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FROM THE PRESIDENT AND FOUNDER



Dear Reader,

May the Lord surprise you today with an unusual gift of his joy!

You hold in your hands an invitation to an enriching learning experience.

This booklet will tell you about *Vision International College*, a charismatic College with a difference. Through our courses you can expect to grow spiritually and become better equipped to minister the Word of God with power.

We are also a school that places a major emphasis upon helping our students to develop their God-given ministry potential. Our goals are certainly academic, but much more, they are spiritual and practical. For that purpose, we believe that our programmes are both adequate and

admirable. You will find more information below about this philosophy, and about the principles upon which *Vision* operates.

VIC is different because of a combination of several features. We are

- *charismatic* in practice
- *loving* in fellowship
- *conservative* in doctrine
- *evangelical* in emphasis
- *bold* in faith
- *distance* in method

Then there is the lead name of our College: “*Vision*”. It expresses our aim, which is to impart to you something of the special gifts of anointed teachers and writers. That is, people who have been qualified for their task by the Spirit of God, and who can help to create your personal vision of an exciting future in the service of Christ.

The union of those features creates a strong framework in which you can anticipate expansion in your grasp of scripture, in your relationships with other Christians, in the vigour of your faith, and in your service for Christ.

Since you are reading this page, I hope you are already on the verge of deciding that enrolment in *Vision* is part of God’s plan for your life. But in any case, I do pray that your mind, your spirit, your life, will continue to be open to the Holy Spirit, so that nothing will fail of the purpose Christ has for you.

If this is your first encounter with *VIC*, then I invite you to become one of our students, with a hope that your expectations of the College will be surpassed.

If you have already done some *VIC* courses, then I trust that you will find the will and the wisdom to complete well what you have well begun. Thus you will prove to be a good worker in the Word of God.

In the love of Christ,

Ken Chant (M.R.E, Ph.D)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



I am so pleased to welcome you to *Vision International College*. Our resources are rich, our history is unique, and our ministry is dynamic and faith building.

With our distance education programme and our local-church-based Bible College programmes (which we refer to as *Resource Centres*), *VIC* has been at the forefront of Bible College ministry since its inception in 1974 as *Vision Christian College*.

Our vision is to place quality Biblical and Christian ministry studies into the hands of students everywhere at an affordable rate. Those goals are now enhanced by our fully accredited programmes.

No study is so valuable to an individual or group as the study of the word of God. No study can so affect a man or woman as the study of the word of God.

I am convinced that the study of scripture is one that changes lives, always for the better, not only for the one who undertakes it, but also for those with whom the student associates. This study (of scripture) can heal, no-matter what the sickness; this study brings life and vitality where there is hopelessness and despair; this study brings joy and peace regardless of the turmoil — for, since this study is the study of the word of God, it is the study of God himself.

While you attend to the business of study, I want you to know that I and my staff are at your disposal. We want you to complete these studies and to complete them well. If we can be of assistance to you at any time please feel free to call on us and allow us to help you. We will work with you as you face issues that will challenge, confront, bless, and develop you. Be assured of our prayers for your well being.

We look forward to a long and fruitful relationship and also, because you are a student of *VIC*, to the reports that we hope to receive of your continued growth and effectiveness in the Kingdom of God.

Blessings upon you in Jesus' name,

Rev. Dr. Denis Plant (D.Min)

Principal/CEO

STATEMENT OF FAITH

We Believe:

1. That there is only one God, who has revealed himself in Three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
2. In the absolute lordship and deity of Christ, including his pre-existence with the Father, his virgin birth, his sinless life, his atoning death, his bodily resurrection, and his eventual return to Earth in glory and power to establish his eternal kingdom.
3. In the full spiritual authority, the reliability, the divine inspiration of the Bible, and its inerrancy in all that it finally affirms.
4. That nothing can replace the importance of the local church in the programme of God, and that planting local churches is the best tool for evangelism and for nation-wide renewal.
5. That the primary task of the church is worldwide evangelism in fulfilment of the Great Commission given by Christ.
6. That entrance into the church is through the "new birth", which is brought about by genuine repentance of sin, confession of faith in Christ as the only Saviour, and surrender to him as Lord.
7. That membership in the church is signified by joyful participation in its worship, fellowship, sacraments, witness, and by acceptance of its discipline.
8. In Holy Spirit baptism as an experience discrete from and usually subsequent to the new birth, and normally attested by glossolalia. The ministry of the Holy Spirit is an essential component of effective Christian life and witness.
9. In the presence and use of the charismata in the local church and in Christian ministry.
10. That the universal church cannot fulfil its mission apart from the five ascension-gift ministries that Christ has sent into the world: apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. We accept that it is part of our responsibility to help people to recognise their calling, gift, or ministry, and to assist in equipping them to fulfil that call.
11. In the reality of Satan, and the kingdom of darkness over which he reigns. We believe also in the absolute triumph of Christ over the devil and all his works.
12. That Victorious Christian life is built upon a proper understanding and exercise of the spiritual authority conveyed to the believer by the gift of righteousness.
13. In the resurrection of the dead at Christ's return, in the certainty of God's judgment, and in the inescapable result of that judgment foretold in the scriptures for the just and the unjust.

A SHORT HISTORY OF VISION.

Our story began in 1974 when Rev. Dr. Ken Chant started the *Launceston College of Theology* (in Launceston, Tasmania), and simultaneously, Dr Joseph Bohac and Dr Stan DeKoven (in San Diego, California) began *Logos Institute*, a local-church training programme in practical ministry and counselling.

Four years later Dr Chant moved his school to Sydney (Australia), while in the USA *Logos Institute* continued as a counselling ministry and training centre and Dr DeKoven pursued personal studies in psychology and theology.

More changes took place in 1982

Dr Chant moved to the United States, where he established his programme in Minneapolis (Minnesota)

Dr DeKoven returned to San Diego (having earned his doctorate in theology), where he continued to expand the *Logos* programme, and in the same year Dr Randy Gurley (who is currently Chairman of the Board of Regents and Executive Vice-President of *VIU*) began a teaching ministry that eventually merged with *Vision*.

Then in 1985 Dr Chant brought his programme to San Diego (California), where *Vision Bible College* was legally established as a non-profit corporation, and where a year later, in the providence of God, he met Dr DeKoven. They found an immediate affinity in Christ, united their hearts and visions, and began the network of affiliated campuses that (barely two decades later) is now established worldwide, with some 150,000 students and 8000 local church satellite campuses or resource centres.

Dr Chant and his family returned to his native Australia in 1990, but prior to his leaving, *Vision Bible College*, under Dr DeKoven's direction, had expanded to its present university status. A site was purchased in the beautiful community of Ramona, California, where its world headquarters are still based.

In 1992 the American college applied for and was granted full institutional accreditation with the *Accrediting Commission International of Schools, Colleges and Theological Seminaries*.

In 1993 *Vision Christian Ministries* (USA) affiliated with *St. Michael's Baptist Church* and was renamed *Vision Christian Church International*, and *California Christian College* was renamed *Vision International University*.

In the meantime, in Australia, the college was re-named *Vision International College*, and its programme has continued to flourish under Dr Chant's leadership. He remains titular head of the organisation in Australasia, but its daily operations are under the direction of Dr Plant. We now have local church (or Resource Centre) campuses established in many parts of Australia and New Zealand, plus several hundred students in both countries who are doing the course by correspondence. Outside of Australasia, the work of *VIC* is directed from our headquarters office in Ramona (California, USA), with Dr DeKoven as International President.

Dr. DeKoven has provided the entrepreneurial drive for the expansion of *VCC* internationally, and Dr Chant has provided much of the teaching material (especially in theology). But the educational philosophy under-girding the college, its international vision, its dynamic concepts, all stem from the work of the Holy Spirit in both men and in the team that works with them.

More Innovations

In 1998 Rev. Dr. Denis Plant (D. Min) became involved with the development and implementation of the *Internet Bible College*. He has been involved in teaching ministry for over 25 years. He has established two Bible colleges. He has served as a missionary in Papua New Guinea where he was the last expatriate Principal at *Lighthouse Bible College* with the Foursquare Churches at Madang, Papua New Guinea. He returned to Australia with a vision and determination to place a Bible college on the Internet. The greatest difficulty facing him was the choice of curriculum. Following a suggestion from

Dr Ken Chant, and his own familiarity with the material, he decided that the material of *VIC* was the most suitable for this work.

VETAB Accreditation

In 2003 Vision International College became a Recognised Training Organisation (RTO) and we were able to offer accredited courses. We are delighted to offer a VETAB accredited study programme to students.

Note: this document deals specifically with the accredited programmes offered by VIC. For information about our non-accredited programmes, please contact the college office.

