



Block Weeks

By the beach

As part of this programme students attend regular Block Weeks. It's a good opportunity for a cohort to connect with each other while benefiting from face-to-face lectures. Plus, students stay at Pacific Park Christian Holiday Camp, which is close by the pristine white sand and surf of Papamoa Beach.

Block Weeks are a highlight for students, Pathways staff and lecturers. Sharing meals together evokes a sense of community and there is time to enjoy a stroll on the beach, or a coffee fix at local cafes.



Pathways Bible College has been a platform that has provided me with an introduction into the world of theological studies and has helped sustain and further engage my desire for further studies toward a bachelor's degree.

– Matthew Wright, Pathways College Graduate 2022



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NZ Diploma in Christian Studies

Theological Studies Level 5

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Understand The Diploma

Purpose

Contribute to the mission of Christian churches, agencies and community organisations in leadership positions to manage people, administer events and provide strategic leadership.

Aims

Develop the skills to evaluate, review and respond to the needs within a particular group according to pastoral, specialised and ethical responsibilities required of people in a church ministry, mission or workplace setting.

Outcomes

Graduates may continue to contribute to the mission of a Church, agency or community organisation in a voluntary capacity or employed in leadership roles in a range of contexts e.g. within Churches, Youth Groups, Camps, Small Groups, Children's Ministry. Graduates may also continue into Degree programmes in Theology, Divinity or Christian Studies.

Graduates will be known for their:

- ✓ Christ-Like Character
- ✓ Biblical & Theological Knowledge
- ✓ Critically Informed Practice
- ✓ Culturally Responsive Practice
- ✓ Strategic Missional Leadership

METHOD OF STUDY:

Full-time (1 year) or
Part-time (2 years)



Work out
your
Faith

Understand The Delivery

The NZDipCS (Level 5) can be completed full-time during one year or part-time over two years, and is delivered through a mixture of these methods:

● Internships and Placements

Students are connected to a host organisation (church, mission, ministry or marketplace) throughout the year. This connection is established by the end of the first block course in February with the student beginning their placement in the organisation in March. This allows for genuine integration of theory and practice as students work through their courses while simultaneously having the opportunity to be in their Host Organisation for up to 5 hours per fortnight over 20 weeks of the year; fitting the visits around attending onsite block weeks at Pacific Park and the two full placements.

● Face-To-Face (Block Weeks)

Students meet together four times throughout the programme (typically a week duration): once at the very beginning of the programme, and then three other times at strategic points in the programme. These are known as Block Weeks. Teaching and learning approaches during this time prioritise the opportunity to develop/practise skills, hear and engage with experienced leaders and participate in workshops. Importantly, these times provide the opportunity to share the results of their own study and inquiry with each other and to continue to build relational connections – to do what is not able, or not so easily able to be undertaken online.

● Online

Pathways College has been expanding and developing its expertise with online teaching and learning for the past 10 years and it is through this delivery method that students access course material, assessment tasks and resources to support their learning. Online components of this programme are hosted on the Moodle Learning System (Pathways Connect).



Understand The Content

The NZDipCS (Level 5) is an approved NZQA programme with a total of 120 credits as outlined below:

- Christian History (5 credits)
- Interpreting the Bible (10 credits)
- Biblical Survey: Old Testament and New Testament (10 credits)
- Theology (15 credits)
- The Life of Christ: Living the Faith (15 credits)
- Negotiated Ministry Practice (5 credits)
- Supervised Ministry Training (Ministry) (30 credits)
- Extended Supervised Ministry Training (Ministry) (30 credits)

50%
study / 50%
ministry

