



The Mary Andrews College Certificate in Biblical Studies and Pastoral Care

Our Certificate course is designed for women who have a desire to deepen their understanding of the Bible and to develop their skills in caring for others. Taught by women for women.

The perfect course for those who don't have previous theological training but want to develop their Christian understanding and pastoral care. All units seek to integrate what is taught with how we live as followers of Jesus Christ and how we care for others.

Course Structure

4 core units + 2 elective units

Core units:

- Old Testament (COT)
- New Testament (CNT)
- Christian Theology (CTC)
- Pastoral Care (CPC)



Choice of two electives:

Up to two different electives will be offered each semester.

Two *additional* elective units can be undertaken to complete an Advanced Certificate.

Certificate Core Units

Introduction to the Old Testament

(COT) • 12 hours class time (50 hours total study time)

Introduction to the Old Testament engages students with an introduction to key themes in the Old Testament: the Creator God of grace and mercy, the Redeemer God who promises forgiveness and hope, the faithful God who speaks through his prophets to give hope of a fresh start with the coming of God's Messiah.

Christian Theology

(CCT) • 12 hours class time (50 hours total study time)

(This unit was previously called Knowing God in 2023.)

Christian Theology will provide students with an introduction to key truths of the Christian faith: the character of God, the person and saving work of Jesus, the Holy Spirit's transforming work in individuals and the church, and the believer's hope which shapes life in the present.

Pastoral Care

(CPC) • 12 hours class time (50 hours total study time)

(This unit was previously called Pastoral Care Skills 1 in 2023.)

Pastoral Care gives students a biblical foundation for pastoral care, as well as providing some practical skills in listening and caring well for others.

Introduction to the New Testament

(CNT) • 12 hours class time (50 hours total study time)

(This unit is not offered being in 2024)

Introduction to the New Testament provides students with an introduction to Jesus: his world, who he showed himself to be, and his mission to reach the world. Reflecting on Jesus and the early church will help students have greater confidence in their faith in today's world.

Certificate Elective Units offered in 2024

Seniors Ministry

(CSM) • 12 hours class time (50 hours total study time)

This unit considers broadly the changing needs, issues, challenges and opportunities of people as they age and the implication of that as they give and receive ministry, their place in the life of the church and appropriate support for those caring for the ageing.

Creative Skills in Ministry

(CCSM) • 12 hours class time (50 hours total study/creative time)

People learn in different ways. For some people the written word and verbal messages communicate effectively. For others, creative expression through art, music and drama speak more powerfully. This subject will look at effective communication of Bible truths through a range of creative mediums and give you practical creative skills to apply to your ministries.

Pastoral Care Skills

(CPCS) • 12 hours class time (50 hours total study/practical time)

(This unit was previously called Pastoral Care Skills 2 in 2023.)

Pastoral Care Skills builds on Pastoral Care to further enhance pastoral listening and other pastoral skills, especially through reflection on the student's use of those skills in order to deepen the student's capacity to care well for others.

2024 MAC Certificate Timetable



SEMESTER 1

Day	Unit Name (And Unit Code)	Lecturer	Times	Lecture Dates *	Withdrawal Dates
Monday	Old Testament (COT)	Rev. Marge Mills	10am-12pm (online only)	Feb 19, 26, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25	8 Mar
Tuesday	Pastoral Care (CPC)	Rev. Di Morgan	10am-12pm (hybrid)	Apr 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, Jun 4	17 May
Tuesday	Seniors Ministry (CSM)	Karen Ray	10am-12pm (online only)	Feb 20, 27, Mar 5, 12, 19, 26	8 Mar

SEMESTER 2

Day	Unit Name (And Unit Code)	Lecturer	Times	Lecture Dates *	Withdrawal Dates
Monday	Creative Skills in Ministry (CCSM)	Rev. Marge Mills	10am-12pm (online only)	Jul 22, 29, Aug 12, 26, Sep 2, 16	16 Aug
Tuesday	Pastoral Care Skills (CPCS)	Karen Ray	10am-12pm (online only)	Jul 23, Aug 6, 20, Sep 3, 17, Oct 15	30 Aug
Wednesday-	Christian Theology (CCT)	Rev. Kate Snell	10am-12pm (hybrid)	Aug 7, 14, 21, Sept 4, 11, 18	30 Aug

2024 MAC CERTIFICATE FEES

MAC Certificate Units	Fee
Unit (12 class hours)	\$425
Audit Unit (12 class hours)	\$180**

*Although Certificate unit lectures are scheduled for the above class dates, your assignments will be spread out over a manageable timeframe.

**Auditing is when you attend the class, but you don't attempt the assignments. Certificate and auditing fees are set at a subsidized rate.