LAIDLAW COLLEGE
TE WHANANGA AMORANGI

PROSPECTUS

STUDY WITH PURPOSE



OUR VISION
TE WAWATA

A world shaped by love, compelled and informed by the Gospel.

OUR MISSION TE WHAKATAKANGA

To equip students and scholars to renew their communities with a faith as intelligent as it is courageous.



WELCOME



Whakaaroaro tataotanga
Whakaaroaro whānui
Whakaaroaro āpōpō
Hai whakaponohia tōu oranga

Think deeply
Think widely
Think about the future
In order to live faithfully

Tēnā koe,

There are two questions that we ask of students who are considering studying at Laidlaw:

How are you growing and deepening your faith to follow Jesus through all of life?

Who are you called to be, and how do you need to prepare yourself to fully answer this call?

Laidlaw College is an extraordinary community of people, shaped by Scripture, and committed to thinking deeply and well about the hope that we have in Jesus. For over a hundred years, we have been preparing people to renew their communities, in Aotearoa and beyond, in light of the Gospel.

We would love to have a conversation with you about whether study at Laidlaw is what God is calling you to.

In His service,

Dr Roshan Allpress
National Principal/CEO



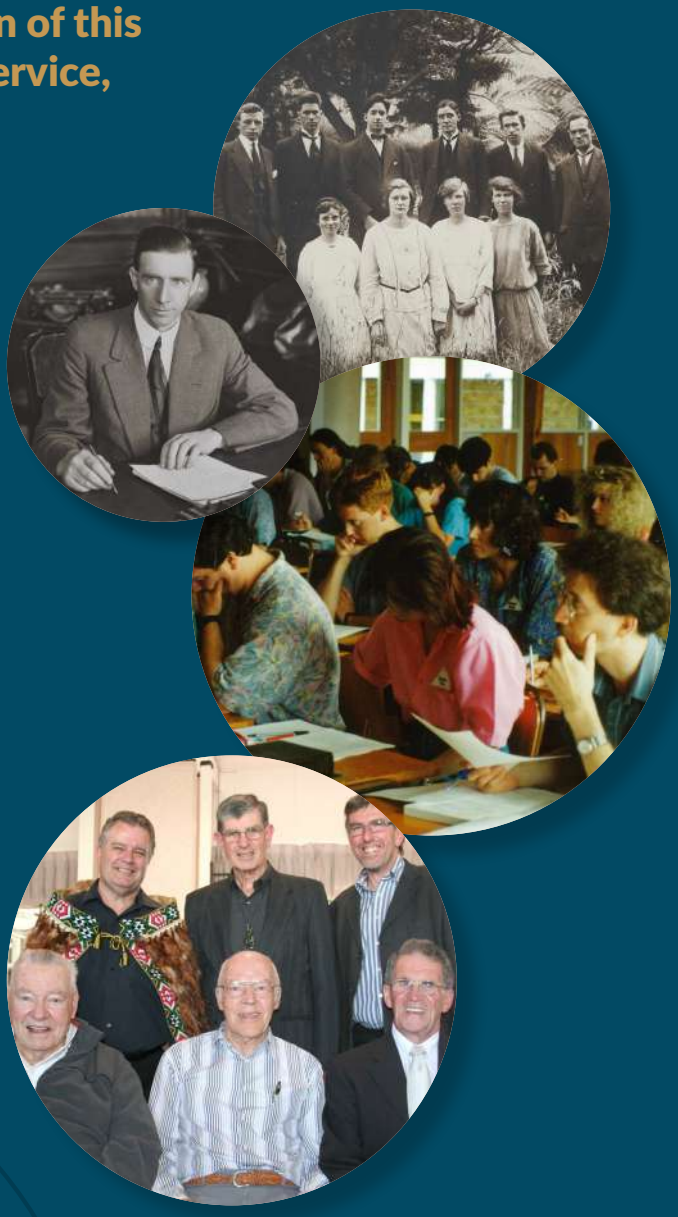
SINCE 1922

holding forth the word of life;

Kia mau pū ki te kupuo te ora;

λογον ζωης επεχοντες

Thousands of women and men have contributed to the life and mission of this College through prayer, faithful service, and generous giving over the last 100 years.



Robert Laidlaw (1885–1971), one of our founders and President of the College for twenty years, is one of these people.

Robert Laidlaw was a businessman, philanthropist, and influential Christian leader. Founder of the Farmers department stores, his faith underpinned his vocation in business. He had wide-ranging influence in churches and communities across Aotearoa New Zealand and around the world. His life story exemplifies what we hope for all our graduates: a deep commitment to the Gospel, an intelligent and integrated faith grounded in the Bible, and lifelong engagement with the task of renewing the world.

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THE STORY YOU'RE JOINING

Since 1922 Laidlaw College has been equipping leaders for Church and Society.

We offer practical and formational training for pastors and ministers, and prepare people for leadership in every sphere of society. We train teachers and counsellors and equip others for a wide variety of work with people. We welcome you to integrate your faith with your vocation as you study and pursue God's call.

Our graduates have gone on to serve as entrepreneurs, humanitarian aid workers, Members of Parliament, social workers, conservationists, teachers, counsellors, ministers, pastors, and in countless other roles.



Laidlaw is a Category 1 NZQA accredited tertiary educational institution. We are New Zealand's largest Christian higher education college, and serve churches across the denominational spectrum.

As an evangelical college, we believe that God has called Christians to work for the renewal of their communities, cultures, economies, and environments – to humbly pursue justice and mercy everywhere.

We teach qualifications from entry-level Certificates and Diplomas, through to Bachelors, Masters, and Doctorates, with key programmes in Theology, Teacher Education, and Counselling. Students study full-time or part-time at one of our campuses in Auckland or Christchurch, through one of our partner colleges or learning hubs, or via distance learning anywhere in the world.

The College brings together people from many cultures, with experiences that are unique, and passions and gifts that are diverse, united by the hope that we have in Jesus.

Come join us.



OUR AFFIRMATIONS

As an interdenominational Christian College, our commitment to the Bible and Gospel mission informs everything that we do.

Our team, programmes, and community affirm:

The Bible is our Story

We are committed to the authority of Scripture, and to wrestling with the story God has given us from Creation to New Creation, that centres on Jesus Christ.

Jesus is our Lord

We are a community continually being transformed by the risen Jesus.

The Church is our Community

As a college drawn from many cultures and churches, we seek to serve the whole Church.

Renewal is our Vocation

We are continually preparing our students to outwork the mission of the Gospel in their particular calling – participating in God's renewal of the world.

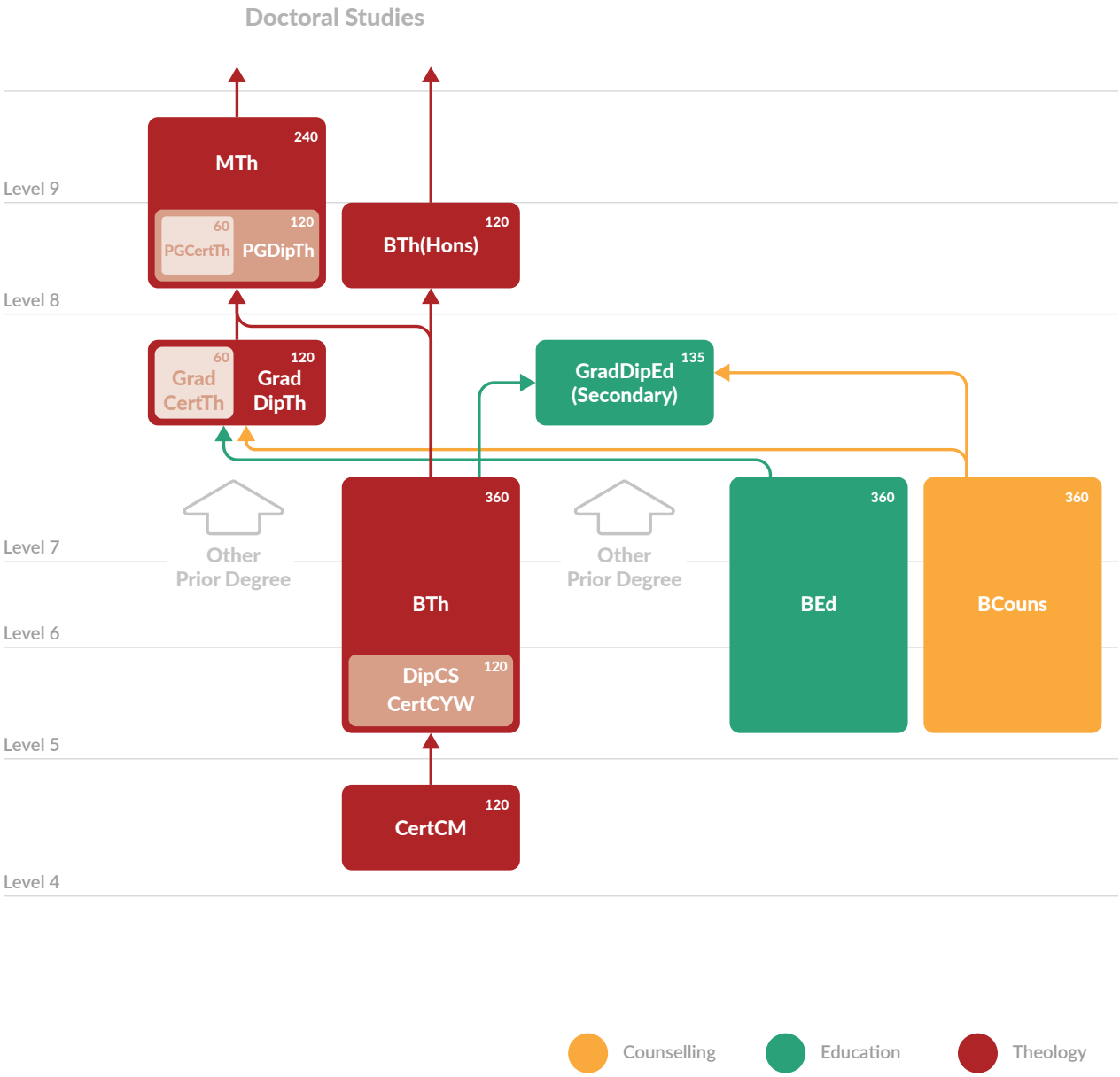
Read more about our Statement of Faith
https://ldlw.nz/sof



“Laidlaw College is a **UNIQUE COMMUNITY** of learning and formation. We are **GOSPEL-CENTRED,** serving across Aotearoa across denominations, cultures,vocations, and contexts. We would love to talk with you about whether God is calling you to join us.”

Dr Roshan Allpress
National Principal

STUDY PATHWAYS



WHAT WE OFFER

LEVEL	QUALIFICATION	CREDITS	DURATION†	INTAKES	SCHOOL	LOCATION
Level 9	Master of Theology MTh	240 120	Full-time for 12-24 months	Feb & Jul	Theology	Henderson Distance Learning
Level 8	Postgraduate Diploma in Theology PGDipTh	120	Full-time for one year	Feb & Jul	Theology	Henderson Distance Learning
	Bachelor of Theology (Honours) BTh(Hons)	120	Full-time for one year	Feb & Jul	Theology	Henderson Distance Learning
	Postgraduate Certificate in Theology PGCertTh	60	Full-time for one semester	Feb & Jul	Theology	Henderson Distance Learning
Level 7	Graduate Diploma in Theology GradDipTh	120	Full-time for one year	Feb & Jul	Theology	Henderson Christchurch Distance Learning
	Graduate Certificate in Theology GradCertTh	60	Full-time for one semester	Feb & Jul	Theology	Henderson Christchurch Distance Learning
	Bachelor of Theology BTh	360	Full-time for three years	Feb & Jul	Theology	Henderson Christchurch Distance Learning Partner Colleges
	Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary) GradDipEd (Secondary)	135	Full-time for one year	Jan	Education	Henderson Christchurch
	Bachelor of Education (Primary) BEd (Primary)	360	Full-time for three years	Feb	Education	Henderson Christchurch
	Bachelor of Counselling BCouns	360	Full-time for three years	Feb & July *	Counselling	Henderson Christchurch
Level 6	Te Pōkairua Reo (Rumaki) (Te Kaupae 6) (Level 6) New Zealand Diploma in Te Reo (Rumaki) (Level 6)	120	Full-time for one year	Feb	Te Wānanga Ihorangi	Henderson
Level 5	Te Pōkairua Reo (Rumaki) (Te Kaupae 5) (Level 5) New Zealand Diploma in Te Reo (Rumaki) (Level 5)	120	Full-time for one year	Feb	Te Wānanga Ihorangi	Henderson
Level 5	New Zealand Certificate in Youth Work	120	Full-time for one year	Feb	Theology	Christchurch
Level 5	New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies DipCS	120	Full-time for one year	Feb & Jul	Theology	Henderson Christchurch Distance Learning Partner Colleges
Level 4	New Zealand Certificate in Christian Ministry ** CertCM	120	Full-time for one year	Feb	Theology	Partner Colleges

† *Part-time options available for most programmes*
* *July intake for the Bachelor of Counselling is part-time only*
** *Not available for International Students*

WHY STUDY AT LAIDLAW?