We are excited about our ministry, we (Vision) have grown from a local church Bible college to an internationally recognised organisation that spans the globe.

The Accredited course is for you if:

- You require Austudy, Abstudy, Youth Allowance or funding options to support you in your studies.
- You wish to gain recognition for further study in TAFE or University or another recognised Bible college.
- An accredited programme is your personal preference.
- You are seeking training for ministry that by virtue of other relevant skills development embraces more than just the word of God.

VIC IS UNIQUE

Our vision, our focus, our methods differ from the usual practice of Bible colleges. We are different in flavour, practicality, and in our manner of challenging and building both personal faith and relationship with Jesus Christ and with the Church. We make no claim to be better than others in fulfilling these tasks; but we do feel that the nature of our courses, the style of their delivery, and our worldwide outreach separate us from colleges that are built around a single campus. Our theme could be summarised as:

- the *Word of Christ* preached;
- the *Name of Christ* believed;
- the *Power of Christ* experienced;
- the *Love of Christ* shared;
- the *Coming of Christ* expected;
- the *Splendour of Christ* exalted

A VARIETY OF OPTIONS

VIC offers you a variety of study options —

- at-home studies by correspondence
- attendance at a VCC Resource Centres
- many elective courses
- variable entry and exit points; and the like.

VIC is dedicated to “distance education” as a learning method. This means that you can begin your studies with us at any time and finish when you are ready, especially if you are working by correspondence alone. Students may attend classes at one of our Vision Resource Centres¹ have to fit in with the schedule set independently by each centre.

¹ A Vision Resource Centre is a local church based bible college using *Vision Christian College* material. While a student with *Vision International College* is welcomed and encouraged to attend and utilize the options available at a Resource Center it must be noted that the *Vision Christian College* Resource Centre is not a formal part of the Vision International College program

No matter where you live, no matter what your job, regardless of the level of commitment or involvement you have in your local church, your ministry, or your family, you can now continue with your studies without having to attend a central campus or take valuable time out from work.

Vision is not new to the business of Bible colleges. In fact we have been around for over 30 years, effectively teaching and ministering to individual students and colleges as Vision Christian College, a separate recognised program, and to date through our international network there are over 150,000 students in more than 145 countries working under the *VCC* banner.

As a distance education programme we do not operate by semester or by term, but rather by subject and by award level. The benefit of this kind of programme is that you are not required to begin at a particular time nor exit at a particular time; your time frame is your own.

You are not required to attend college or to take time out for “intensives” that consume your leave entitlements for work.

We are flexible in our delivery. The material can be either posted or emailed to you or collected from our office. We also allow students to decide the order of the subjects they will undertake in each award level, thus allowing them to take some control over their study program.

STUDENT SUPPORT

Student Support

Distance education, by its very nature, is among the most rewarding and yet challenging of all forms of education. The student is required to seek out knowledge and resources to find answers to issues without the strength and encouragement of a classroom or student body. For that very reason many who begin fail to complete their studies as they feel alone and without help.

With Vision you are not alone, we are available to you. Any student can contact the staff of the college at any time by telephone 02 9829 1340 or by fax, 02 9829 1420, we are available by email at principal@internetbiblecollege.com, through our “on-line” support option on our web page, www.internetbiblecollege.com, through Skype: DenisIPlant, or by letter and we will respond as swiftly as we are able.

You may call into the office, while we prefer that you make an appointment to ensure we will be there, you can just “drop in” for a chat or advice and help. We will help you and guide you to the best of our ability. It is imperative that you understand that you can make contact with us, and that you do so no matter how “small” the issue may seem to be. We are always pleased to help.

Student Body

Vision International College exists so that members of the Christian Community who cannot undertake full-time studies at a college campus are enabled to study at their own pace, in their own time and in their own environment.

There are three categories of students recognised by the College –

Full-Time Students

Those students enrolled in three competencies over three continuous months are considered full-time. Please note that Austudy/Abstudy/Youth Allowance rules require a student to be enrolled for at least three competencies per term (three months) to be eligible.

Part-Time Students

Are students who enrol but need to complete their studies at a slower pace due to their circumstances. Credits for each competency successfully completed contribute toward a certificate or other awards, which the student has nominated.

Casual Students

Studies are open to those who desire to take one or more competencies. A statement of attainment will be awarded upon the successful completion of a single competency. Persons who successfully fulfil

the assessment requirements of their competency may subsequently register for any of the awards offered by the College to receive credit for their completed competencies.

Austudy/Abstudy/Youth Allowance

Austudy/Abstudy Or Youth Allowance is available to eligible Australian students undertaking approved full time courses at *VIC*. To be eligible for Austudy/Abstudy/Youth Allowance students must be undertaking at least 20 hours of study per week, a student will need to complete one subject each month to maintain eligibility.

Most students will find that their allowance is considerably greater than their college fees.

VIC will provide the student with necessary documentation to apply for financial assistance from CentreLink, the Student must apply in person to their local Centre Link office for the relevant allowance.

The Department of Employment, Education, and Training (DEET) is responsible for all matters relating to the above allowances. For further information, call your nearest Centre Link office.

RECOGNITION GIVEN TO THE TRAINING PROGRAMME

Graduates from these courses should be recognised as appropriate persons to be considered for employment as Parish Workers, Church Workers, Religious Instructors, Ministers, Mission Support Personnel, Pastors, Church-Planters, and Missionary Workers (depending upon the level and type of qualification completed) by many Christian denominations functioning in Australia and beyond.

Job Role	Certificate III	Certificate IV	Diploma	Advanced Diploma	Vocational Graduate Certificate	Vocational Graduate Diploma
Ministry Worker	X	X				
Religious Instructor	X	X	X			
Minister/Pastor		X	X	X	X	X
Missionary Worker		X	X	X	X	X

HOW THE PROGRAMME WORKS

Our Purpose

The purpose of our ministry is to assist the church and Christian leaders in fulfilling God's call. It is only through a well-trained laity and clergy that the world will be won to Christ. Only when the church of the 21st century, God's instrument for the establishment and expansion of the Kingdom of God, embraces its calling to make disciples of the nations, will the purposes of the Lord be completed. All Christ' leaders must begin to see as the Lord does, and begin to believe and act with courage until *"the earth is filled with the knowledge of the Glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea"* (Hab. 2:14).

What is taught?

Over the years we have developed a strong bible-based curriculum that is:

- Conservative in Doctrine
- Charismatic in Practice
- Evangelistic in Emphasis
- Loving in Fellowship
- Restorative in Purpose
- Bold in Faith

The Method

As a “Distance Education Provider” we primarily use regular mail services or, if preferred, we provide the material through the internet by email thus enabling even the most remote student to study with *VIC* and receive his or her study material on a consistent and regular basis.

Students are also able to avail themselves of our *Vision Christian College* resource centres worldwide if one is located in their vicinity.

As students receive their study material they complete their study in their preferred place of learning – that is, mostly at home.

The assignment material is open book and is designed to test the student’s comprehension of the text books, or “competency” in the subject. Assignments are in the form of multiple choice questionnaires, short answer questions, study guides and reports.

Practical experience is gained and developed through active participation in the local church or at a community based service

SUGGESTED STUDY PROGRAMME

Distance education students study in their preferred place of study, and are of necessity self-paced. While there are many advantages to this method there are also pitfalls. Chief among them is the need to maintain a study regime that will assist the student to complete all the subjects on time.

Typically the student is required to complete 10 subjects over a 12-month period. With a little discipline the student can easily complete one subject per month.

For each award level the student is required to complete 6 Theology units (CMT) and 2-4 Practical units (depending on the award the student is enrolled into) which are strengthened with an appropriate Doctrine subject.

We recommend that students should undertake their work, as suggested in the table above, by completing a Practical subject, followed by 2 CMT units, followed by a Practical unit until the course is completed. Subjects should be ordered monthly, even if the student has not completed the practical subject in order to maintain the study regime.

Month	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th
Unit	Practicum											
Unit		CMT										
Unit			CMT									
Unit				Practicum								
Unit					CMT							
Unit						CMT						
Unit							Practicum					
Unit								CMT				
Unit									CMT			
Unit										Practicum		

Key CMT = Theological Studies
 Practicum = Community Based project with an associated theological subject.

Each subject can completed within one month, using a text book and set assessments – typically a multiple choice questionnaire and a Student Study Guide for theology or for Practical a multiple

choice questionnaire, and they will need to collate information for a report from a variety of sources regarding their practical skills training.

We suggest that the first unit needs to be a “Practicum” so that the student’s practical area of ministry can be established at the beginning of their study year.

As a distance education provider *VIC* does not have school terms nor a fixed academic year. Therefore the “First Month” is the first month of the student’s study programme and not a fixed calendar month.

