you to the wonder and joy of research. It is a course designed to inspire students with the vast breadth of cutting-edge investigations that are being done by the lecturers at Laidlaw, and then to teach them how to research themselves by partnering with one of these lecturers. Students will develop and hone the skills of research and writing by designing and implementing a short research project in their own area of interest.

R223.830 THEOLOGY AND MEDIA

Dr Stephen Garner
4-8 March | 9.30am - 12.30pm
13-17 May | 9.30am - 12.30pm

This course critically examines key areas of religious communication including the coverage of religion by mass media, how religious communities interact with the media, and how mass media shape perceptions of religion. Particular emphasis will be placed upon the interaction between Christianity and media, in the complex cultural landscapes that exist within Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond.

R512.830 FOUNDATIONS OF MINISTRY SUPERVISION

Rev. Dr David Crawley and Rev. Dr Karen Kemp
13 - 15 March | 9.30am - 4.30pm
6-10 May | 9.30am - 4.30pm

This is the first of two courses which together comprise a Postgraduate Certificate in Theology, designed to equip graduates to offer professional supervision in a range of ministry contexts (understanding ministry in the broad sense of Christian vocation). It examines the nature and purpose of professional supervision, including its importance in people-related ministries. Several theoretical approaches to supervision will be evaluated and participants will reflect critically on theological, ethical, and cultural dimensions of offering supervision in their own contexts.

Note: Entry to this course is normally through enrolment in the PG Cert Th (Ministry Supervision). If you are enrolled in a different programme, please contact the Postgraduate Administrator to see if you are eligible to select this course.

R216.830 THIRD ARTICLE THEOLOGY

Dr Greg Liston, Rev. Dr Myk Habets
12-18 April | 9.30am - 4.30pm

Third Article Theology (TAT) is a new theological movement utilizing a distinctly pneumatological approach to developing Christian doctrine. By examining Christian beliefs and practices through the lens of the Spirit, it aims to equip the church to "act its age" – proclaiming a timely message appropriate for our current context, leading to practical applications for life, mission and ministry. In addition to the lecturers, the course will include sessions from leading TAT scholars from around the world.

R154.830 ROMANS AND THE MISSION OF GOD

Rev. Dr Mark Keown
29 April - 3 May | 9.30am - 4.30pm

This course explores Paul's letter to the Romans from a missional perspective. After considering a missional hermeneutic and engaging with critical scholarship on Romans, the letter will be located socially and historically in the mission of God and that of the Apostle. Consideration will be given to the genre and literary strategies of Romans in relation to the theme of "the gospel" and other themes. Paul's gospel behind and in the letter will be explored. Drawing on Romans, a range of missional themes will be investigated including the cosmic scope of mission and its completion, proclamation, the gospel as the power of salvation, missional agency, the miraculous, social justice, ecological mission, social transformation, patronage and hospitality, the sovereignty of God and human volition, prayer, the State, culture, Israel, theology, and apologetics.

R361.830 RESEARCH PAPER

Supervised research on an approved topic in an aspect of Theology and/or related disciplines.

Semester Two 2024

R351.830 POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH AND WRITING

Dr Terry Pouono and Rev. Dr Sarah Penwarden
By distance throughout the Semester.

See description from Semester One.

R202.830 GOD'S WORLD: THEOLOGY AND SCIENCE IN CONVERSATION

Dr Greg Liston
25-26 July | 9.30am - 4.30pm
16-20 Sept | 9.30am - 4.30pm

This course engages in a constructive conversation between science and the Christian faith. Drawing on historical and contemporary perspectives, this course reflects critically on the theological and scientific inquiry and the nature of dialogue between science and theology. Key topics explored include models of science-religion interaction; creation and cosmology; biology, evolution and creationism; human nature, freedom and determinism; the implications of natural theology; and the ethical implications arising from the theological and scientific beliefs in conversation. Students will be encouraged to develop a nuanced analysis of how scientific and theological truths can be critically integrated and to apply this understanding to a topic of contemporary significance.

R513.830 DEVELOPING A MINISTRY SUPERVISION PRACTICE

Rev. Dr David Crawley and Rev. Dr Karen Kemp
31 July - 2 Aug | 9.30am - 4.30pm
11-13 Sept | 9.30am - 4.30pm
Pre-requisite: R512.830

This is the second of two courses which comprise a Postgraduate Certificate in Theology, designed to equip graduates to offer professional supervision in a range of ministry contexts (understanding ministry in the broad sense of Christian vocation). Through the integration of theory, practice, and theology, it enables practitioners to develop a framework for supervision appropriate to their own cultural and professional contexts, and to engage in critically reflective practice.

Note: Entry to this course is normally through enrolment in the PGCertTh (Ministry Supervision). If you are enrolled in a different programme, please contact the Postgraduate Administrator to see if you are eligible to select this course.

R361.830 RESEARCH PAPER

Supervised research on an approved topic in an aspect of Theology and/or related disciplines.

R115.830 INTERPERSONAL FORGIVENESS IN THE BIBLE AND THE WORLD

Dr Richard Neville
5-9 Aug | 9.30am - 4.30pm
21-25 Oct | 9.30am - 4.30pm

Interpersonal forgiveness is one of the most profound ethical teachings bequeathed to us, and yet it has received surprisingly little attention from biblical scholars. This course is an opportunity to explore the biblical teaching on forgiveness in a focused manner. The engine room of the course will be a careful reading of texts from the Old and New Testaments. We will sharpen our work in the text by setting it in the context of other biblical themes, and by bringing it into dialogue with insights from other disciplines and with the realities of true-life stories of forgiveness.

R508.830 REFLECTIVE PRACTICE FOR MINISTRY

Rev. Dr Maja Whitaker and Rev. Dr Graeme Flett
19-23 August | 9:30am - 4:30pm

This course explores the postures and practices that allow people in ministry to flourish in their ministry context. Students will learn to critically evaluate their ministry environment both culturally and contextually, to develop practices of discernment and habits of mind that produce resilience over the long-term, and to understand what they bring to their ministry role from their own personality, context and as a participant in community. and all learning is grounded in the student's own ministry context.

R510.830 ADVANCED PREACHING

Reuben Munn
26-30 August | 9:30am - 4:30pm

This course will extend students' preaching ability by equipping them to proclaim Scripture effectively in a range of contexts to people of diverse ages and stages of life and faith. A variety of preaching forms will be examined, and students will explore how these can be contextualised both to the medium in which their preaching takes place (digital, in-person, hybrid) and to the cultural and situational context of their unique audience.

READY TO APPLY? ANY QUESTIONS?

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