Committed to the Gospel

At the heart of the Christian faith is the person of Jesus Christ. As revealed in the Bible, he is the fulfilment of God's unfolding work in history to redeem the world. He is the source of knowledge and meaning – the truest example of what it means to be human. We are a College community that seeks to form students to be more like Jesus: in wisdom, character, and in working to see the redemption of the world.

Study at Laidlaw is more than preparation for a job – it is an invitation to read the Bible more richly, to know God, to be transformed by the renewing of your mind, and to live a life of missional engagement.



World-class teaching and research

As a leading Christian teaching and research institution in New Zealand, our teaching is informed by a vibrant research culture, including local and global scholars and practitioners who bring expertise and experience.

Laidlaw graduates are highly sought after in their fields. Our qualifications are fully-accredited through NZQA and are internationally recognised.

Formation for lifelong leadership

Sustaining faithful leadership over the long term is no easy task. Study is one way to ensure that you dig deep wells, so that your faith will last through the dry times we all experience.

Whatever you are called to, spending time to deepen your knowledge of God is an investment that will bear fruit over many years.

Staff who live what they teach

At Laidlaw you will meet lecturers, tutors and others who have spent years gaining wisdom and experience in ministry, professional life, and in their own spiritual walks.

We are privileged to have a world-class teaching team who combine scholarly brilliance, years of practical experience, and a deep and active personal faith.



“Laidlaw has equipped me to

TAKE MY FAITH INTO THE DAY AHEAD OF ME

and to draw from these rich sources.”

Miriam Fisher
MTh Graduate



LAIDLAW COMMUNITY



A supportive and diverse community

Laidlaw College staff and students come from many churches, united by their faith in Christ. We hold strongly to our evangelical faith and encourage students to explore the richness of their own and other church traditions in the light of Scripture and the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in the world. We have a long tradition of bicultural and multicultural engagement, and are committed to this ongoing journey. This includes our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and to developing Māori and Pacific leaders for Aotearoa's contexts.

We are an intergenerational community, inspired by the vision of the new creation in which every nation and language declares the glory of God and kingship of Jesus.

We love the opportunity to gather as a college community, to worship, to have fun, to share a meal together, and to learn from each other. We invite you to participate in what is more than just an educational programme, but a vibrant community where you can develop relationships with other students and staff.

We are committed to supporting the success of students with disabilities and other barriers to tertiary study. Every student at Laidlaw has access to personalised learning support from our dedicated team of specialists.





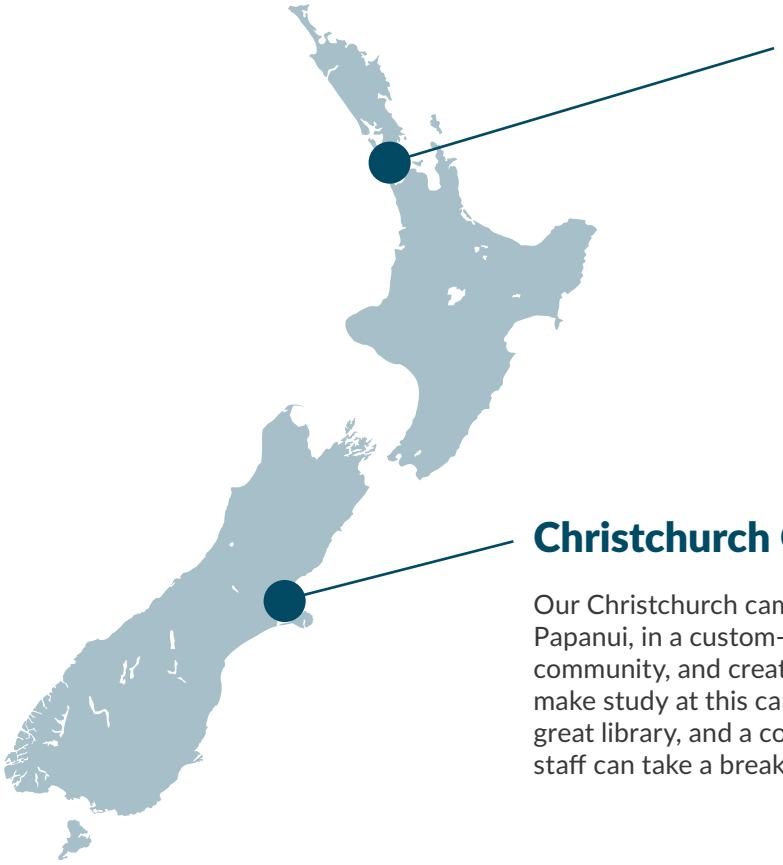
WHERE YOU CAN STUDY

Laidlaw is a national college, with campuses in Auckland and Christchurch, and learning sites across the country, as well as opportunities to study our programmes via distance.

With a range of full-time and part-time options for in-person, online or study through our many partnerships, students can pick a mode of study that suits them, and can mix modes to match their other commitments.

ON CAMPUS STUDY

For those near Auckland or Christchurch, study on one of our campuses offers rich formative community, with opportunities to engage directly with lecturers, support staff and other students, study spaces, community meals and events, extra seminars and lectures, and regular chapels, prayer, and worship.



Auckland Campus

Our Auckland campus is located in the heart of Henderson, adjacent to a transport hub. The Waitākere Ranges and west coast beaches are close by. Students enjoy vibrant community life supported by purpose-built facilities, well-equipped lecture rooms, and an extensive and well-resourced library.

Christchurch Campus

Our Christchurch campus sits in the north western suburb of Papanui, in a custom-designed building that celebrates learning, community, and creativity. The smaller campus and class sizes make study at this campus relationally rich, supported by a great library, and a comfortable lounge where students and staff can take a break or work together in small groups.



DISTANCE LEARNING

For those who cannot easily access our campuses, or who want to study more flexibly, distance learning enrolment allows access to the same materials as on campus students, including choices between joining in live interactive video classes, or studying at your own pace through materials designed for online learning.

BLOCK COURSES, EVENING CLASSES AND SUMMER COURSES

A number of our courses are taught via block course, over summer, or during evenings, allowing students to engage in formative learning cohorts while balancing other commitments.

PARTNER COLLEGES

As an interdenominational college, Laidlaw is committed to working in partnership with colleges, churches, non-profits and local communities, to provide a diverse ecosystem of learning where particular denominational and other distinctives can flourish, and where students can access learning that draws on both Laidlaw's nationwide faculty and support, and the particular strengths of our partners.

We have a range of partnerships with other providers to enhance the range of programmes that we can offer, providing pathways for specialist courses, especially for postgraduate students and researchers.

STUDY FOR INTEREST

For those who do not wish to pursue a qualification, and who would like to attend lectures and learn content without examination or assessment, there are many opportunities to access Laidlaw's courses as an interest-only student.

HOW YOU CAN STUDY

Along with flexible learning locations, we also offer flexible study opportunities. You may want to study just for interest, gaining skills to help you navigate your faith in our cultural context, or going deeper into certain topics of interest. Or you may prefer to study for credit, enrolling in a programme and working towards a qualification.

Any of our theology courses can be taken as interest only courses. From time to time we hold workshops, Wānangas, and invite you to kōrero or talanoa with us.

Conferences are another way we invite you to join us. These are opportunities to delve into a wide range of topics, hosted by faculty across our Theology, Counselling, and Teacher Education programmes.

You can also choose to study full time or part time, on campus or online.

STUDY FOR INTEREST

Come and enjoy the class

Get access to all course resources

STUDY FOR CREDIT

Come and enjoy the class

Get access to all course resources

Work towards a qualification





WHAT YOU CAN STUDY

Bible and Theology

Studying theology is about seeking wisdom to live faithfully in the world. Theological study at Laidlaw builds on our strengths in biblical study, systematic theology and formation, and is ideal for those who are seeking to deepen and integrate their faith into every area of life, as well as those preparing for professional Christian ministry.

Mission and Ministry

Laidlaw College was founded on the idea of Christian mission, and continues to focus on the clear, compelling, and faithful communication of the Good News of Jesus Christ for the world. Modern mission studies now incorporate intercultural studies and missional theology, preparing and equipping students for this third millennium. All our theology programmes integrate the realities of our bicultural context as we seek to explore, learn, and live out the Gospel in Aotearoa.

Christian Thought and History

We see the Gospel as relevant to every walk of life, and offer courses in Māori and Indigenous theology, Pacific Theology, Christian History – with a focus on the history of Aotearoa New Zealand – and courses that prepare students to think about their faith in their vocational contexts.

Christian Leadership

Our Christian leadership programmes are designed to combine practical experience in mission and ministry with theological study and formation. Students are mentored by established leaders, and serve in church or ministry contexts, while studying in preparation for lifelong leadership in church, cross-cultural mission, or communities.

Teacher Education

Our teacher education programmes provide fully-accredited preparation for teaching in primary, intermediate, and secondary schools. Uniquely in New Zealand, our courses are taught by experienced teacher-educators and by theologians, who will help you ground your professional practice in the Gospel of faith, hope, and love, and to engage with children and youth as people made in the image of God.

Counselling

Our counselling programme prepares students to serve others through healing hearts, minds, and relationships. Christian thought and practice is integrated throughout the programme, with a uniquely immersive mix of classroom, practicum, group, and mentored learning. This qualification is for those who want to build a career in counselling, or those who want to develop lifelong skills for working with people.

Youth Work

Youth work studies at Laidlaw prepare students to engage meaningfully with young people in Aotearoa. Our programmes weave together theology, youth development, and bicultural practice, grounding students in Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the diverse cultural realities of taiohi. Students learn to walk alongside young people in ways that uphold their mana, foster hauora, and support thriving in schools, whānau, churches, and community settings. Study in youth work is ideal for those seeking to serve in community, faith-based, or educational environments, and for anyone passionate about seeing young people flourish.



“My journey since Laidlaw has been such an experience for me, one that will continue to help mould who I am, and who I am becoming.

IT’S ALSO MADE ME REALISE THE PERSON THAT I AM, AND HOW MUCH GOD IS ON MY SIDE.”

Theresa Iloahefaiva
Bachelor of Counselling Graduate



OUR PROGRAMMES AT LAIDLAW

Our programmes aim to give students a deeper appreciation of the Gospel and Scripture, and to learn to think and act imaginatively, critically, faithfully, and practically in the everyday world. Our students will continue to be formed in their Christian faith, and be able to connect their faith to their own lives, and the lives of those around them.

Whether you embark on a journey through Theology, Counselling, or Education you will be shaped, challenged, and changed as you take faith in action to the next level.



ICON KEY

- 00 LEVEL
- 00 CREDITS
- 00 NUMBER OF YEARS
- DISTANCE LEARNING
- ON CAMPUS

COUNSELLING

"Not only do you discover who you are as a person and discover things about yourself,

BUT IT ALSO OPENS YOUR EYES TO THE LIVES OF OTHERS AND HOW YOU CAN COME ALONGSIDE THEM WITH EMPATHY AND COMPASSION."

Trinity | Bachelor of Counselling Graduate

If you are called to serve others through healing hearts, minds, and relationships, Laidlaw's Counselling programme offers a uniquely integrated approach to counselling.

LAIDLAW COUNSELLING



Career Opportunities

PERSONAL COUNSELLING Private Practice
Schools Family and Health Support Roles
Community development
Workplace Assistance and Chaplaincy
Christian Pastoral Work **Church Work**
SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES
Innovative Postgraduate Research

BACHELOR OF COUNSELLING (BCouns)

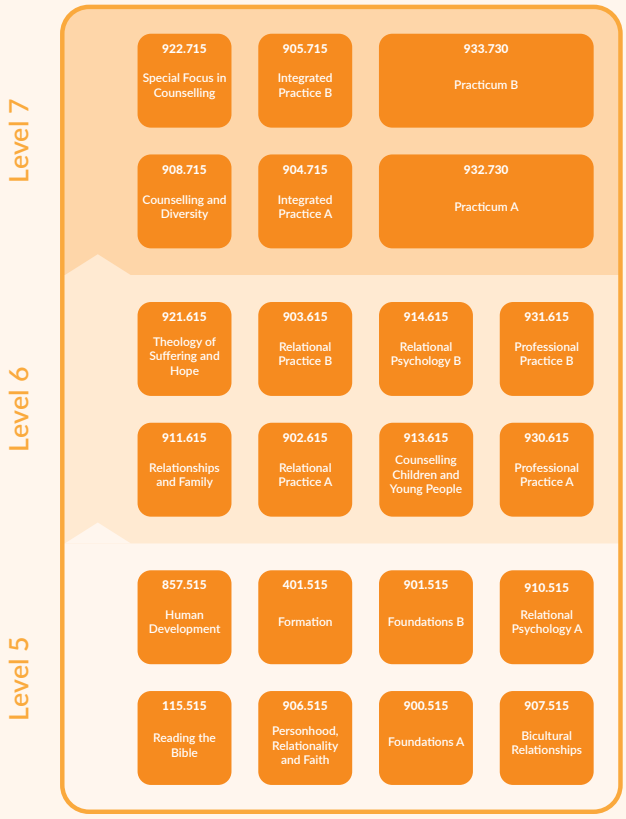
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The Bachelor of Counselling is a three-year degree designed for students who want to integrate Christian faith with a range of sound, well-established counselling theories, and practical skills. This degree prepares you to become a registered counsellor with either the NZ Association of Counsellors or the NZ Christian Counsellors Association. It has a common core of biblical, theological, and philosophical studies which provides a foundation for a deep appreciation of the Scriptures, and the outworking of the Gospel in life and professional practice.