TWO STREAMS OF STUDY

The accredited programme offered by *VIC* is built around two streams of study. These two streams are –

1. ***Biblical Theology*** studies (or “CMT” units as they are referred to in the syllabus); and
2. ***Practical Ministry Skills*** development. The units for the ministry skills development are taken from the “Community Development Programme”. It is this combination of *Community Development* related units with the study and application of *Biblical Theology* that makes the Vision programme so effective.

Study Materials

VIC has nominated 30 of our Vision subjects to satisfy the requirements of the “CMT” units and a further 19 to support the **Practical Skill Development**. This means that a student who completes the entire program from Certificate III to Graduate Diploma will collect with a library of up to 49 books that they will refer to for life. The student may discuss with the Principal or the Registrar the option of substituting subjects provided that each substitute subject meets the requirements of the course. The decision of the principal on the choice of a substitute is final.

Biblical Theology

No field of learning has such an impact on the entire human being, body, soul, and spirit, as theology. No form of study is so effective in transforming human lives as the study of the Word of God. We are absolutely committed to the concept that teaching the Word of God is the single most important issue in the development of individual Christians.

Our approach embraces *Biblical Theology* which deals one by one with the great ideas that are presented in scripture. It differs from “systematic theology” because we make no attempt to force all the teachings of the Bible into a single body of doctrine. We are happy to allow the Bible speak for itself, so that our curriculum reflects honestly those places where scripture is silent or inconclusive. It also adds the dimension of a truly non-denominational bible college to our ministry, while we owe allegiance to no denomination we are accepted by the vast majority of churches.

We also present the major aspects of Christian life, and of the structure, governance, and mission of the Church.

Currently there are over 100 subjects in the Vision Curriculum, of which 30 must be completed to satisfy the requirements of the entire from Certificate III to Graduate Diploma. Those subjects have been nominated by *VIC* to satisfy the syllabus criteria, however students may request a subject substitution from our range of subjects. The final decision on a subject substitution must be approved by the Principal.

The *VIC* Biblical Theology programme is faith-building, challenging, and sound biblically and academically. It is conservative, evangelical, and charismatic.

When students complete the course they should find themselves equipped with a balanced understanding of the Word of God, which should promote personal growth, a stronger relationship with God, and effectively equip them for future ministry. Our goal always is to satisfy the criteria set out in scripture – *Study earnestly to present yourself approved to God, a workman who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. (2Ti 2:15)*

Practical Ministry Skills

The accredited programme requires a number of units from *Community Service* and related fields. They have been selected specifically to develop the practical skills of men and women who desire to enter into ministry or to serve the church in some capacity.

The practical nature of these units builds vital ministry skills onto the strong spiritual foundation the gained from the CMT studies. It is the combination of these skills that will enable men and women of God to make their ministry more effective in their own community.

Furthermore, our *practical experience modules* allow the value of a student's work as a member of a local church to be captured as legitimate study credit. Prior practical experience can then be included in the student's assessment options in the form of *Recognised Prior Learning*.

The modules are focussed on gathering and recording evidence of performance and skill development related to church membership, active involvement in the life and work of the local church, ministry and personal growth. These skill development units will be negotiated with and mentored by the student's supervisor, pastor, or mentor, who will sign off the evidence that the student collects.

By utilising the skills gained through these courses, along with the empowering of the Word of God, students will be able to work maturely in a local church, or on the mission field, and to fulfil more richly the vocation to which they have been called in Christ.

VIC maintains a strong commitment to vocational ministry training within the local context. While Vision's curriculum is deep-rooted in a Pentecostal-Charismatic heritage, it remains open-ended and adaptable to any immediate cultural context. Vision encourages students studying in Resource Centres to apply their educational experience to their own church environment, denomination, and faith community.

Competency-based Vocational Training

Competency-based vocational training perfectly complements Vision's commitment to training within the local church and community. The student is less required to memorise and repeat information and more required to demonstrate that he or she is competent to use essential skills for vocational ministry. Competency is demonstrated by collecting and submitting evidence of practical work to the College. We believe that the practical training is best accomplished in the context of the local church.

Five values of competency-based vocational ministry training

Vision affirms the following values for vocational ministry training.

Christ

All teaching will be centred in Christ — seeking to bring students into a Christ-like life and mind-set.

Community

Training will be carried out, and proven in the context of community life (relationships). The student's ministerial vocation will be expressed and worked out in the daily life of his or her various communities: family, church, society, and the broader community of the world.

Character

Building strong character will be the goal of all training, not just an accumulation of knowledge. The indwelling life of Christ expressed and worked out in community will develop godly character.

Calling

A divine calling will be observed, developed, and proven within the immediate context of the community.

Competency

Competency in a particular area of life and ministry is developed and nurtured in the environment of a loving community. Competency is demonstrated by practical, hands-on training in the immediate context of the local church and community.

ADVANCED STANDING

Recognised Prior Learning

VIC invites all students to apply for Recognized Prior Learning credits from previous life and work experience. We respect that in the interests of better personal enrichment some will prefer to do the full Vision programme. Application forms for RPL are in the Student Handbook and can also be obtained from the registrar of the College.

A student can only apply for RPL for the Award they have entered into.

Academic Credits

VIC invites all students who have already completed studies at another accredited college to apply for academic credits as a part of their competency. We respect that in the interests of better personal enrichment some will prefer to do the full Vision programme

Students who have completed studies at non accredited college may also apply for academic credits to the Vision programme. The College reserves to itself the right to determine what value, whether full or partial, will be given to non accredited academic transfers.

Application forms for Academic Credits are in the Student Handbook and can also be obtained from the registrar of *VIC*.

ARTICULATION

As a general rule, any student who has successfully completed an accredited course may apply to any other accredited college and should be granted full recognition of their studies by that school toward the same or higher award level within the same field of study. Credits are granted on a “subject by subject” basis and/or an “award level” thus. This means that —

- Full credit for subjects from Vision courses may be applied to the same subjects in a different course, thus providing credits to a wider range of courses than those offered by Vision.
- Full recognition of courses on a course by course basis in the same or allied field should be allowed by any other accredited college.
- Students may matriculate into the bachelor’s programme with Tabor College upon completion of the Advanced Diploma of Theology or Christian Ministry.
- Matriculation into the bachelor’s programme should be allowed by any recognised college or university offering the same or similar courses as Vision upon completion of our Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry or Theology.
- Students may matriculate into the Bachelor’s Completion programme with Vision International University in the United State of America upon completion of the Advanced Diploma of Theology or of Christian Ministry.

GRADUATION CEREMONY/CELEBRATION SERVICE

As a distance education provider it is impractical to insist that students attend a formal graduation service. We do however recognise the value to students of a graduation ceremony and the level of self esteem that a graduation service provides. We offer the following options to those students who graduate —

- Attend a Vision Graduation ceremony at the nominated date, time and place or,
- Send the award to your local Pastor (or other designated person) to be presented formally during either a church service other formal service in recognition of the student’s achievements.
- Upon invitation we will come to your church to present the awards in a Graduation Service.
- We send the Diploma, transcript and congratulatory letter by mail.

ACCREDITED COURSE SYLLABI

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AWARD OUTLINES

VIC has nominated a total of 49 of our *Vision* subjects to satisfy the requirements the entire program from Certificate III to the Graduate Diploma. Of these 30 are used to satisfy the “CMT” units and a further 19 to support the **Practical Skill Development**. This means that a student who completes the entire programme will graduate with a library of up 49 books.

The student may discuss with the Principal or the Registrar the option of substituting a “CMT” subject with another of the *VCC* subjects, provided that each substitute meets the requirements of the “CMT” unit. The decision of the Principal on the choice of a substitute is final.

An outline description of the *Vision* CMT subjects can be found under *VIC* “CMT” Units further in this book. A list of our subjects used to strengthen the Community Service units can be found under ***Vision* Subjects To Strengthen The Practicum Units** further in this book.²

Vocational Options From The Course

Job Role	Certificate III	Certificate IV	Diploma	Advanced Diploma	Vocational Graduate Certificate	Vocational Graduate Diploma
Ministry Worker	✓	✓				
Religious Instructor	✓	✓	✓			
Minister/Pastor		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Missionary Worker		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

² Note: At the time of publication the details contained within this document are accurate. Product and legislative changes from time to time, which are beyond the scope of *Vision International College* may impact upon the contents, delivery, and requirements of the programme.

CERTIFICATE III IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND THEOLOGY

Pre-requisite: None

Certificate III is an entry level option that develops a sound foundation for Christian life and work. It is best suited to new Christians or those who require an introductory level of study.

This course can be completed in one year as a Distance Education study programme. The time frame is a guide only and is dependent upon the student's own capacity and the circumstances relating to his or her study.