Much of the learning happens in personal counselling and in group process, in which all students participate each semester. It is in these groups that deep and enduring formation takes place. The BCouns is for those who want to build a career in counselling, or those who want to develop lifelong skills for working with people.

INDICATIVE STUDY PATHWAYS
Counselling

BCouns



Counselling

Laidlaw's Bachelor of Counselling has been preparing people to serve the community and the Church for over 20 years. The School of Counselling draws together this legacy of Christian thought and practice with contemporary counselling theory and practice to prepare students for work as professional counsellors or across the social services sectors.

The programme is concerned with personal, community and social renewal. Grounded in the Gospel, it helps students develop capacity to encounter one another in honest relationships, to assist people to overcome problems, and to grow the skills to serve their communities and wider society as professional counsellors.

Compulsory 15-credit Course 30-credit Course

“OUR COUNSELLING PROGRAMME BLENDS THEORY AND EXPERTISE WITH CHRISTIAN FAITH, FORMING COMPASSIONATE, COMPETENT, AND ETHICAL PRACTITIONERS.



I love seeing students grow in self-awareness with the ability to walk alongside others in healing. We value both academic excellence and relational depth, creating a learning community where people are deeply known and shaped.”

Lisa Spriggens | Head of Counselling

- LEARN IN A HIGHLY RELATIONAL AND SUPPORTIVE CONTEXT
- THEOLOGICAL INTEGRATION THROUGHOUT
- AN IMMERSIVE FORMATIVE JOURNEY WITH GOD, SELF, AND OTHERS
- A FOCUS ON NARRATIVE AND PERSON-CENTRED COUNSELLING

Counselling

Scan the QR code to explore course info and study options.
ldlw.nz/counselling

COUNSELLING

Admission Requirements

General Admission Requirements

- University Entrance
- NCEA Level 3
- 14 credits at Level 3 in each of the three approved subjects
- 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing.
- 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, made up of:
  - Co-requisite Level 1 Numeracy unit standard 32406
  or
  - Te Pāngarau unit standard 32412,
  or
  - certain achievement standards.

NCEA Equivalence can include:
University Entrance, A or B Bursary
Overseas equivalent qualifications, including IB and CIE, or HSC (Australia)
Other NZQA Level 3 certificates in relevant disciplines
Evidence of level of academic achievement or a portfolio of work for homeschooled students*
Reference/support/documentation from employer
NB. All equivalences must be documented.
**The applicant may need to sit assessment for entry.*

Minimum Age

BCouns applicants

All BCouns applicants must be at least 20 years of age on or before the first day of semester in which the proposed programme of study is offered.

Entry Assessment

For applicants who do not meet the above requirements, an Entry Assessment may be required.

- Includes a literacy test.
- Dates for assessment will be advised.

Special Admission

Possible study options can arise depending on the assessment result:

- Entry to Bachelor of Counselling (if appropriate).
- An offer of entry to a level 5 programme.

Professional References

Applicants are required to submit written references from two referees. Referees should not be a close friend or relation and should be able to answer questions about the applicant in a ministry and/or professional capacity.

Selection Interview

All applicants who have successfully completed the first stage of the application process will be provisionally accepted into the programme and invited to attend a group interview and, if required, a further interview by a panel of two selectors.

Police Clearance

It is a condition of enrolment that students complete a Police Vetting Service Request and Consent form as part of their application.

Please see the Laidlaw College website for full admissions requirements including requirements for transitioning into the second year of the BCouns:
www.laidlaw.ac.nz/admission-requirements



“THE COURSE WAS BRILLIANT, BUT THE MOST IMPACTFUL THING PERSONALLY WAS THAT THE PEOPLE AT LAIDLAW BELIEVED IN ME, AND SO I CAME TO BELIEVE IN MYSELF TOO.”

Letitia | Bachelor of Counselling Graduate

EDUCATION

“HERE AT LAIDLAW, WE ARE MOTIVATED TO PREPARE TEACHERS TO FLOURISH IN NEW ZEALAND’S COMPLEX, EVOLVING AND EXCITING EDUCATIONAL LANDSCAPE.

Our programmes ground students in theory and practice, and provide students with a professional learning community that focuses on deep formational learning.”

Rebecca Gibson | Education Lecturer

Laidlaw's Education programmes prepare teachers to integrate their faith and calling in classrooms across Aotearoa New Zealand.

Influence and form the next generation. Be inspired by collaborative and supportive relationships, theology, and innovative teaching practice.

LAIDLAW
EDUCATION



Career Opportunities

PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER Tutor
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL TEACHER
Children's Ministry Worker
SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHER
Community Education Home Educator
Early Childhood Education

Bachelor of Education (Primary) (BEd)

Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary) (GradDipEd)

INDICATIVE STUDY PATHWAYS
Education

GradDipEd (Secondary)



Become a Secondary School Teacher

The Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary) qualifies students to register as teachers in New Zealand intermediate, middle and secondary schools, in public, integrated, and private schools. The Graduate Diploma builds on the subject expertise gained in a previous Bachelor's degree or equivalent, drawing on a richly integrated theology, and including at least 16 weeks in schools on professional placements.

BEd



Become a Primary School Teacher

Laidlaw's Bachelor of Education (Primary) provides a deeply formative pathway to becoming a registered primary teacher in Aotearoa, immersed in Aotearoa's unique cultures, and involving a mix of on-campus learning in Auckland or Christchurch, and professional placement in schools or centres. The programme is richly integrated with the Bible and Christian theology, and aims to produce inspiring, creative and curious primary school teachers serving the next generation.

Compulsory 15-credit Course 30-credit Course

“TEACHING FUTURE TEACHERS AT LAIDLAW IS A JOY AND A PRIVILEGE.

We integrate our commitment to forming teachers who are thoroughly academic, professionally equipped for the rigours of education, and who understand the context, challenges, gifts, and particularities of Aotearoa and its learners. We empower our graduates to deliver education with hope as its vision, to act with integrity, and to see and celebrate every learner as imago dei, carrying the image of God.”

Miriam Fisher | Lecturer in Education and Theology



- INITIAL TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMMES TO BECOME A REGISTERED TEACHER
- THEOLOGICAL INTEGRATION THROUGHOUT
- A STRONG COMMITMENT TO NZ’S UNIQUE CULTURAL CONTEXTS
- IMMERSIVE CLASSROOM LEARNING AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN SCHOOLS

Education

Scan the QR code to explore course info and study options.
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EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (PRIMARY) (BEd)

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The Bachelor of Education (Primary) is a Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand approved three-year professional degree preparing students for primary teaching (Years 0-10) in New Zealand. Graduates are eligible for registration and can teach at primary, or intermediate level in state-integrated and private schools throughout New Zealand and around the world.

The degree combines theory and practice in dynamic, interactive on-campus learning environments and includes over 24 weeks of school-based practice. Students think vocationally about teaching and have opportunities to reflect theologically on their practice throughout the degree.



Admission Requirements

General Admission Requirements

To gain entry to the Bachelor of Education (Primary) programme, applicants must have:

- University Entrance (UE)
- NCEA Level 3
- 14 credits at Level 3 in each of the three approved subjects
- 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing.
- 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, made up of:
  - Co-requisite Level 1 Numeracy unit standard 32406
  or
  - Te Pāngarau unit standard 32412,
  or
  - certain achievement standards.

Applicants 20 years of age and over without UE must be able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of Laidlaw College that they have the ability to study at a tertiary level.

Applicants under 20 years of age must hold UE or a recognised equivalent such as the International Baccalaureate or Cambridge International, or be able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the provider that they have the skills and ability to study at a tertiary level.

All applicants must also successfully pass the literacy and numeracy entrance test (LNAAT) as detailed below.

UE Equivalence can include:
University Entrance, A or B Bursary
Overseas equivalent qualifications, including IB and CIE.
Other NZQA Level 3 certificates in similar disciplines to Laidlaw programmes
Other NZQA Level 4 certificates in a different discipline.
Evidence of level of academic achievement or a portfolio of work for homeschooled students

Reference/support/documentation from employer
Portfolio of work evidencing contribution to a relevant field
NB. All equivalences must be documented.

Numeracy and Literacy Testing

All applicants for the Bachelor of Education (Primary) are required to undergo a literacy and numeracy assessment.

- Candidates must score step 4 in the TEC literacy (reading and writing) assessment to enter the programme.
- Candidates must score step 6 in the numeracy assessment component of the Literacy and Numeracy for Adults Assessment Tool (LNAAT) developed by the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) to enter the programme (a score between 690 and 800, at minimum), which is a score designated as equivalent to NCEA Level 2 mathematics. NCEA Level 2 achievement in mathematics does not exempt candidates from also achieving the required level on the LNAAT. This is a requirement set by the Teaching Council of Aotearoa New Zealand to demonstrate mathematics competency.

Special Admission Requirements

For applicants who do not meet the requirements, possible study options can arise depending on the assessment and interview result:

- An offer of entry to an alternative level 5 programme.

Professional References

Applicants are required to submit written references from two referees. Referees should not be a close friend or relation and should be able to answer questions about the applicant in a ministry and/or professional capacity.

Selection Interview

All applicants are required to have a visual interview by panel. The interview determines:

- The applicant's ability to meet the Code of Professional Responsibility (in a supported environment).
- The applicant's disposition to teach, through judging their ability to meet the values that underpin Our Code Our Standards.
- Vulnerable Children Act risk assessment (interview component) AND
- Other relevant matters

Police Clearance

All applicants must complete a Police Vetting Service Request and Consent form as part of their application. All international applicants for the BEd must provide a police clearance certificate from their country of citizenship **AND** for any country in which they have lived for more than a 12 month period in the last 10 years. This overseas police clearance should be less than 6 months old and be presented at the time of application. This is to meet the requirements of the Vulnerable Children Act 2014.

Charged with an offence

Any Laidlaw College student teacher charged with an offence must disclose the charge in writing to the Head of School - Education within 3 working days.

Please see the Laidlaw College website for full admissions and English Language Test requirements:
www.laidlaw.ac.nz/admission-requirements

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION (SECONDARY) (GradDipEd)

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The Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary) is a one-year professional graduate diploma (level 7) and prepares graduates to meet the Code and Standards for the Teaching Profession. You will develop a robust understanding of secondary teaching and learning, reflection, and research as a teacher. The delivery of the degree is site-based with modes: face-to-face delivery, blended learning, and practicum. This qualification will suit people who are excited by the idea of working alongside teenaged students, who show a disposition to teach, and already have a Bachelor's degree qualification or higher.

Admission Requirements

General Admission Requirements

The normal requirement for admission requires applicants to show evidence they have:

- An appropriate Bachelor's degree at Level 7 on the New Zealand Qualifications and Credentials Framework and/or postgraduate qualification, **AND**
- A body of knowledge from Levels 5 to 7 or higher in support of New Zealand Curriculum learning areas for at least one Year 7-10 teaching subject/s and at least one Year 11-13 teaching subject/s, **OR**
- For language teaching: native or fluent reading, writing, speaking, and listening in the language.

Entrance Test Requirements

All applicants are required to have a selection interview and sit an entrance test that focuses on literacy and numeracy skills.

Candidates must score step 4 (or equivalent) in the TEC literacy (reading and writing) test and step 5 in the TEC numeracy test for full entry into the course.

Professional References

Applicants are required to submit written references from two referees. Referees should not be a close friend or relation and should be able to answer questions about the applicant in a ministry and/or professional capacity.

Selection Interview

All applicants are required to have a visual interview by panel.