Upon completion of this qualification, learners should have acquired the necessary knowledge, attitudes and skills to serve effectively as workers and religious instructors in churches, parishes, para-church organisations, missionary organisations, and in religious education. Students will learn to apply biblical principles to their daily life, and how to explain and share those principles with others.

The student is required to complete a minimum of 8 units, which include being involved in the development of practical skills with their local church or with a community based organization. The student will complete the units as follows –

6 Units of Biblical Theology, identified as “CMT” units.

2 Practical Ministry Skills units.

VIC has nominated the subjects for both the “CMT” and Practical Ministry Skills units; however, students may request substitute subjects if appropriate. The decision of the Principal on the substitution request is final.

Biblical Theology Subjects

CMT 001	Dynamic Christian Foundations
CMT 002	New Testament Survey
CMT 003	Great Words of the Gospel
CMT 004	Old Testament Survey
CMT 005	Christian Life
CMT 006	Clothed with Power

PC100: Practical Subjects:

The Student will complete two (2) subjects as listed below. Each practical unit is strengthened with a subject from *Vision* as listed.

To develop practical skills the student will be involved in a local church or community-based programme under qualified leadership and document the work experience as required for each unit.

Practical Skill Development

Required *Vision* Subject

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| 1. Organise Ministry Priorities (30 hours)..... | Time Management |
| 2. Assisting in a ministry (32 hours) | Methodology of Multiplication. |

VIC has selected subjects most suitable to a general ministry training programme. The student may select alternative options from the Alternative Practical Units section of this book if they are available from *VIC*.

Note that the minimal number of practical units to be undertaken for this award is 2 and the minimal nominal hours for the practicum must not be less than 60 hours regardless of the units selected.

CERTIFICATE IV IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND THEOLOGY

Pre-requisites: None

Certificate IV is both an “Entry Level” course and is the pre-requisite for the **Diploma of Christian Ministry**.

This a recommended programme for those who wish to enter into Ministry or Christian Service as lay people or in full or part-time ministry. It is a preferred option for those entering into an Internship or those who wish to enter into a deeper level of study to serve Christ and the church.

Upon completion of this qualification learners should have acquired the necessary knowledge, attitudes and skills to serve effectively as workers and religious instructors in churches, parishes, para-church organisations, missionary organisations, and in religious education. Students will learn to apply biblical principles to their daily life, and learn how to explain and share those principles with others.

The programme can be completed in one year as Distance Education study programme. This time frame is a guide only and is dependent upon the student's own capacity and circumstances. The programme attracts Austudy, AbStudy or Youth Allowance for eligible Australian students.

The student is required to complete a minimum of 9 units, which include the development of practical skills within their local church or with a community based organization. The student will complete the units as indicated below –

6 Units of Biblical Theology, identified as “CMT” units.

3 Practical Ministry Skills units.

VIC has nominated the subjects for the “CMT” units and for the Practical Ministry Skills units; however, students may request alternative subjects if they are appropriate. The decision of the Principal on the substitution request is final.

Biblical Theology Units.

CMT 007	Authenticity and Authority of the Bible.
CMT 008	Faith Dynamics.
CMT 009	Highly Exalted.
CMT 010	The Cross and the Crown.
CMT 011	Royal Priesthood.
CMT 012	Equipped to Serve.

PC200: Practical Subjects:

The Student will complete three (3) subjects as listed below. Each practical unit is strengthened with a subject from *Vision* as listed.

To develop practical skills the student will be involved in a local church or community-based programme under qualified leadership and document the work experience as required in each unit.

Practical Skill Development

Required *Vision* Subject

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| 1. Develop Ministry Priorities, 40 hours..... | Developing a Biblical world view |
| 2. Christian Communications I, 60 hours | Pentecostal Pulpit |
| 3. Planning Ministry Activities, 40 hours | Group Dynamics A Christian Perspective |

The minimal number of practical units to be undertaken for this award is 3 and the minimal nominal hours for the practicum must not be less than 140 hours regardless of the units selected.

Alternative Practical skill options may be available on request from *Vision International College*.

DIPLOMA OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND THEOLOGY

Pre-requisites: Certificate IV in Christian Ministry. The **Diploma of Christian Ministry** builds on Certificate IV and is the pre-requisite for those who wish to go on to the Advanced Diploma.

This programme is ideally suited to those already involved either in ministry or some form of Christian work and service, and for those who wish to enter into a deeper level of study to serve Christ and the church. This programme attracts Austudy, Abstudy or Youth Allowance for eligible Australian students.

Upon completion, learners should have acquired the necessary knowledge, attitudes and skills to serve effectively as workers and pastors, missionaries in churches, parishes, para-church organisations, missionary organisations, and in religious education. Students will learn to apply biblical principles to their daily life and understand how to explain and share those principles with others.

The course includes a broad range of challenging, faith building, and biblically based studies relevant for personal, pastoral, church and community life. Students will learn to apply biblical principles to their daily lives, and how to explain and share those Christian truths with others.

The student is required to complete a minimum of 10 units, which include being involved in the development of practical skills within their local church or with a community based organization. The student will complete the units as indicated below –

6 Units of Biblical Theology, identified as “CMT” units.

4 Practical Ministry Skills units

VIC has nominated the subjects for the “CMT” units and for the Practical Ministry Skills units; however, students may request alternative subjects if they are appropriate. The decision of the Principal on the substitution request is final.

Biblical Theology

CMT 013	The Blood Covenant of God
CMT 014	Principles of Praise and Worship
CMT 015	1st Corinthians
CMT 016	The Church
CMT 017	Gods Provision For Healing
CMT 018	Understanding your Bible

PC300 Practical Skill Development

The Student will complete four (4) subjects listed below, each practical unit is strengthened with a subject from *Vision* as listed.

To develop practical skills the student will be involved in a local church or community-based programme in co-operation with qualified leadership and document the work experience as required in each unit.

Practical Skill Development

Required *Vision* Subject

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| 1. Administration in the local Church, 32 hours | Biblical Management Principles |
| 2. Christian Communications II, 60 hours | Christian Counselling: On Belay |
| 3. Networking for ministry, 56 hours | Leaven Like Evangelism |
| 4. Church and Ministry Safety, 50 hours | OHS Policy, procedure, programmes |

The minimal number of practical units to be undertaken for this award is 4 and the minimal nominal hours for the practicum must not be less than 190 hours regardless of the units selected.

Alternative Practical skill options may be available on request from *Vision International College*.

ADVANCED DIPLOMA OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND THEOLOGY

Pre-requisites: Diploma of Christian Ministry. The **Advanced Diploma** builds on the Diploma and is the pre-requisite for those who wish to go on to the Graduate Certificate or for those who wish to go on to degree level studies with an Australian educational institution or with *Vision International University* in the United States of America.

This programme is ideally suited to those already involved in ministry or in Christian work and service, or who wish to enter into a pastoral level of ministry, or those who wish to enter into a deeper level of study to serve Christ and the church.

The course includes a broad range of challenging, faith building, and biblically based studies relevant for personal, pastoral, church, and community life. Units are studied at greater depth, more detailed written work is required, and there is a greater emphasis on ministry skills development.

Upon completion of this qualification learners should have acquired the necessary knowledge, attitudes and skills to serve effectively as workers and pastors, missionaries in churches, parishes, para-church organisations, missionary organisations, and in religious education. Students will learn to apply biblical principles to their daily life, and understand how to explain and share those principles with others.

The student is required to complete a minimum of 10 units, which include being involved in the development of practical skills within their local church, or with a community based organization. The student will complete the units as indicated below –

6 Units of Biblical Theology, identified as “CMT” units.

4 Practical Ministry Skills units.

VIC has nominated the subjects for the “CMT” units and for the Practical Ministry Skills units; however, students may request alternative subjects if they are appropriate. The decision of the Principal on the substitution request is final.

Biblical Theology

CMT019	Songs to Live By
CMT020	Worlds Greatest Story
CMT021	Marriage and Family I: Marriage and Family Life
CMT022	When the Trumpet Sounds
CMT023	Throne Rights
CMT024	Marriage and Family II: Parenting on Purpose

PC400: Practical Skill Development:

The Student will complete four (4) subjects as listed below. Each practical unit is strengthened with a subject from *Vision* as listed. To develop practical skills, the student will be involved in a local church or community-based programme with qualified leadership, and will document the work experience as required in each unit.

Practical Skill Development	Required <i>Vision</i> Subject
1. Manage Developing Ministry 120 hours	Management By Objectives
2. Establish a ministry 72 hours	Environmental Analysis
3. Leadership and Development 72 hours.....	Pastoral Ministry: In the eye of the Storm
4. Provide Mentoring Support 40 hours.....	Building the Church God Wants

The minimal number of practical units to be undertaken for this award is 3 and the minimal nominal hours for the practicum must not be less than 140 hours regardless of the units selected.

Alternative Practical skill options may be available on request from *Vision International College*.

VOCATIONAL GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND THEOLOGY

Pre-requisites: Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology, or equivalent, OR a recognised Australian undergraduate degree or higher, or equivalent overseas qualification.

The Vocational Graduate Certificate builds on skills and learning from the Advanced Diploma. Units are studied at greater depth, more detailed written work is required and there is a greater emphasis on ministry skills development. The Vocational Graduate Certificate is the pre-requisite for those who wish to advance to the Vocational Graduate Diploma

This programme is ideally suited to those already involved in ministry or in Christian work and service, or who wish to enter into a pastoral level of ministry, or those who wish to enter into a deeper level of study to serve Christ and the church.

The course includes a broad range of challenging, faith building, and biblically based studies relevant for personal, pastoral, church, and community life.

Upon completion of this qualification learners should have acquired the necessary knowledge, attitudes and skills to serve effectively as workers and pastors, missionaries in churches, parishes, para-church organisations, missionary organisations, and in religious education. Students will learn to apply biblical principles to their daily life, and understand how to explain and share those principles with others.

The student is required to complete a minimum of 6 units, which includes being involved in the development of practical skills within their local church or with a community based organization. The student will complete the units as indicated below –

- 3 Units of Biblical Theology, identified as “CMT” units.
- 3 Practical Ministry Skills units.

VIC has nominated the subjects for the “CMT” units and for the Practical Ministry Skills units; however, students may request alternative subjects if they are appropriate. The decision of the Principal on the substitution request is final.

Biblical Theology

- CMT 025 Emmanuel I & II
- CMT 026 Overcoming Darkness
- CMT 027 Strong Reasons

PC500: Practical Skill Development:

The Student will complete three (3) subjects listed below. Each practical unit is strengthened with a subject from *Vision* as listed. To develop practical skills the student will be involved in a local church or community-based programme with qualified leadership, and will document the work experience as required in each unit.

Practical Skill Development	Required <i>Vision</i> Subject
1. Conflict Management 60 hours	Conflict Management and Resolution
2. Managing Ministry 72 hours	The Healing Community
3. Establish Ministry Networks 30 hours	Networking for Ministry

The minimal number of practical units to be undertaken for this award is 3 and the minimal nominal hours for the practicum must not be less than 160 hours regardless of the units selected.

Alternative Practical skill options may be available on request from *Vision International College*.

VOCATIONAL GRADUATE DIPLOMA OF CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND THEOLOGY

Pre-requisites: Vocational Graduate Certificate in Christian Ministry and Theology, or equivalent, OR A recognized Australian undergraduate degree or higher, or equivalent overseas qualification.

The Vocational Graduate Diploma builds on skills and learning from the Vocational Graduate Certificate. Units are studied at greater depth, more detailed written work is required, and there is a greater emphasis on ministry skills development.

This programme is ideally suited to those already involved in ministry or in Christian work and service, or who wish to enter into a pastoral level of ministry, or those who wish to enter into a deeper level of study to serve Christ and the church.

The course includes a broad range of challenging, faith building, and biblically based studies relevant for personal, pastoral, church, and community life.

Upon completion of this qualification learners will have acquired the necessary knowledge, attitudes and skills to serve effectively as workers and pastors, missionaries in churches, parishes, para-church organisations, missionary organisations, and in religious education. Students will learn to apply biblical principles to their daily life, and understand how to explain and share those principles with others.

The student is required to complete a minimum of 6 units, which include being involved in the development of practical skills within their local church or with a community based organization. The Student will complete the units as indicated below:

- 3 Units of Biblical Theology, identified as “CMT” units.
- 3 Practical Ministry Skills units.

VIC has nominated the subjects for the “CMT” units and for the Practical Ministry Skills units, however students may request alternative subjects if they are appropriate. The decision of the Principal on the substitution request is final.

Biblical Theology

- CMT 028 Healing in Old and New Testaments (2 Subjects)
- CMT 029 Attributes of Splendour
- CMT 030 Angelology and Demonology (2 subjects)

PC400: Practical Skill Development:

The Student will complete three (3) subjects listed below. Each practical unit is strengthened with a subject from *Vision* as listed.

To develop practical skills the student will be involved in a local church or community-based programme with qualified leadership, and will document the work experience as required in each unit.

Practical Skill Development	Required <i>Vision</i> Subject
1. Ministry leadership 60 hours	Supernatural Architecture
2. Team leadership and effectiveness 60 hours.....	Leadership Vision for the City
3. Developing ministry partnerships 40 hours	Leadership and Leaders

The minimal number of practical units to be undertaken for this award is 3 and the minimal nominal hours for the practicum must not be less than 160 hours regardless of the units selected.

Alternative Practical skill options may be available on request from *Vision International College*.

VIC “CMT” UNIT SUBJECTS

The *VIC* subjects in the table below are offered to meet the requirements of the “CMT” units. A student may discuss with the Principal the option of an alternative subject from the range of subjects offered by *VIC*, provided that the alternative subject satisfies the requirements of the “CMT” unit being undertaken. A complete list of subjects can be found under *Vision Christian College Subject List* further in this book.

Code	Unit Title
CMT001	Dynamic Christian Foundations This module is designed to instruct the student in the basic foundations of Christian doctrine and of the gospel. The textbook covers the essential truths upon which a Christian life is built with a charismatic and/or Pentecostal dimension. It comprises both the heart of the message of eternal life in Christ that we bring to the world, and the foundation upon which all believers structure their lives and ministry.
CMT002	Basic Bible Survey Old Testament This module provides an overview of the Old Testament, with a brief introduction to each of the 39 books, and a concise summary of their contents, enabling the learner correctly to relate the parts of the Old Testament to each other, and to the New Testament. The module allows learners to enrich their knowledge of the Bible and their ability to read each part intelligently, with an understanding of the context in which each book occurs and of how doctrine evolved gradually over the centuries. Armed with this knowledge, students are able to develop their ability to relate the Bible and its contents to daily life and to Christian witness
CMT003	Basic Bible Survey New Testament This module provides an overview of the New Testament, with a brief introduction to each of the 27 books of the Protestant canon, and a concise summary of their contents, enabling the learner to correctly relate the parts of the New Testament to each other, and to the Old Testament. The module allows the learners to enrich their knowledge of the Bible and their ability to read each part intelligently, with an understanding of the context in which each book occurs and of how doctrine evolved gradually over the centuries. Armed with this knowledge, students are able to develop their ability to relate the Bible and its contents to daily life and to Christian witness.
CMT004	Great Words of the Gospel An introduction to the Christian theology of salvation. The purpose of this book is to mine the riches of salvation by digging into some of the key words scripture uses to describe its benefits. Hence the title, “ <i>Great Words of the Gospel.</i> ” So you will not find here a comprehensive search through salvation; rather, the course searches out several of the brighter veins of gospel ore.
CMT005	Christian Life This module explores diverse views of Christian life, from the very pious to the very pragmatic, from quietism to activism, and from the formulaic to the flexible. Students are left free to select a life-style that they deem the most conformable with scripture in harmony with their own personality, character, and background. Special emphasis is placed upon the need to maintain a balance (“moderation in all things,” as Paul calls it), and upon the manner in which devout Christians should relate to themselves, to their neighbours, to the larger community, and to God.
CMT006	Clothed with Power A presentation of the Pentecostal position on Holy Spirit baptism. The position taken generally represents both the Pentecostal and Charismatic viewpoints. It hovers somewhere in the middle of the more extreme views taken by some on either side. This position on Holy Spirit baptism, and on the gifts of the Spirit, depends upon establishing four things – 1. that there is available to every Christian an <i>experience</i> known (among other titles) as “ <i>Holy Spirit baptism</i> ”; 2. that the new birth and the baptism in the Spirit are separate and distinct although they may occur simultaneously; 3. that speaking in tongues is the usual initial evidence that a person has been baptised in the Spirit; and 4. that the miraculous gifts of the Spirit that existed in the early church are still available and should be occurring in the worship of the modern church.
CMT007	Authenticity and Authority of the Bible This module provides an introduction to the documentary and historical evidence of the reliability of the biblical writings. Out of an acceptance of the <i>authenticity</i> of the Bible arises a need to confront its claims of <i>authority</i> . This module provides also a brief introduction to the <i>canon</i> of scripture – what we mean by the canon, how it came into being, how the canonical books were recognised, and the like