Police Clearance

All applicants must complete a Police Vetting Service Request and Consent form as part of their application. All international applicants for the GradDipEd must provide a police clearance certificate from their country of citizenship **AND** for any country in which they have lived for more than a 12 month period in the last 10 years. This overseas police clearance should be less than 6 months old and be presented at the time of application. This is to meet the requirements of the Vulnerable Children Act 2014.

Please see the Laidlaw College website for full admissions and English Language Test requirements:
www.laidlaw.ac.nz/admission-requirements

“IN THE END YOU WILL WALK OUT REALISING THE IMPACT YOU WILL HAVE ON EACH ĀKONGA, THEIR WHĀNAU AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY.”

Bernadette | Laidlaw Education Graduate



“IT WAS FORMATIVE. MY LOVE FOR GOD AND MY UNDERSTANDING ABOUT WHO HE IS, DEEPENED.

And I can’t wait to continue exploring.”

Isaac | Theology Graduate

“THE CENTRAL BASIS OF CHRISTIAN ASSURANCE IS NOT HOW MUCH OUR HEARTS ARE SET ON GOD, BUT HOW UNSHAKABLY HIS HEART IS SET ON US.”

Dr Timothy Keller | Theologian

LAIDLAW THEOLOGY

Discovering the joy set before us, explained to us through Scripture, and exampled by Jesus, is one of the greatest adventures of life.

Uncover identity-shifting truths, wrestle with the practical, contextual, cultural, and spiritual outcomes of these, and gain skills in understanding Scripture and sharing it with others. Studying the Bible in all its richness is a formational experience at Laidlaw.

We offer programmes from certificate through to postgraduate level. You can choose to take them on campus, or by distance, full time, or even just one course at a time.

Take a look at some of the areas we cover across our offerings, and start your adventure!

We look forward to journeying with you.

THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

BIBLICAL STUDIES

MINISTRY & CHURCH LEADERSHIP

YOUTH WORK

MISSIONS & CULTURAL STUDIES

THE GOSPEL IN AOTEAROA

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

POSTGRADUATE STUDY & RESEARCH

THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY | PRACTICAL THEOLOGY | CONTEXTUAL THEOLOGY | CHRISTIAN HISTORY

25+ Systematic Theology courses
20+ Christian History courses
75+ Practical Theology courses
30+ Contextual Theology courses
35+ Postgraduate Theology courses

Know God's truth, deepen your faith, live with conviction. Explore the depths of theology, and know why you believe what you believe.

Whether you're seeking to enrich your personal journey or prepare for ministry, Theology at Laidlaw offers you the tools to engage with Scripture, church history, and contemporary life.

Grow in wisdom, deepen your relationship with God, strengthen your convictions, and make a lasting impact in your community and beyond. Study with a faculty who worship Jesus, honour the Bible, love the Church, and work for the renewal of community, with a faith that thinks, loves, and transforms.



“I’VE LOVED STUDYING THEOLOGY.

My favourite course was Systematic Theology, which enabled me to dig deep into my faith. Learning about the dance of the Trinity helped me understand the depth of God’s love and his salvation.”

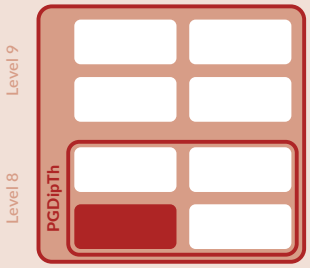
Jeena | Theology Graduate

INDICATIVE STUDY PATHWAYS

Theological Studies

MTh

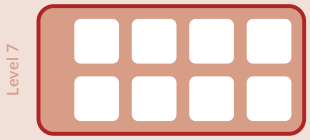
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Postgraduate Study and Research

- **Study with world-class faculty, with the broadest range of theological expertise in Aotearoa**
- **35+ Postgraduate Theology courses offered on rotation**
- **Options to integrate theology study and research with your vocation and practice**

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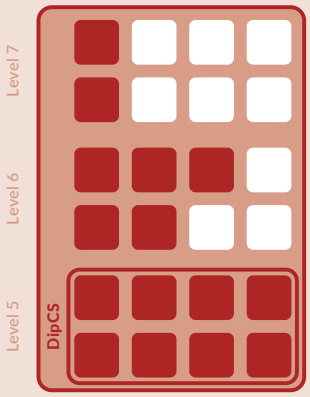


Graduate Studies in Theology and History

- **More than 100 courses to choose from across all fields of Theology, and Christian History**
- **Create your own mix of core theology and other courses**
- **Deepen your faith, and open a pathway to postgraduate study**

BTh

DipCS

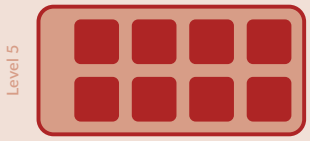


Christian Thought and History Specialisation

The Christian Thought and History specialisation provides students with a track through the degree that:

- **Is Christ-centred, Biblically-grounded, and critically engaged with culture**
- **Introduces students to key areas of theology, ensuring a strong grounding in how to think theologically about all of life**
- **Is taught by a world-class faculty covering the disciplines of theology who model what they teach**

DipCS(TS)



Get Started with a Diploma

If you are wanting to start out in theology, or deepen your faith through study, the Theological Studies strand in the Diploma of Christian Studies provides a rich set of courses to ground you in Scripture, Theology, Formation, History, and Mission.

Interest Only

Study Flexibly for Interest

Laidlaw courses are offered on campus, via distance learning, and at times in block courses – maximising accessibility.

If you just want to study Theology without signing up for a formal programme of study, individual courses can be taken for interest.

Compulsory | Compulsory for Specialisation | Elective | 15-credit Course | 30-credit Course

“TEACHING SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY AT LAIDLAW IS A HUGE JOY FOR ME,



because it so clearly displays how real theology makes a real difference in the real world. More than just theoretical ideas, students at Laidlaw explore Scripturally grounded truth, they apply it within their own context and culture, and this leads to transformative growth both for them and their communities. It is an immense privilege to see God at work in every aspect of people’s lives as they are increasingly transformed through the renewing of their minds.”

Dr Gregory Liston | Lecturer in Systematic Theology

- FIT STUDY INTO YOUR LIFE WITH FLEXIBLE OPTIONS
- EXPERIENCED FACULTY WITH REAL-WORLD EXPERTISE
- CUSTOMISE YOUR STUDY PLAN TO SUIT YOUR INTERESTS
- GROW IN WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE

THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Bachelor of Theology
Theological Studies

Scan the QR code to explore course info and study options.

BIBLICAL STUDIES

BIBLICAL THEOLOGY | BIBLICAL LANGUAGES
OLD TESTAMENT | NEW TESTAMENT

10+ Old Testament courses
10+ New Testament courses
10+ Greek and Hebrew courses
30+ Postgraduate Biblical courses

The Bible is more than a book—it's a wellspring of wisdom, guidance, and truth. By exploring its depths, you'll uncover life-changing insights, strengthen your faith, and grow closer to God. Don't just read the Word—immerse yourself in it, and let it transform your life.

At Laidlaw College we hold to the authority of Scripture, believing that "*all Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that [we] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work*" (2 Tim 3:16-17).

Discover the richness of Biblical Studies and see Scripture come alive. Deepen your understanding, strengthen your faith, and learn how to apply God's Word in real life. Whether for ministry or personal growth, this journey will equip you with wisdom that transforms.

Start exploring today!



"My time at Laidlaw has been such a formational time for me.

I LOVE THE SAYING ABOUT 'DIGGING DEEPER WELLS".

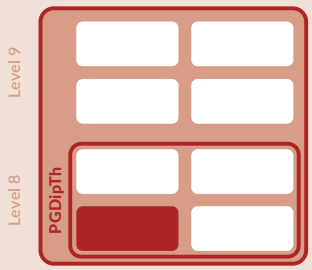
Suzie | Theology Student

INDICATIVE STUDY PATHWAYS

Biblical Studies

MTh

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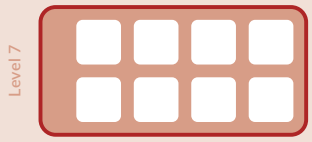


Postgraduate Research and Professional

Aotearoa needs leaders and scholars who are going deep into Scripture and applying it to every area of life. Whether you have a burning question to wrestle with, or want to grow as a Christian leader, studying the Bible at postgraduate level will help you grow and bless others.

- **30+ postgraduate Biblical Studies courses offered on rotation**
- **Research and advanced praxis courses**
- **Supported pathways and world-class supervisors**

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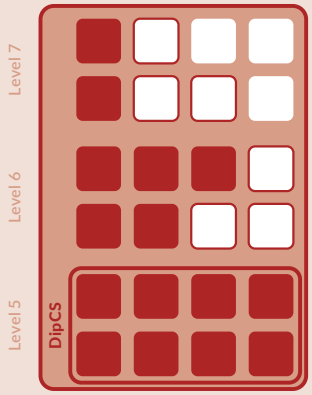
Graduate Studies in the Bible

For those with a prior degree or significant leadership experience, deepening your Biblical imagination is vital to resourcing long term leadership and ministry.

We recommend combining courses from our core Biblical Studies courses (such as Reading the Bible and Interpreting the Bible) with over 20 elective undergraduate courses.

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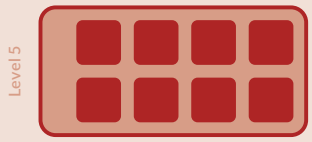


Biblical Studies Degree Specialisation

For those who want to prepare themselves for lifelong ministry or go deep into Scripture, the Biblical Studies specialisation in our Bachelor of Theology builds on the core of the degree to ground you in:

- **The whole story of Scripture and how to interpret it well**
- **Faithful exegesis, Biblical languages, and focused studies on Biblical books and themes**
- **How to preach and apply the Bible to all of life**

DipCS(TS)



Ground Yourself Well in the Bible with a Diploma

The Diploma of Christian Studies (Theological Studies) is a great foundation for Christian living and leadership – with courses in Bible, Theology, Leadership, Mission and History. Three courses in particular focus on Scripture:

- **Reading the Bible**
- **Reading the Old Testament**
- **Reading the New Testament**

The one-year full-time (with part-time options) Diploma can be credited as the first year of our Bachelor of Theology.

Interest Only

Study Flexibly for Interest

Laidlaw courses are offered on campus, via distance learning, and at times in block courses – maximising accessibility.

If you just want to dive into the Bible without signing up for a formal programme of study, individual courses can be taken for interest.

Compulsory | Compulsory for Specialisation | Elective | 15-credit Course | 30-credit Course



“TEACHING NEW TESTAMENT IS A REAL JOY BECAUSE WE GET TO EXPLORE AND TO CELEBRATE THE WONDERFUL GOOD NEWS THAT GOD is saving and renewing humanity through Christ’s death and resurrection and the transforming work of the Spirit. Our students are dedicated, with a genuine desire to honour God through studying and obeying the Scriptures. Laidlaw’s commitment to rigorous biblical study and contextual relevance sets the stage for faithful interpretation and practice.”

Dr Phillip Porter | Lecturer in Theology (New Testament)

- VIEW THE WHOLE STORY OF SCRIPTURE
- EXPERIENCED FACULTY WITH REAL-WORLD EXPERTISE
- APPLY THE BIBLE TO ALL OF LIFE
- GROW IN WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE

BIBLICAL STUDIES

Biblical Studies degree specialisation

Scan the QR code to explore course info and study options.

MINISTRY AND CHURCH LEADERSHIP

INTERNSHIPS | PASTORAL CARE | SPIRITUAL FORMATION | DISCIPLESHIP | YOUTH, YOUNG ADULTS, CHILDREN & FAMILIES | SUPERVISION | COACHING

25+ Church Leadership courses

Opportunities for practical and internship learning throughout

10+ Intergenerational Ministry courses

Integrated spiritual formation and discipleship throughout

10+ Postgraduate courses

Ministry is a calling that requires more than just passion—it demands wisdom, integrity, and skill. Become a safe, faithful, and effective leader who can rightly handle Scripture, navigate complex pastoral challenges, and serve with both conviction and compassion.

At Laidlaw College, we equip ministry leaders with a strong biblical and theological foundation, pastoral and social-scientific insights, and practical skills to lead with confidence and care. Don't just step into ministry—be prepared for it.

Through hands-on experience, expert mentorship, and a holistic approach to faith and leadership, you'll gain the wisdom, character, and practical tools needed to serve and lead with confidence. Whether you're called to pastoral ministry, community engagement, or mission work, this is your opportunity to be shaped for a lifetime of faithful service.



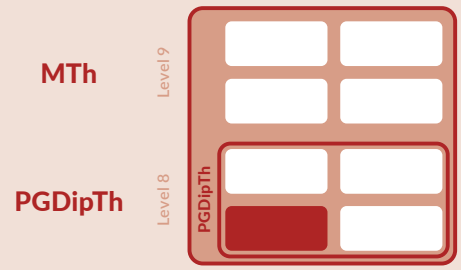
“I TRULY BELIEVE IT’S THE PRE-EMINENT THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION IN NEW ZEALAND.