Code	Unit Title
CMT008	Faith Dynamics The purpose of this module is to help students to discover, understand, and appropriate the promises of God that are recorded in the Bible. Attention is given to the context in which each promise occurs, the right and wrong use of the promises, and to recognising the various fallacies that are often attached to the divine promise. Other sources of diverse promises are discussed, along with ways to guard against being misled by false influences. Students should emerge from this study strengthened in faith, and better able to live in the victory, strength, and divine supply that are inherent in the promises of God and in a life of faith.
CMT009	Highly Exalted The Saviour's heavenly priesthood is itself a product of the great event that climaxed his passion; that is, his ascension into heaven and his resumption of his seat at the right hand of the Father. The first three chapters of the book deal with the ascension of Christ; the remainder with his role as our High Priest in the heavenlies.
CMT010	The Cross and the Crown This course is a close companion to another VCC series, Emmanuel . But whereas that series deals with the person of Christ, this deals with the work of Christ. Especially, with the historical work of Christ, and even more particularly with the events surrounding his passion – that is, the crucifixion and the resurrection.
CMT011	Royal Priesthood The doctrine of the priesthood of every believer . It is perhaps the most important doctrine in the New Testament, and certainly the most revolutionary. Although it stands plainly written on every page of the gospel it remains one of the most difficult truths to penetrate. That is because it defies the common ideas most people have about religion. It calls for a breathtaking boldness of faith in approaching the throne of God that will surely transform the student by recognising the royal priesthood God has given to us in Christ.
CMT012	Equipped to serve This module should bring the student to an understanding of the role of the charismata in the church past and present, and in contemporary worship and witness. Various gifts of the Spirit are described in detail, but always with the aim of incorporating the charismata into both the life of the church and the believer's personal life. The purpose and value of the charismata are presented, along with examples of both wise and foolish use of these wonderful gifts. A rich experience of the charismata should be the heritage of every local church, and of its members, for by the gifts of the Holy Spirit the church is able to become to its community as if Jesus himself were present in the flesh.
CMT013	The Blood Covenant of God This module is one of the major themes of the whole Bible. It seeks to present this splendid concept succinctly and vividly. From ancient human history until our recent past, Blood Covenant was the single most common and effective manner of formalising relations between nations and peoples or of bringing about peace between warring nations and tribes. While the terminology has been lost to us over the last 200 years, the principles are still effective. This study is built around the Blood Covenant ceremony from ancient times as found in the Amarna Tablets and other records and seeks to show that Blood Covenant is a biblical concept, comparing it with the ancient ceremony and the biblical Blood Covenant ceremony, and shows the continuing relevance of the Blood Covenant between God and man today.
CMT014	Principles of Praise and Worship In the study of <i>Praise and Worship</i> , believers will discover the joy of moving into God's presence and releasing their spirits in all of the powerful, fresh, biblical expressions of high praise and intimate worship with God. By the truths revealed in this book, believers will become daily worshippers of God. Powerful breakthroughs in the Spirit will occur in the lives of all who will "draw near to God" with a new determination to release their body, soul and spirit to experience all that is revealed in these powerful, life-changing studies.
CMT015	Corinthians This module provides an outline commentary on Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, with special attention given to Chapter Seven and to Paul's discussion of the problem of divorce and re-marriage. The aim is to equip the student to serve God and the church better by gaining deeper insight into the special truths highlighted in this great letter. A further purpose is to give substantial answers to the issue of divorce, and to the question of whether or not re-marriage is allowable after divorce. The approach taken is generous rather than legalistic, compassionate not sternly unyielding. However, room is left for students to make their own decisions on the rightness of the arguments presented

Code	Unit Title
CMT016	<p>The Church</p> <p>This module offers a balanced and thoroughly biblical ecclesiology, or doctrine of the church. It examines various models of church structure and points to the strengths and weaknesses of each model. It defines the major sacraments and explores the relationship that each believer should have, both with the local and the universal church. Attention is given to church government, the officers of the church, the ministry gifts that Christ has planted in the church, and to the biblical types and descriptions of the church. On completion, students should have a clear grasp both of what the church is and what it is not, of their proper place in the church, of the purpose Christ has for his church, of the present day task of the church, and of its destiny in the coming eternal kingdom.</p>
CMT017	<p>God's Provision for Healing.</p> <p>This module provides a study of the healing covenant that God has made with his people. The covenant promises he makes with his people. This study maintains that divine healing lies in the atonement. But what does that mean? The issues of Divine Healing are explored in this module and the ramifications for today of the astonishing success the early church achieved in healing the sick.</p>
CMT018	<p>Understanding Your Bible</p> <p>This book by Ken Chant explores how our Bible came into being in its present form; its inspiration, authority and authorship. It presents the differences between the Bible and sacred books of other religions. It provides a consistent and coherent rule of interpretation that can be applied anywhere in the Bible. How can we bring our lives into harmony with the Bible unless we know what it teaches? And how shall I know what it teaches without a sound rule of interpretation? The Bible remains ineffective until it is both <i>intelligently read</i> and <i>wisely understood</i>, which is the task of good <i>hermeneutics</i> and the purpose of this book.</p>
CMT019	<p>Songs to Live By</p> <p>We can trust without any qualm the power of the <i>Psalms</i> to rescue us from the venom of that old viper Satan. Here, in Israel's sacred songs, is a divine antivenin for all the Serpent's poison. Those who read the <i>Psalms</i>, and reflect upon them continually, will find their promise fulfilled. These are truly "songs to live by", which will quicken in you a new interest in the <i>Psalter</i>, and a desire to know more about it. The first part of this book deals with the psalmody of Israel, and the second half builds on Israel's worship experience and explores some aspects of worship in the church, along with practical issues of the art and ministry of leading others in worship</p>
CMT020	<p>The Worlds Greatest Story</p> <p>This book deals with the most amazing period of Church History, <i>the first 1000 years</i>, with some intrusions into the second period, followed by a brief survey of the second millennium. The concentration is on the first ten centuries, (a) because most people are ignorant of what happened during those years; and (b) because the story they tell must surely be the world's most dramatic tale. The adventures of the new church ran the gamut of human experience, rising and falling between lofty nobility and squalid ignominy. Here we see people collapsing from grandeur into disgrace, or rising from basest cowardice to incredible bravery. Here we find chronicles of love and hate, laughter and tears, triumph and defeat, vice and virtue, greed and generosity, failure and success. The finest and the foulest of human behaviour lie in the annals of the church; but in the end love and grace prevail, and Christ gains honour from his people</p>
CMT021	<p>Marriage and Family I: Marriage and Family Life</p> <p>The biblical approach to marriage and family relations is the focus of this book. Most believers are ill prepared to deal with the problems of married life and the responsibility of raising a family. This book lays a solid foundation for positive family life</p>
CMT022	<p>When the Trumpet Sounds</p> <p>The author writes, "My aim has not been to convince you so much as to inform you. I have tried to present clearly both those aspects of eschatology on which evangelical Christians agree and also those on which they disagree. I do not personally belong to any particular "school" of prophecy; nonetheless, I do have a viewpoint on the subject, and this book necessarily presents that view. However, I hope my own opinions are not too intrusive, and that you will find space here to formulate your own ideas. Your study of these pages should be exciting and rewarding. Even more, may they leave you better fitted to meet the Lord with joy when he comes!"</p>