It’s the breadth of study, of knowledge, the way the staff require you to think. They don’t spoon feed you. They want you to think critically, thoughtfully, prayerfully. You’re given options and required to construct a frame for yourself.”

Stephen Mataia | Theology Graduate

INDICATIVE STUDY PATHWAYS

Ministry and Church Leadership



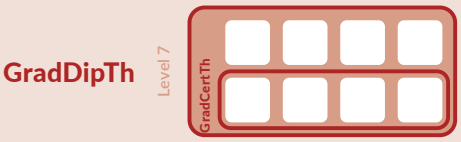
Experienced Leaders Looking to Grow Professionally and Theologically

We have a wide range of options for leaders who want to keep growing, be refreshed, or pursue a particular path of development.

Options include mixing general courses from our undergraduate and postgraduate suite – all our courses emphasise both deep learning and practical application.

Alternatively, you could choose to focus in on a particular area of professional development, such as our PGCertTh in Ministry Supervision, or focused course selections in spiritual formation, ministry practice, advanced Biblical Studies, etc.

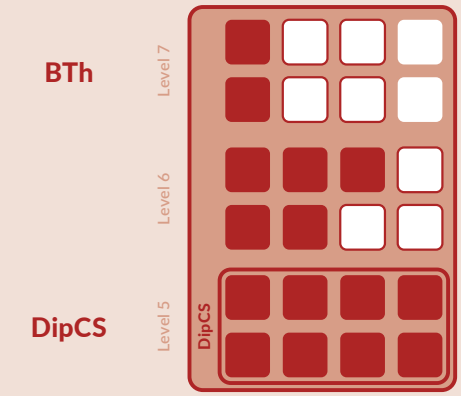
We also offer a range of research pathways. If you have a burning question, want to grow in your own capacity to address key Gospel concerns, or prepare yourself as a scholar and teacher, our research courses and faculty provide a highly supportive environment to pursue research from graduate level through to doctorates.



Stepping into Church Leadership or Governance, or Looking to Grow while Leading

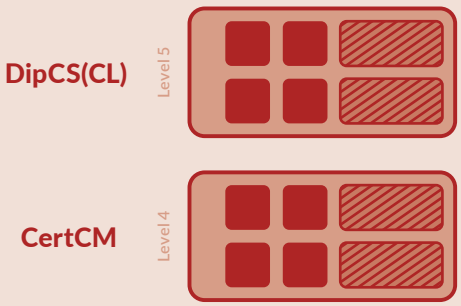
Aotearoa needs church leaders and volunteers who are continually growing in their faith, their theology and discernment, and who are developing their character and professional skills. Our graduate and postgraduate suite of programmes offer a flexible set of options for full or part-time study – highly recommended for those who are entering into any aspect of church as mature adults, or those who are already leading and are looking to upskill.

Courses available within these programmes range across our entire Theology suite – from Biblical courses to courses on church management, from personal formation to intergenerational or intercultural ministry.



Pastoral Leadership Degree Specialisation

Our three-year Bachelor of Theology is the ideal preparation for lifelong ministry. While the degree is extremely flexible and can accommodate a variety of interests and callings, taking the Pastoral Leadership specialisation ensures a balanced focus on Biblical and Theological foundations, personal formation, and practical preparation for the many facets of lifelong ministry.



Starting Out or Exploring Church Leadership

The Diploma of Christian Studies (Christian Leadership) is a practical, formative year. Four key taught courses in Bible, Theology, Formation, and Christian Leadership and Mission, are completed alongside immersive ministry experience. Students are mentored and supported, and in many cases have opportunities to learn in cohorts.

The one-year full-time (with part-time options) Diploma can be credited as the first year of our Bachelor of Theology.

We also offer a Level 4 Certificate in Christian Ministry – Internship (CertCM) in some contexts, which provides an entry-level programme for those who want a supported step into tertiary study, and who are exploring Christian ministry or want to ground themselves well. The CertCM also has a focus on Bible, Theology, Formation, and Mission, and a strong practical component where students gain credit for learning while working in a ministry context.

Compulsory | Internship | Compulsory for Specialisation | Elective | 15-credit Course | 30-credit Course



“WE’RE EQUIPPING PEOPLE TO SERVE WITH WISDOM, HUMILITY, AND COURAGE.

Laidlaw doesn’t offer cookie-cutter leadership—we cultivate formation, theological depth, and cultural awareness. Our students grow in character as well as competency, preparing to shepherd communities faithfully in a changing world.”

Rev. Dr Maja Whitaker | Academic Dean and Lecturer in Theology

- DEVELOP PRACTICAL & PASTORAL SKILLS
- GET REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE
- STUDY WHILE YOU WORK
- LEARN FROM EXPERIENCED PRACTITIONERS

Ministry and Church Leadership degree specialisation

Scan the QR code to explore course info and study options.

MINISTRY & CHURCH LEADERSHIP

LAIDLAW
Centre for
Church Leadership

Healthy leaders cultivate healthy churches: Supporting hauora of church leaders in Aotearoa.

Laidlaw Centre for Church Leadership exists to bless, love, and serve the Church of Aotearoa New Zealand by coming alongside her leaders with the tools, support, and guidance they need to flourish.

Stay connected

Email us at cfcl@laidlaw.ac.nz
Follow us at @centreforchurchleadership

For more information on all of the above, go to centreforchurchleadership.nz



How We Serve the Church

Coaching for Church Leaders	A focused, sustained, purposeful engagement aimed at the holistic development of leaders and the churches they serve.
Resources for church health and discipleship	Cultivating a resource hub of contextually-grounded and research-informed best practice for church leadership in Aotearoa.
Growing a supportive ecosystem with and for church leaders	Fostering peer support in geographic and missional contexts, curating spaces for local, regional, and national collaboration, and networking to disseminate best practice.
Supporting the growth of pastoral leadership pathways	Championing healthy and innovative leadership formation and multiplication of people prepared to serve the Church in Aotearoa.

✳ In addition to Laidlaw College's Pastoral Leadership programmes, CfCL has a number of initiatives to assist people of all ages and stages of life to explore a pastoral ministry vocation. If you are pondering pastoral ministry we would love to explore ways we could support and assist this journey. Contact us at cfcl@laidlaw.ac.nz.

To see the college's Pastoral Leadership Programme, see pages 48-51 in this booklet.

Coaching for Church Leaders

CfCL's approach to coaching reflects a commitment to individual leader's growth and development, leading to the growth and flourishing of the Church in Aotearoa. These dual priorities shape both the posture and practice of coaching.

We would love to have a conversation with you around how we might be able to support you and your leadership team with coaching.

Find out more at: centreforchurchleadership.nz/coaching

MISSIONS AND CULTURAL STUDIES

MISSION THEOLOGY | WORLD RELIGIONS | CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY | WORLD CHRISTIANITY

30+ Mission Theology courses

20+ Cultural Studies courses, from Te Ao Māori to World Religions

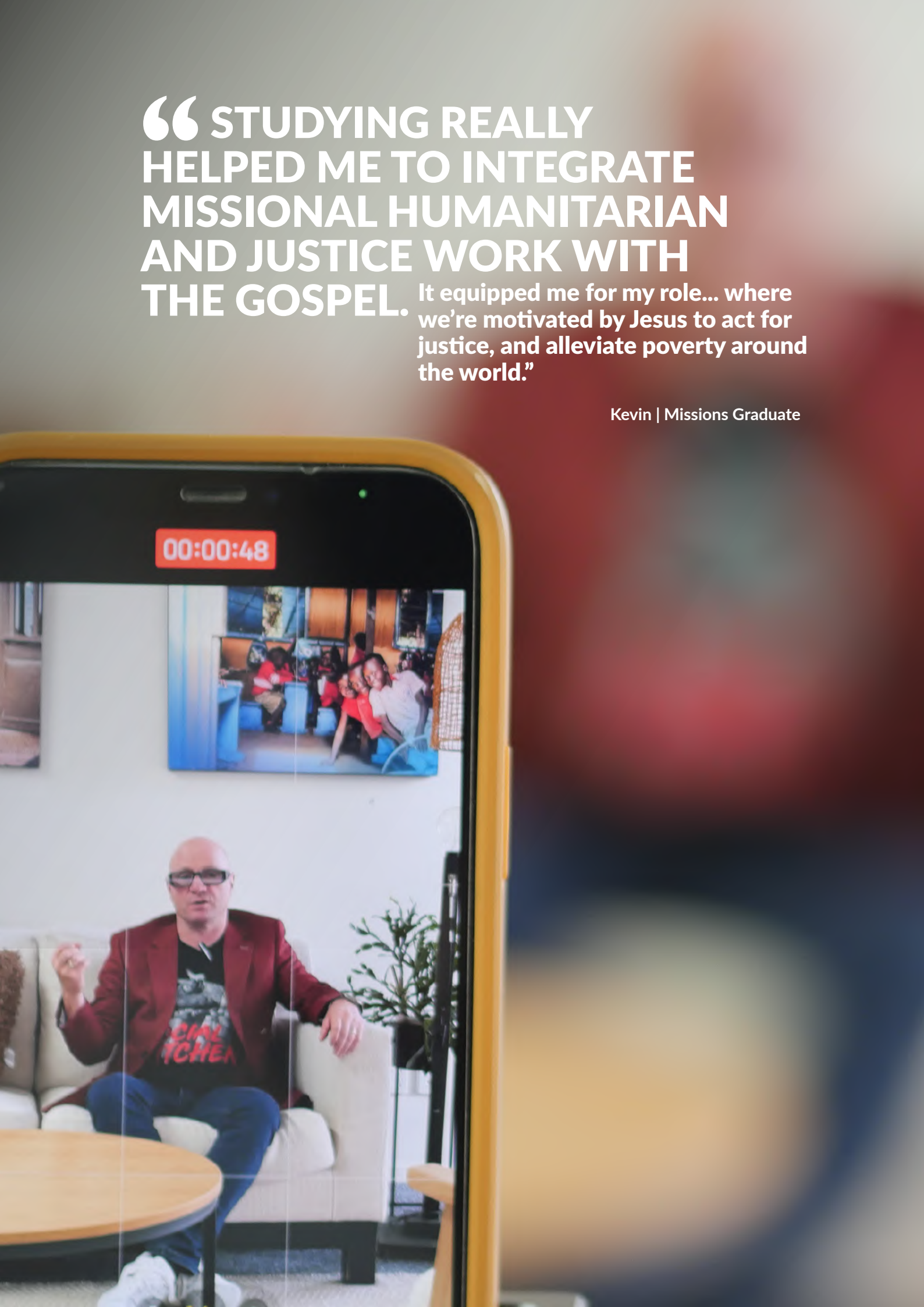
7+ Postgraduate courses

Ready to make a global impact? Dive into the vibrant world of cross-cultural ministry! Discover new perspectives, build powerful skills, and ignite your passion to spread the Gospel in Aotearoa and worldwide.

In the unique cultural landscape of Aotearoa New Zealand, the Gospel has a vital role to play in shaping our conversations about justice, reconciliation, and identity.

Laidlaw College has over 100 years of training cross-cultural workers, and our faculty offer broad missions expertise and experience. We can't wait to guide you through wrestling with the Te Tiriti ō Waitangi, exploring the intersection of Gospel and culture, and engaging with the complex outworking of faith in a diverse society.

Transform lives globally with missions and cultural studies!



“STUDYING REALLY HELPED ME TO INTEGRATE MISSIONAL HUMANITARIAN AND JUSTICE WORK WITH THE GOSPEL.

It equipped me for my role... where we’re motivated by Jesus to act for justice, and alleviate poverty around the world.”

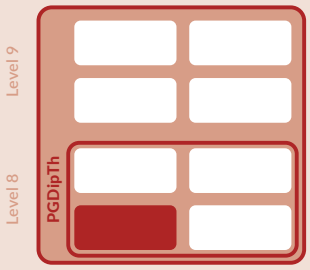
Kevin | Missions Graduate

INDICATIVE STUDY PATHWAYS

Missions and Cultural Studies

MTh

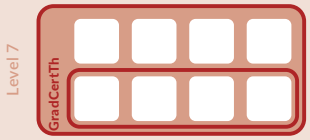
PGDipTh



Postgraduate Studies and Research

Drawing on the missions and cultural experience of our faculty and our global missions partnerships, Laidlaw offers strong pathways for those wanting to pursue postgraduate study or research. Whether you want to ground yourself in Aotearoa, think through a particular set of questions related to your calling and context, or grow in your understanding of global missiology and intercultural best practice, we have a range of options for you that can be done full-time or part-time as a stand alone postgraduate programme, within a Masters, or at doctorate level.

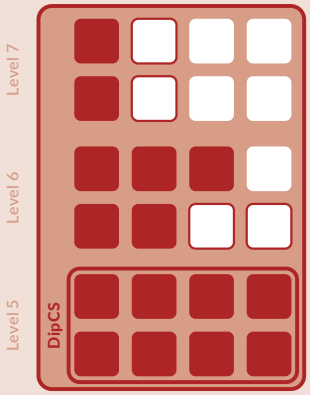
GradDipTh



Graduate Studies in Missions and Culture

For those wanting to deepen missions thinking, engage interculturally or go further in thinking missionally about vocation as mission, our GradCertTh and GradDipTh offer the ability to combine courses to address countless particular questions. Choose from our undergraduate suite of courses, with strengths in missions, Aotearoa's cultural contexts, and in global cultures and religions, and prepare to serve in a range of contexts.

BTh



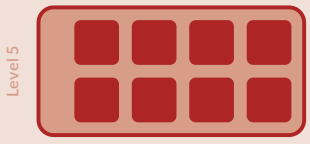
Missions Studies Degree Specialisation

Laidlaw's Bachelor of Theology provides the most flexible degree for studying missions in cultural contexts in Aotearoa. Building on the compulsory courses in the degree that ensure its grounding in Scripture, practice and integrated discipleship, the Missions studies specialisation has four additional required courses:

- **Bibilical and Contemporary Theology of Mission**
- **Christianity and Other Religions**
- **Cultural Anthropology**
- **Majority World Theology**

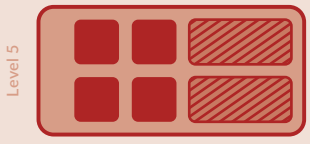
Plus more than 30 other elective options that allow students to explore missions in relation to their particular calling – in the marketplace, creation care, Māori and Pacific contexts, missions history, or in going deeper into global intercultural missions.

DipCS(TS)



Or

DipCS(CL)



Explore Missions with a Diploma

If you're wanting to take a gap year, discern God's calling for your life, and ground yourself well, Laidlaw's Diploma in Christian Studies provides a strong starting point. Our Theological Studies strand covers core courses in Bible, Theology and Formation, with focused courses that open up the world of missions:

- ***Christian Leadership and Mission* is designed to help you understand your place in God's mission in the world – your own giftings, calling and context.**
- ***Bicultural Relations: Tikanga Kawenata* – explores how the Gospel can be translated into context, using the unique cultural context of Aotearoa and Te Ao Māori as a lens.**
- ***Christian History: Our Story* – traces the history of the Gospel across 2000 years, helping students understand their place in God's unfolding mission and learn from the faithfulness and failures of the past.**

Our Christian Leadership strand covers core courses in Bible, Theology and Formation, but offers a practical option where students can spend time working with a missions organisation and gain credit for their learning.

Both Diploma options can staircase directly into the second year of the Bachelor of Theology.

Compulsory | Internship | Compulsory for Specialisation | Elective | 15-credit Course | 30-credit Course



“MISSION STUDIES AT LAIDLAW COLLEGE EQUIPS STUDENTS TO COMMUNICATE WHO GOD IS WITH PEOPLE DIFFERENT FROM THEMSELVES.

You will learn how God has been active in mission throughout Scripture and continues to be active in mission around the world today. Gain practical skills to participate in God’s mission across cultures in Aotearoa and beyond from lecturers with lived experience.”

Rebecca de Jong | Lecturer in Theology (Missions)

- OVER 100 YEARS OF CROSS CULTURAL TRAINING
- CONNECT WITH MISSION AGENCIES
- IMMERSE YOURSELF IN CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH
- LEARN FROM FACULTY WITH A BROAD RANGE OF MISSIONS EXPERIENCE

MISSIONS AND CULTURAL STUDIES

Missions and Cultural Studies degree specialisation

Scan the QR code to explore course info and study options.

THE GOSPEL IN AOTEAROA

MĀORI THEOLOGY | NEW ZEALAND HISTORY | MĀORI AND PACIFIC STUDIES | TE REO MĀORI | EVANGELISM AND APOLOGETICS | CONTEXTUAL THEOLOGY

15+ NZ History and Culture courses

10+ Te Reo Māori courses

We are deeply committed to the people and culture of Aotearoa New Zealand. Our mission is not just to teach theology, but to do so in a way that is highly contextual, and aligned with the principles of Te Tiriti ō Waitangi.

At Laidlaw College we believe the Gospel speaks powerfully into our unique cultural context and that learning should reflect the richness and diversity of Aotearoa. These commitments permeate our programmes of study.

In addition to our theological and cultural focus, we are proud to partner with Te Wānanga Ihorangi to support Te Reo Māori language reclamation. Through this partnership, we engage in the vital work of preserving and revitalising te reo Māori, ensuring that our education reflects and celebrates the language, culture, and heritage of this land.

Join us at Laidlaw College—where we blend faith, culture, and context to equip leaders for today's world.



I found that Laidlaw had the best options in terms of Indigenous Theology. The lecturers were so knowledgeable and it was great being able to connect with others who had a passion for Christianity in Aotearoa.

“WHAT I STUDIED HAS DEEPENED MY KNOWLEDGE OF THEOLOGY AND TE AO MĀORI.”

Nicole | Distance Theology Graduate

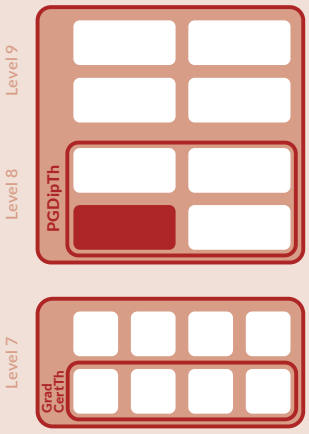
INDICATIVE STUDY PATHWAYS

The Gospel in Aotearoa

MTh
in History

PGDipTh
in History

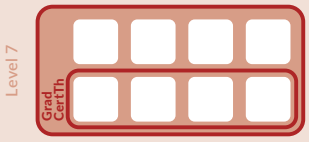
GradDipTh
in History



Deepen Your Knowledge of Aotearoa's Unique Gospel History

Aotearoa New Zealand has a unique history. Our wide range of undergraduate courses and postgraduate taught and research options gives you the opportunity to learn more about our unique Gospel history and equip yourself to tell the stories faithfully.

GradDipTh



Wrestle with How We Live Faithfully in Aotearoa

Consider what it means to contextualise the Gospel in Aotearoa's unique cultures and whenua. Pursue a focused programme of study that selects from Laidlaw's suite of more than twenty courses on themes of Māori and Pacific theology, NZ History, and from our wider suite of contextual and missional theology courses.

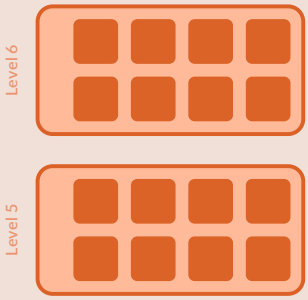
Interest Only

Be Equipped to Better Share the Gospel in Aotearoa

Be better prepared to share the Gospel in Aotearoa through our courses on evangelism, apologetics, mission and contextual theology – either taken as part of one of our programmes, or as stand alone courses.

Te Reo Maruata

Te Reo Ihirangi



Learn Te Reo Māori in a Unique Immersive Context

Te Wānanga Ihorangi offers full immersion reo Māori diplomas in partnership with Laidlaw. Further details are at ihorangi.ac.nz.

TE WĀNANGA IHORANGI

Compulsory | Compulsory | Elective | 15-credit Course | 30-credit Course



“UNDERSTANDING OUR PAST IS ESSENTIAL TO CONTEXTUALISING THE STORY OF CHRISTIANITY FOR AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY AND CULTURE.

At Laidlaw, we engage with Māori and Pākehā voices, past and present, to explore how the good news brings healing, justice, and hope here. It’s a privilege to help students wrestle with history, identity, and faith in a uniquely Aotearoa way.”

Dr Samuel Carpenter | Theology Lecturer (History)

- CUTTING EDGE RESEARCH IN TE TIRITI, THE GOSPEL & RECONCILIATION
- FIND PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN CHRISTIANITY & TE AO MĀORI
- MĀORI LEADERSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP & ADVOCACY
- DISCOVER A UNIQUE GOSPEL PERSPECTIVE FOR AOTEAROA

THE GOSPEL IN AOTEAROA

The Gospel in Aotearoa

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

MINISTRY SUPERVISION | VOCATIONAL THEOLOGY | THEOLOGICAL INTEGRATION

Engage with experienced mentors, develop practical tools, and be empowered to serve with greater wisdom, compassion, and confidence in your professional role.

At Laidlaw College, we offer professional development opportunities tailored for Christian educators, counsellors, pastors, and ministry leaders. Whether you're looking to deepen your expertise in Christian teaching, refine your skills in counselling and pastoral care, or enhance your ministry supervision and coaching, our programmes are designed to equip you for effective, faith-driven leadership.

Take the next step in your calling—join us at Laidlaw College for professional growth and development.

“I have been in Christian Education for twenty years, and what I really appreciated about this course was its ability to help me recognise the current pressures and questions that our students have … this is content that would be

VALUABLE FOR ANYONE WORKING IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION”

Teresa | Theology for Education Graduate

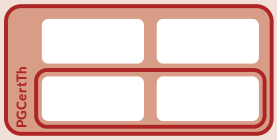


INDICATIVE STUDY PATHWAYS

Professional Development

PGDipTh

Level 8



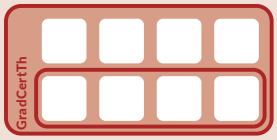
PGCertTh
in Theology for Education

Level 8



GradDipTh

Level 7



Grow In How You Work Out Your Faith in the Marketplace

With our faculty strengths in Theology, Education, Counselling, History, and many other disciplines, we offer a range of options for those wanting to think through how to be Christian in particular professions (especially Ministry, Teaching and Counselling), and those wanting to think more generally about how to live and lead in the world through their calling.

PGCertTh
in Ministry Supervision

Level 8



Become a Trained Supervisor

For any leader, having a professional supervisor is a vital aspect of growth, accountability and professional wellbeing. Laidlaw offers the only faith-based accredited professional supervision qualification in Aotearoa.

Compulsory Elective 15-credit Course 30-credit Course



“LAIDLAW’S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES OFFER LIFE-GIVING SPACE FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERS AND PROFESSIONALS TO REFLECT, RECALIBRATE, AND GROW.

Whether through short courses or sabbatical study, I love seeing people renew their vision and deepen their sense of calling. Our flexible, formational approach speaks to the real needs of the educational sector, church, and society today.”

Rebecca Gibson | Lecturer in Education

- FLEXIBLE OFFERINGS
- TRUSTED PROVIDER
- LEARN FROM EXPERIENCED CONSULTANTS, SUPERVISORS, AND COACHES
- DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS AND ENHANCE YOUR PRACTICE

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional Development

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POSTGRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

RESEARCH TOPICS | MASTERS

30+ Taught courses

Honours, Masters and Doctoral research pathways

Largest faculty of theological supervisors in NZ

POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

Deepen your knowledge, enhance your ministry effectiveness, and open doors for career advancement.

Whether you are looking to pursue academic excellence, strengthen your leadership in ministry, or expand your professional opportunities, our rigorous programmes provide the tools and insights needed for meaningful impact.

RESEARCH

We are at the forefront of groundbreaking research in theological studies. Our commitment to academic rigour, critical inquiry, and faith-informed scholarship sets us apart as a world-leading institution in the field.

Laidlaw offers a vibrant research community, featuring one of New Zealand's largest theological libraries, rare archives, regular seminars, and a dedicated hub for students.



“I WAS ENCOURAGED TO BE COURAGEOUS AND CURIOUS IN ASKING QUESTIONS, seeking to understand more and to grow in my knowledge and understanding of theology and how this impacts our practice.”

Kyla | MTh Graduate

INDICATIVE STUDY PATHWAYS

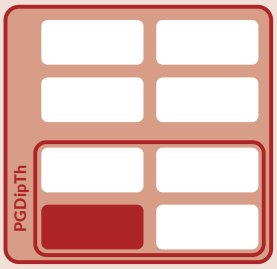
Postgraduate Studies and Research

MTh

PGDipTh

Level 9

Level 8



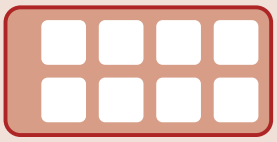
Postgraduate Study and Research

Studying theology at a postgraduate level is essential for those who seek to understand Scripture in greater depth, critically engage with contemporary issues, and lead with confidence and integrity. Our specialised courses equip you with advanced theological knowledge, practical ministry skills, and the theological foundation necessary for effective and transformative service.