Code	Unit Title
CMT023	<p>Throne Rights</p> <p>The basic theme of this course is answered prayer and spiritual authority. That may seem on the surface to be a simple theme. But, as the author says, “having now completed the series I am conscious once again that I have done little more than fumble with the fringes of my subject. The following pages could hardly be considered anything more than a wondering learner’s introduction to the exciting matters with which they deal. Nonetheless, I hope that you will find here much encouragement for your faith, and that the result of your studies will be a richer experience, not just of prayer itself, but of <i>answered</i> prayer. Not all prayer is answered. But the right kind of prayer, prayed by the right person, in the right way, and to the right God, always is!”</p>
CMT024	<p>Marriage And Family Life II – Parenting on Purpose</p> <p>This book attempts to succinctly yet fully provide for the reader a clear understanding of how purposefully, with goal and direction, to raise children in this complex world. The combined wisdom of over twenty years of counselling troubled families, mixed with biblical wisdom are shared with a dash of humour and a spot of realism. Remember, if perfect parenting was a requirement for anything, even God would fail the test!</p>
CMT025	<p>Emmanuel Books I & II</p> <p>These are indeed two of Dr. Chant’s greatest books. His treatment of the Alpha and Omega is second to none. Readers come away from the study of this text with a new sense of awe and deep felt love for the Son of God who became "God With US". Immanuel Part I, deals mostly with the Humanity of Jesus; while Immanuel Part II, deals mostly with the divinity of Jesus.</p>
CMT026	<p>Overcoming darkness</p> <p>Understanding and dealing with cults and false religion is made a little easier with this subject. The author gives the student an insight into some of the teachings promoted by many of the major religions and provides a comparison with the work of God and assists the Christian to understand them and make appropriate responses.</p>
CMT027	<p>Strong Reasons</p> <p>Christians are not irrational fools. We do indeed have strong reasons for our faith, and those reasons, along with a harmony between science and scripture, can be presented in language that is well within the reach of a lay person, as you will find in these pages. The book also presents the five major “proofs” of the existence of God, and points both to their strengths and their weaknesses. But the author also recognises that mere intellect alone will never disclose God to anyone. Only faith can do that, and more particularly faith in Christ.</p>
CMT028	<p>Healing in the Whole Bible Books I & II.</p> <p>These modules provide a study of the healing covenant that God has made with his people, focusing upon both the Old and the New Testament in separate volumes. The promises of divine healing God has given to his church are examined. This study maintains that divine healing lies in the atonement. But what does that mean? To what degree can we claim good health today as a promise of God? How is the promise out-worked? What can hinder its fulfilment? Those questions, and others like them, are explored in these modules and the ramifications for today of the astonishing success the early church achieved in healing the sick.</p>
CMT029	<p>Angelology and Demonology</p> <p>These two volumes take a hard look into the kingdom of light and the kingdom of darkness. It is the author’s hope that these studies will greatly enrich your understanding of the place of angels and demons in God’s world. The studies are founded in the word of God and not centred around experience. They refute superstition and should leave the student confident in his knowledge and relationship with God</p>
CMT030	<p>Attributes of Splendour</p> <p>A study on the attributes of God, that is, of those elements that determine that he is God. The author abandons a formal treatise for a series of meditations that should help you to catch a finer vision of the character, personality, and glory of the Lord. The better we understand who and what God is, the deeper and richer our relationship with him will be. The divine attributes of God are revealed to us through the word of God and in the person of Jesus Christ.</p>

Note:

While every endeavour is made to maintain a consistent and reliable curriculum, VIC reserves the right to add, withdraw, or change a subject from this list with or without notice.

VISION SUBJECTS TO STRENGTHEN THE PRACTICUM UNITS

The following list of subjects are offered to strengthen the Practicum subjects, they are selected in consultation with the Principal as the subject to ensure relevance to the student's practical training.

Code	Unit Title
RS 250	Time Management This unit is used to teach the student the value of time, our responsible use of time and how to plan and prioritise our work and leisure. Emphasis is placed upon the Christian view of redeeming time.
MS110	Methodologies of Multiplication Various methods of evangelism are considered through this text. We offer our best to God and think that is sufficient. Our best is never enough. Organisation is not enough. Spiritual reproduction is not enough. Even a good doctrinal foundation is not enough. True...we must offer our best... but then we must look to God to add his holy fire, his glory, and spiritual renewal. We must learn not to rely on our training, experience, and organization. Rather, we must rely upon God's transforming touch on the work of our hands.
RS215	Developing a Biblical World View This module explains how to expand the vision you have received by sharing with others what you have learned. You will learn how to train labourers for spiritual harvest who will be able to train others also: "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." (2 Timothy 2:2) This continuing cycle of training is called "multiplying" because it multiplies the spiritual labour force. Developing a Biblical world view is basic to spiritual multiplication. Having a Biblical world view means you see the world on the basis of what is revealed about it in the Bible.
RS212	Pentecostal Pulpit In the most solemn terms Paul impressed upon young Timothy the urgent importance of preaching (2 Ti 4:1,2,5). Unless faithful preaching is maintained, a drought far worse than any merely natural disaster will bring famine upon the church and bring a dearth upon all the land (Am 8:11). Let us then say something about what it means to be a preacher – " <i>Preaching is the manifestation of the incarnate Word, from the written Word, by the spoken word</i> " (Bernard Manning). To the extent we abandon or minimise the preaching office in the church to that extent we betray the gospel and cease to be fully Christian.
CC 412	Group Dynamics Simply stated, group dynamics is the study of group behaviour with special reference to the types of interactions that happen between and among persons in small groups involved in business and social activities. The beginning of the study of group dynamics in the psychological setting was first introduced in the U.S. by the social psychologist Kurt Lewin.
GE 110	Biblical Management Principles This course introduces the subject of management, identifies leadership positions, and stresses the importance of an anointing to lead. Biblical principles of leading like a servant and shepherd and qualifications for leaders are also discussed. Major tasks of leaders are reviewed, with emphasis on decision-making and handling conflicts. Guidelines for training leaders and followers are given, and principles of success and reasons for failure mentioned.
CC201	On Belay! This book was written to help train ministers and lay persons alike in the skills of what has become known as "lay-counselling." Since the programme was first developed it has undergone many changes and improvements. As a part of the teaching team and also one of the original developers of the course, this writer can safely say that this present format is by far the most complete, and represents many hours of study and prayer.
RS 103	Leaven-Like Evangelism Most courses on evangelism focus only on the command to "go" into all the world with the Gospel. Emphasis is on preaching and teaching the Gospel message. This course differs because it also focuses on what Jesus said to do "as you go" and on the New Testament pattern of what to do "while you are there". The course is divided into three sections. This three-part approach to evangelism is called "leaven-like evangelism" because it will spread the Gospel throughout the world rapidly even as leaven permeates a lump of dough. The leaven may be small and hidden, but its impact is unlimited.

Code	Unit Title
OH 310	OHS Policy and Procedures This unit is design to bring awareness of Occupational Health and Safety issues to those involved in ministry. Particular attention is given to issues of public access to churches and meeting places, where congregations are gathered, as well as in offices and places of work.
MS120	Management By Objective This is a method for conducting Christian ministry in an orderly, effective manner. It is not enough to just know God's will for your life and ministry. You must make definite plans to fulfil your spiritual calling. You must learn to work with God to fulfil his purpose and plans. A serious problem with many Christian leaders is that of organising and managing the spiritual resources God has given them. If labourers for spiritual harvest are few, as the Bible indicates, then they should be effectively organised and managed. The discipline of organised planning for ministry in no way restricts the freedom of the Holy Spirit. It makes you even more sensitive because you make a conscious decision to seek God's purpose and plans. Your faith helps execute God's plan, as God always responds to faith in action.
CA 301	Environmental Analysis This course introduces principles of environmental analysis necessary for organising and mobilising spiritual resources for evangelism. This study stresses the importance of environmental analysis in planning strategies to reach the world with the Gospel. "Environmental Analysis" is defined and reviewed in the Old and New Testament records. Instructions are given for doing a personal environmental analysis and analysing people groups, geographic areas, nations, regions of the world, and Christian organisations.
RS 301	Pastoral Ministry – In the Eye of the Storm. It is known that within the church there are many storms raging. The storms facing leadership are occurring at all times. The minister who accepts the call of God must be thoroughly trained in the theology of his or her particular calling in order to be able to weather the storms of life that are constantly battering against the efforts of the Christian Church. The eye of the storm is that central core around which the storm rages. In the core (the eye) of the storm there is peace and tranquillity. The minister, whatever his calling, can find this peace in the eye of the storm as he seeks to become thoroughly aware of his calling and embraces the responsibilities of that calling according to the will (theology) of God.
RS 305	Building the Church God Wants Perhaps no myth is so prevalent in the church as the idea that the ministry is a difficult profession, wearying to the soul and exhausting to the body. That is not how Jesus saw it. He called his yoke <i>comfortable</i> , and his burden <i>light!</i> The operative word is no doubt " <i>his</i> ". The yoke that is easy is " <i>his</i> ". The burden that is light is " <i>his</i> ". There is nothing in the work <i>Christ</i> gives a pastor to do that could ravage him or her emotionally, mentally, physically, or spiritually. The things that destroy us do not come from the Lord's appointment; they arise from the cargoes we either pack ourselves or allow others to stow on us. This book gives some principles on how to do God's work in God's way and build the kind of church he wants.
CC 404	Conflict Management and resolution Issues of conflict management and resolution are discussed in some detail. Management methods are explored and various options suggested to assist the student both to deal with and to manage personal conflict. It also shows how to assist others to deal with conflict management and come to a resolution over issues that is mutually beneficial.
CC 414	Healing Community The local church has been called to be a Healing Community for the wounded who will inevitably come into it. Churches with counseling/healing/restoring centers are being used by God to reach and rescue our present generation. This outstanding book not only deals with the issues, but also outlines the methods required to establish a healing community.
RS 111	Establishing Ministry Networks Networking is a vital part of the success of any enterprise. Networking for ministry is a major factor in ensuring a successful ministry, a co-operative relationship with others within the network. Workloads are reduced as others are able to contribute to the ministry though the successful use of networking principles.