- **Study with world-class faculty, with the broadest range of theological expertise in Aotearoa**
- **35+ Postgraduate Theology Courses offered on rotation**
- **Options to integrate theological study and research with your vocation and practice**

GradDipTh

Level 7



Graduate Studies in Theology

Whether it's exploring the intersection of faith and culture, uncovering the historical contexts of Scripture, or addressing contemporary global issues through a theological lens, our research is impactful, relevant, and transformative.

- **More than 100 courses to choose from across all fields of Theology and Christian History**
- **Create your own mix of core theology and courses for interest, depending on need**
- **Deepen your faith and open a pathway to postgraduate study**

Compulsory | Compulsory for Specialisation | Elective | 15-credit Course | 30-credit Course



“OUR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS ARE ASKING VITAL, COURAGEOUS QUESTIONS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD TODAY.

We offer a supportive, intellectually rich environment that blends scholarly rigour with a commitment to the church and its mission. It’s exciting to see students contribute meaningfully to theological conversations both locally and globally.”

Dr John de Jong | Head of Theology and Lecturer in Theology (Old Testament)

- WORLD CLASS SUPERVISORS ACROSS BROAD DISCIPLINES
- FLEXIBLE STUDY OPTIONS
- VIBRANT AND COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY
- SUPERVISORS DEDICATED TO SEEING YOU SUCCEED

POSTGRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

Postgraduate Studies and Research

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CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY - INTERNSHIP (CertCM)†

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This qualification provides a pathway for emerging Christian leaders to pursue ministry formation and theological study while serving their churches and community ministries.

Develop knowledge, skills, and experience by connecting your own reflection on Christian faith with real life practical contexts, equipping you for service in the Church and wider contexts. The CertCM also provides a pathway into further study for personal and professional development.

This programme is available through our Partner Colleges.

† This programme requires a student to have an approved placement within a church or Christian organisation. Students are primarily responsible for finding their own placement.

CertCM leads to the New Zealand Certificate in Christian Ministry (Level 4) with a strand in internship.



Admission Requirements

General Admission Requirements

- No secondary schooling or NCEA Level 1 attainment or equivalent: Entry assessment required
- NCEA Level 2 attainment, or equivalent: Open entry

NCEA Equivalence can include:
NZ School Certificate
Sixth Form Certificate
Overseas equivalent qualifications, including IB and CIE
Other NZQA Level 1 or 2 certificates in relevant disciplines to Laidlaw programmes
Evidence of level of academic achievement or a portfolio of work for homeschooled students*
Reference/support/documentation from employer
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**The applicant may need to sit assessment for entry.*

Entry Assessment

- May include a literacy test
- Dates for assessment will be advised

Police Clearance

It is a condition of enrolment in the CertCM that students complete a Police Vetting Service Request and Consent form as part of their application.

DIPLOMA IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES (DipCS)



This qualification provides you with an introduction to Biblical studies, theological studies, and spiritual formation. It prepares you to live out the Gospel of Christ, engaging thoughtfully and compassionately in the world. There are two programmes leading to two strands. All the courses are built on a foundation of biculturalism.

Diploma in Christian Studies (Christian Leadership)[1]

Diploma in Christian Studies (Theological Studies)[2]

Through the **Christian Leadership** strand† you'll learn to evaluate and deliver ministry programmes within your context, to think deeply about your faith, and to lead a wide range of Christian operations. You will build a biblical and theological foundation to which you can apply Christian leadership skills through real life practical contexts.

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Students who complete the DipCS may staircase into the second year of the Bachelor of Theology degree.

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Other NZQA Level 3 certificates in similar disciplines to Laidlaw programmes.
Other NZQA Level 4 certificates in a different discipline.
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Reference/support/documentation from employer
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Admission Requirements

General Admission Requirements

- University entrance
- NCEA Level 3
- 14 credits at Level 3 in each of the three approved subjects
- 10 Literacy credits at Level 2 or above, made up of 5 credits in reading and 5 credits in writing.
- 10 Numeracy credits at Level 1 or above, made up of:
  - co-requisite Level 1 Numeracy unit standard 32406 or Te Pāngarau unit standard 32412, or
  - certain achievement standards.
- Selection Interview: All applicants for the DipCS(CL) are required to have an interview with the programme lead.

Entry Assessment

For applicants who do not meet the above requirements, an Entry Assessment may be required.

- Includes a literacy test
- Dates for assessment will be advised

Special Admission

Possible study options can arise depending on the assessment result:

- An offer of entry to the Diploma in Christian Studies if the BTh was applied for
- Entry to the BTh (if appropriate).

Police Clearance

It is a condition of enrolment in the DipCS (Christian Leadership) that students complete a Police Vetting Service Request and Consent form as part of their application.

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BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY (BTh)



The Bachelor of Theology is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in biblical studies, theological knowledge, and reflection. It provides an in-depth engagement with Scripture, Christian Thought and History, and equips students with the skills they need for pastoral and missional leadership, as well as other ministries. It is also strongly recommended for those seeking theological grounding for higher academic qualifications in biblical and theological studies.

Admission Requirements

General Admission Requirements

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Police Clearance

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GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY (GradCertTh)

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GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY (GradDipTh)

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The Graduate Certificate in Theology and Graduate Diploma in Theology are designed for those who already have an undergraduate qualification. They bring vocational expertise and life experience into dialogue with critical reflection on the Christian faith. Students studying in these programmes will deepen their theological understanding and discover connections between theology and the wider world, the Church, and missions contexts. Completion of the GradDipTh provides a potential springboard into postgraduate study. Graduates from these programmes have returned to their vocations, engaged in missions or community development, worked in local and global contexts, trained as teachers, or moved into church leadership.

Admission Requirements

General Admission Requirements

The normal requirement for admission into the GradCertTh and GradDipTh programmes is a completed undergraduate degree, or higher qualification, as defined in the New Zealand Qualifications and Credentials Framework of the NZQA.

Special Admission

Serious consideration will be given to those who have a combination of relevant experience and non-degree qualifications. This is particularly relevant for those whose qualifications are at a level that, in the current New Zealand environment, is likely to be regarded as having been gained at degree level. Each application will, however, be considered in light of the applicant's overall background and ability to benefit from the programme. The onus is on the applicant to provide details of all qualifications and experience relevant to the application procedure.

“FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING
WHAKAPONO KIMI MĀRAMATANGA”
St Anselm

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY (PGCertTh)

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The Postgraduate Certificate in Theology (PGCertTh) programme provides an advanced level theological qualification for those who have already completed a recognised Bachelor's level or a Graduate Diploma qualification in Theology. The PGCertTh programme consists of two taught courses.

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY (Ministry Supervision) (PGCertTh(MinSup))

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As ministry in the contemporary world becomes increasingly complex, regular access to professional supervision is vital. Successful completion of the PGCertTh (Ministry Supervision) (PGCertTh(MinSup)) will assist graduates in meeting the supervisory needs of people in a range of ministries, as well as professionals in other helping vocations. It is a part-time programme comprised of two successive courses, each 30 credits at level 8, to be completed in order, although not necessarily in the same year.

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY (Theology for Education) (PGCertTh(TE))

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The vocation of teaching is complex in our current cultural moment. Christian teachers have to be aware of current best practice in the classroom and the conversations shaping the way we understand faith and spirituality. It is a part-time programme comprised of two successive courses, each 30 credits at level 8, to be completed in order, although not necessarily in the same year.

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN THEOLOGY (PGDipTh)

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The Postgraduate Diploma in Theology (PGDipTh) programme provides an advanced level theological qualification for those who have already completed a recognised Bachelor's level or a Graduate Diploma qualification in theology. The PGDipTh programme consists of taught courses. Also, students who successfully complete taught courses in the MTh programme amounting to at least 120 credits, but who do not complete a research project, may be awarded the PGDipTh.

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY (Honours) (BTh(Hons))

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The Bachelor of Theology (Honours) (BTh(Hons)) one-year programme recognises distinguished study at undergraduate level (level 7). This is a programme of study for those who have successfully completed three years of undergraduate study in theology and want to extend this into graduate level research and writing at level 8.



MASTER OF THEOLOGY (MTh)

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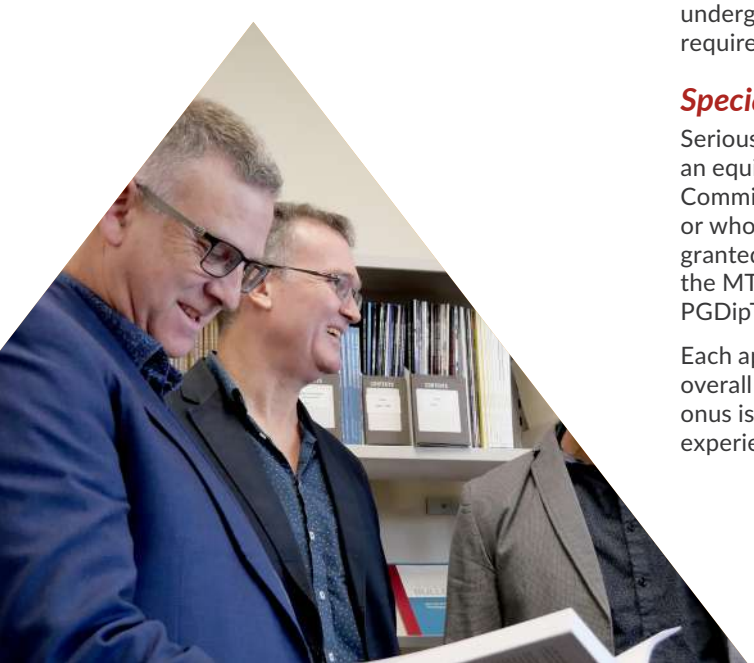
The Master of Theology (MTh) is a one to two-year (full-time equivalent) 120 or 240 credit degree. It provides an advanced level theological qualification for those who have already completed a recognised Bachelor's level degree in theology (or in another subject area plus a recognised bridging programme into Theology, eg: GradDipTh) and want to upgrade their qualification in a specific area or extend their understanding of Theology and Christian ministries. The degree provides opportunity for Master's level biblical and theological study related to the fields of Biblical Studies, Christian Thought and History and Pastoral, Missional and Contextual Studies, and for students to pursue a research project in an area of interest.

- The 120-credit MTh is available for those who have completed the PGDipTh or the BTh(Hons).

Advanced Research Degrees and Doctoral Programmes

Laidlaw offers a pathways to doctoral study through partnerships. Laidlaw faculty can co-supervise students enrolling in the Doctoral of Philosophy (PhD) in Theology at the University of Otago. As an affiliated college of the Australian University of Theology (AUT), Laidlaw students can enrol in a number of AUT postgraduate programmes, including the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) and the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

Students interested in these options should contact ***laidlawgraduateschool@laidlaw.ac.nz***



Admission Requirements

General Admission Requirements

The normal requirement for admission into the Bachelor of Theology (Honours) programme is a completed three-year undergraduate degree in theology or Christian ministry or equivalent qualification, as defined in the New Zealand Qualifications and Credentials Framework of the NZQA, in an appropriate discipline. Entry into the Bachelor of Theology with Honours is conditional upon:

- A grade point average of 7.5 (B+) in courses of the qualifying undergraduate programme at NZQA levels 6 and 7; and
- Approval of the Postgraduate Lead.

The normal requirement for admission into the PGCertTh, PGDipTh, and MTh programmes is a completed undergraduate degree, or higher qualification, as defined in the National Qualifications Framework of the NZQA, in an appropriate discipline. The following options are available:

- Completed Bachelor's qualification in theology or Christian ministry OR
- Applicants who hold a recognised Bachelor's level degree in a discipline other than theology may be accepted for study towards the PGDipTh or MTh following successful completion of a bridging programme of theological study, such as those provided by Laidlaw or as approved by the Postgraduate Committee. Bridging requirements may be satisfied wholly or partly by credit transfer and/or recognition of prior learning.

A grade average of 7.0 (B) or higher in courses of the qualifying undergraduate programme equivalent to NZQA levels 6 and 7 is required.

Special Admission

Serious consideration will be given to those who hold qualifications of an equivalent standard. In exceptional circumstances the Postgraduate Committee may allow applicants who do not meet these requirements, or who do not have qualifications of an equivalent standard, to be granted provisional candidature into the PGDipTh. Candidature in the MTh shall be confirmed after the satisfactory completion of the PGDipTh.

Each application will, however, be considered in light of the applicant's overall background and ability to benefit from the programme. The onus is on the applicant to provide details of all qualifications and experience relevant to the application procedure.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

Laidlaw College provides access to a number of scholarships and bursaries for students studying in New Zealand. All are annual unless otherwise stated. Scholarship award decisions will be made on the basis of a completed application form by the Laidlaw Scholarships Committee. Scholarship applications for the following year must be received by the 1st day of December each year.