Code	Unit Title
RS 305	Supernatural Architecture Jesus built a community of faith which was to be inclusive (not exclusive, as the Jews of his day were, or the Romans, Greeks, and many present cultural groups), motivated by love, invigorated by faith in God's ample provision. His disciples took the ministry and methods of Jesus (in limited scope, according to their gifting, worldview, measure of faith) and applied them in their cultural context. We, his ministers of the 21st Century, are challenged to do the same.
RS 304	Leadership – Vision For The City The Word of God is filled with examples of people who were leaders, whether they had great gifts and abilities or were weak and despised. However, all the men and women the Lord used then, as well as now, had to develop their skills by study and practice. Charisma may inspire, but true leaders are made, trained and function well or poorly because of that training. This book is designed to be a practical help for those resolved to make the most of the time they have, and to become the leaders that God would use for his Kingdom. It is not filled with theory, but has its foundation in God's word to prepare and encourage the growth of leaders for our desperate times.
LE 400	Leadership This is a study of the nature of leadership. It will introduce a practical definition of what leadership is, briefly consider the recent history of leadership research, reflect on changing paradigms in Christian leadership today, and study the differences between leadership and management. Particular focus is given to the nature of transformational leadership. The underlying purposes of the course are to: 1) provide students with an understanding of the nature of leadership and leaders, 2) lead the students in personal evaluations of their own roles as leaders and managers, 3) guide the students in making personal plans for their improvement as leaders, 4) give students a clear conceptual framework within which to understand the differences between leadership and management, along with the practical implications of those differences, and 5) increase students' critical thinking, writing skills and report preparation.

ALTERNATIVE PRACTICAL SKILL UNITS

The modules in the following tables relate to the Community Service Units as indicated for the Certificate III & IV, Diploma, and Advanced Diploma, Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma in Christian Ministry and Theology. Nominal hours for these units are indicated in the tables and vary depending on the course to which the unit is allocated.

For each of the Community Service units, a Vision textbook is provided to strengthen the subject and to provide a Christian emphasis. (see Vision Subjects To Strengthen The Practicum Units.)

An alternative textbook may be selected to better meet the emphasis of the student's practical training it will be selected in consultation with the Principal at the time that the subject is ordered.

Certificate III in Christian Ministry Elective Units

Unit Title

Organise Ministry Priorities. Complimentary Text: Time Management.

Develop an understanding the ministry you are working with, your own role in the team, learn to priorities and manage your time, ministry needs and schedules. **Satisfies BSBWOR301A Organize personal work priorities and development. 30 hours (Nominal)**

Assisting in a Ministry. Complimentary Text: Methodologies of Multiplication

Identify the needs of the people you are working with, you will need to show how you deliver your ministry or service and you will need to explain how you review what you do. **Satisfies CHCCD7B Support Community Resources. 32 hours (Nominal)**

Alternative practical units.

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Certificate IV in Christian Ministry Elective Units

Unit Title

Develop Ministry Priorities. Complimentary Text: Developing a Biblical World View

Identify and manage responsibilities of your work or ministry, learn to monitor your own work and identify strengths and weaknesses, organise training and skill development in areas where it is needed. **Satisfies BSBWOR402A Develop Work Priorities. 40 hours (Nominal)**

Christian Communications I. Complimentary Text: Pentecostal Pulpit

Develop a range of effective and diverse range of communication skills in ministry with those you minister to and to those you minister with. **Satisfies CHCCOM3C Utilise Specialist Communication Skills to Build Strong Relationships. 60 hours (Nominal)**

Planning Ministry Activities. Complimentary Text: Group Dynamics A Christian Perspective

Demonstrate your competency in planning and conducting a group activity. You are required to plan a significant event taking the issues below into account in your planning. **Satisfies CHCGROUP3C Plan and Conduct Group Activities. 40 hours (Nominal)**

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Diploma in Christian Ministry Elective Units
Unit Title

- Administration in the Local Church.** Complimentary Text: Biblical Management Principles
Demonstrate competency in general office work with an emphasis on Christian ministry and ethics, issues of finance, budgeting, use of office equipment and purchasing and maintenance. Satisfies **CHCADMIN3B Undertake Administrative Work. 32 hours (Nominal)**
- Christian Communications II.** Complimentary Text: Christian Counselling: On Belay
Competency to be demonstrated in communication techniques at various levels of ministry. Advanced levels of written and oral communication between yourself and the various groups of people you will minister with and to and between yourself and key personnel and others. Satisfies **CHCCOM4B Develop, Implement and Promote Effective Communication Techniques. 60 hours (Nominal)**
- Networking for ministry.** Complimentary Text: Leaven Like Evangelism
Demonstrate competency in developing a network for effective communications within the ministry and to those the ministry may communicate with, particular emphasis should be place on cultural issues, legislative issues and Christian ethics. Satisfies **CHCNET3B Develop New Networks 56 hours (Nominal)**
- Safety in Ministry OHS Policy procedure programs.** Complimentary text to be advised
Issues of safety are discussed and examined in the context of the local church or ministry programs with a view to the laws of OHS and how they can impact the local church. How to minimise risks in churches, church functions and outreach programs. Satisfies **CHCOHS401A Implement and monitor OHS policies, procedures and programs. 50 Hours (Nominal)**
- Alternative practical units.**
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Advanced Diploma in Christian Ministry Elective Units
Unit Title

- Manage Developing Ministry.** Complimentary Text: Management by objectives
Demonstrate competent understanding of the ministry in all of its functions, assess the ministry, implement and develop the resources for the ministry to respond to the changing needs of the community. Satisfies **CHCORG10B Manage Organisational Change. 120 hours (Nominal)**
- Establish a ministry.** Complimentary Text: Environmental Analysis
Demonstrate responsibility for the development and establishment of a new department or outreach of your church or ministry. Take into account organisational philosophy, structure, legal requirement, marketing and promotion. Satisfies **CHCCD6B Establish and Develop Community Organisations. 72 hours (Nominal)**
- Leadership and Development.** Complimentary Text: Pastoral Ministry in the Eye of the Storm
Demonstrate competency in the use of new and existing information to lead and develop others in your specified area of ministry. Learn to maximise the leadership performance of self and those you lead, manage work relationships, develop and enhance the leadership skills of those under you. Satisfies **CHCORG11B Lead and Develop Others 72 hours (Nominal)**
- Provide Mentoring Support:** Complimentary text Building the Church God wants.
Demonstrate your ability as a mentor to those assigned to you. You must have clear understanding of the environment and ministry in which you and the mentoree are involved, identify the demands and responsibilities of your work or ministry, demonstrate various advanced communication skills. You will require significant knowledge and experience of the area in which the mentoree operates Satisfies **CHCORG 27B Provide Mentoring Support to Colleagues. 40 hours (Nominal)**
- Alternative practical units.**
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Graduate Certificate in Christian Ministry Elective Units**Unit Title****Conflict Management 60 hours.** Complimentary Text: **Conflict Management and Resolution**

Demonstrate competent understanding of the ministry in all of its functions, assess the ministry, implement and develop the resources for the ministry to respond to the changing needs of the community. Satisfies **BSBATSIL503B Manage Conflict. 60 hours (Nominal)**

Managing Ministry. Complimentary Text: **The Healing Community**

Demonstrate responsibility for the development and establishment of a new department or outreach of your church or ministry. Take into account organisational philosophy, structure, legal requirement, marketing and promotion. Satisfies **CHCORG609C manage Projects and Strategies 72 hours (Nominal)**

Establish Ministry Networks. Complimentary Text: **Networking for Ministry**

Demonstrate competency in the use of new and existing information to lead and develop others in your specified area of ministry. Learn to maximise the leadership performance of self and those you lead, manage work relationships, develop and enhance the leadership skills of those under you. Satisfies **CHCNET402A Establish and Maintain Effective Networks. 30 hours (Nominal)**

Alternative practical units.

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Graduate Diploma of Christian Ministry Elective Units**Unit Title****Manage Developing Ministry.** Complimentary Text: **Supernatural Architecture**

Demonstrate competent understanding of the ministry in all of its functions, assess the ministry, implement and develop the resources for the ministry to respond to the changing needs of the community. Satisfies **BSBATSIL508B Be a community leader. 60 hours (Nominal)**

Establish a ministry. Complimentary Text: **Leadership Vision for the City**

Demonstrate responsibility for the development and establishment of a new department or outreach of your church or ministry. Take into account organisational philosophy, structure, legal requirement, marketing and promotion. Satisfies **BSBWOR502A Ensure team effectiveness. 60 hours (Nominal)**

Leadership and Development. Complimentary Text: **Leadership**

Demonstrate competency in the use of new and existing information to lead and develop others in your specified area of ministry. Learn to maximise the leadership performance of self and those you lead, manage work relationships, develop and enhance the leadership skills of those under you. Satisfies **BSBREL701A Develop and cultivate collaborative partnerships and relationships. 40 hours (Nominal)**

Alternative practical units.

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