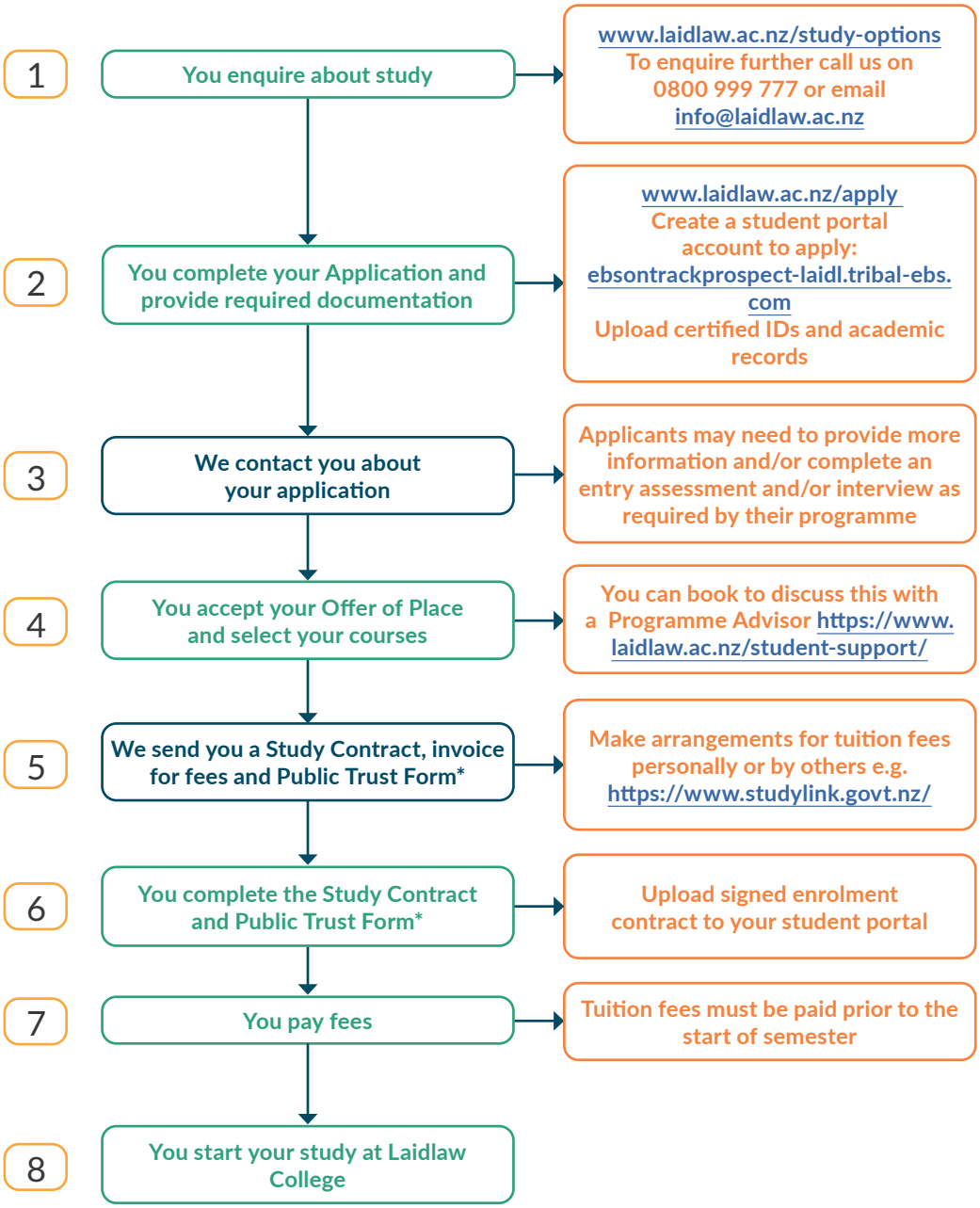
Completing an application does not guarantee you will receive a scholarship. Decisions regarding the awarding of scholarships are affected by available funds, quality of applications, and number of applicants in a given year.

Please scan the code or see the Laidlaw website for more details
www.laidlaw.ac.nz/scholarships



APPLICATION PROCESS

For Domestic Students



** If applicable - Public Trust provides student fee protection for invoices over $500* ***www.publictrust.co.nz/student-fee-protection/***

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet both the Academic and English language requirements for their programme. In addition to the requirements outlined, applicants for whom English is not their first language must use one of the following methods to demonstrate that they have the required level of English proficiency to study in New Zealand:

- Gained NCEA Level 3 and met New Zealand University Entrance requirements; or
- Holds a Bachelor's degree of at least three years from New Zealand, Australia, Canada, the Republic of Ireland, South Africa, the United Kingdom, or the United States of America; or
- Achieved a Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA); or
- Achieved the required score, as indicated in the following subsections, in one of the following internationally recognised English proficiency tests, within the preceding two years:
  - International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
  - University of Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)
  - University of Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)
  - University of Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE)
  - International English for Speakers of Other Languages qualifications by City and Guilds (IESOL)
  - Pearson Test of English (Academic) (PToE)
  - New Zealand Certificate in English Language (NZCEL)
  - Testing of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

A waiver for the English language test may be granted if applicant has:

- Completed all primary education (equivalent to New Zealand school years 1 to 8) and at least three years of secondary education (equivalent to school years 9 to 13) in schools in New Zealand, Australia, Canada, the Republic of Ireland, South Africa, the United Kingdom, or the United States, where English was the language of instruction.
- Completed at least five years of secondary education (equivalent to New Zealand school years 9 to 13) in a country listed in rule 22.5, where English was the language of instruction.
- Been awarded a tertiary qualification (such as a Bachelor's, Graduate Certificate or Diploma, Honours, Postgraduate Certificate or Diploma, Master's, or Doctoral degree) taught in English from a provider in New Zealand, Australia, Canada, the Republic of Ireland, South Africa, the United Kingdom, or the United States.

Please note that these waiver requirements do not apply to the Bachelor of Education (Primary) and Graduate Diploma in Education (Secondary). Applicants should refer to the Laidlaw College website for details: ***www.laidlaw.ac.nz/admission-requirements***

PROGRAMME	ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS (ACADEMIC)		
	IELTS	PEARSON TEST OF ENGLISH (PTE)	TOEFL Internet-based Test (iBT)
Certificate in Christian Ministry*	5.5 or higher with minimum 6.0 in reading and writing	42	N/A
Certificate in Community Youth Work	6.0 or higher with minimum 6.0 in all bands	50	N/A
Diploma in Christian Studies	6.0 or higher with minimum 6.0 in all bands	50	N/A
Bachelor of Theology	6.0 or higher with minimum 6.0 in all bands	50	N/A
Bachelor of Counselling	6.5 or higher with minimum 6.0 in all bands	58	N/A
Bachelor of Education (Primary) Graduate Diploma in Education	7.0 or higher with minimum 7.0 in all bands (conditions apply)	Listening 61 Reading 62 Writing 73 Speaking 79 with an overall mark of 69 (Effective as of 1 November 2025.)	Listening 24 Reading 24 Writing 27 Speaking 23 with a minimum accepted score of 98 (Effective as of 1 November 2025.)
Graduate Certificate in Theology Graduate Diploma in Theology	6.5 or higher with minimum 6.0 in all bands	58	N/A
Postgraduate Certificate in Theology Bachelor of Theology (Honours) Postgraduate Diploma in Theology Master of Theology	7.0 or higher with minimum 7.0 in writing (conditions apply)	65	N/A

**Not available for International Students*

For other equivalent English Language Proficiency scores please refer to
https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/about-us/rules-fees-policies/nzqa-rules/approval-recognition-and-accreditation/#e10518



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Study in New Zealand gives you the opportunity to explore this unique and beautiful country, known for its stunning scenery! Laidlaw College's internationally recognised qualifications and teaching staff will provide you with a quality education. You'll experience excellent pastoral and academic support among a multicultural and friendly community. We welcome the rich diversity that international students bring to Laidlaw!

How to Apply and Enrol

If you have decided on a programme of study and you are ready to apply, you can apply online at ***www.laidlaw.ac.nz/apply***. The application fee is $100.

The Application Process

The application process may take some time so it is essential that you make an early start.

When embarking on study abroad there are a number of factors that will support your application to Laidlaw and your time here in New Zealand:

- We like to know that you come with the full backing and support of your church, both in prayer and finances. It is a privilege for us to have a part in training people from around the globe, but it makes a significant difference to have this training recommended and supported by your church.
- It is also important that you have sufficient funds to cover all costs involved for the duration of your study. These include your airfare, insurances, tuition fees, and accommodation costs for each year of your proposed programme. Obtaining part-time or holiday work is not guaranteed, so it pays to look at sourcing finances within your own country before arriving. In the process of obtaining a visa your financial position will be looked into.

Once you have found the programme you would like to apply for, take your time to answer all questions carefully and feel free to forward any queries to our Admissions Team (**admissions@laidlaw.ac.nz**).

When we have received your application and supporting documents, your application will be considered by the Admissions Team and you will be notified of the result by email. If successful, you will be given full details of fees payable, a medical insurance quote, an Offer of Place, and programme details.

The Offer of Place and receipt of fees paid will form part of your visa application. You can apply online for a Student Visa/Permit on the Immigration NZ website: ***www.immigration.govt.nz***.

Please note: Laidlaw College does not admit any international student under the age of 18.



English Language Proficiency

As all tuition is given in English, proficiency in understanding, reading, writing, and speaking English is necessary. Applicants whose first language is not English are required to have an English Language Proficiency test score (academic version) appropriate to their programme of study (see table on page 79).

Fees

For information about fees, please see the full Fees Schedule online at ***www.laidlaw.ac.nz/fees***

Contact Us

If you would like to talk to someone about study at Laidlaw, please call us on +64 9 836 7800 or email ***info@laidlaw.ac.nz***. If you are in New Zealand you are welcome to visit us at one of our campuses in Auckland or Christchurch.

To find out more about enrolling as an international student check out our website:
www.laidlaw.ac.nz/internationals
or scan the code

APPLICATION PROCESS

For International Students

1	You enquire about study	www.laidlaw.ac.nz/internationals To enquire further please phone 0800 999 777 or email admissions@laidlaw.ac.nz
2	You pay Application Fee	https://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/internationals/fees/
3	You complete your application and provide required documentation	Create a student portal account to apply ebsontrackprospect-laidl.tribal-ebs.com
		Seek NZQA IQA for non-NZ qualifications. Check https://www2.nzqa.govt.nz/international/recognise-overseas-qual/apply-iqa/
4	We process your application	Processing normally takes a couple of weeks. Applicants will require an interview and may require an entry assessment.
5	We contact you about the outcome	Acceptance information normally includes Summary of Financial Obligation, financial information, and programme details
6	You pay tuition fees, and arrange medical insurance	Tuition fees and medical insurance must be paid before Offer of Place sent with Visa application
7	You accept your Offer of Place and apply for Visa	Students must apply to Immigration New Zealand for Visa. Visa applications may take 6-8 weeks to process
		If you have problems with your Visa please call us on +64 9 837 9790
8	You receive your Visa	Email copy of Visa to admissions@laidlaw.ac.nz
9	You select your courses	You can book to discuss courses with a Programme Advisor https://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/student-support/
10	We send you a Study Contract and Public Trust Form*	
11	You complete the Study Contract and Public Trust Form*	Email to studentservices@laidlaw.ac.nz or complete on campus
12	You start your study at Laidlaw College	

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GRADUATE PROFILE

Laidlaw's mission is to equip students and scholars to renew their communities with a faith as intelligent as it is courageous, in service to our vision of a world shaped by love compelled and informed by the Gospel. We strive towards this as imperfect people in need of grace, but convinced that through faith and hope our graduates can influence the Church and world through love. The graduate profile outlines the distinctive characteristics by which we intend our graduates to become known, in the context of their churches, communities, workplaces, and relationships.

Formation

Laidlaw graduates will be known as:

- People of faith, their lives shaped by encounter with Jesus, in Scripture, prayer, worship, and community.
- People of grace, embracing the tensions of life and faith with a deep sense of their own brokenness and redemption.
- People of love, who encounter others with authenticity and humility, whether sharing laughter or tears.
- People of hope, who invite others into the struggle for beauty and justice, freedom and rest, as they anticipate the new creation.

Context

Laidlaw graduates will participate in:

- The local church, building community by serving, challenging, and renewing in love.
- Mission, shaping society by living out the Gospel of hope and reconciliation.
- Bicultural dialogue, partnering with tangata whenua and manuhiri of Aotearoa New Zealand in a spirit of covenantal love and shared story.
- Diverse communities, celebrating culture and difference in respectful and authentic dialogue.
- Vocational settings, pursuing excellence and embodying faith, hope, and love in the context of work, home, and play.

Knowledge and Understanding

Laidlaw graduates will be renewed by:

- A deeper knowledge of the triune God who is revealed in Jesus, and in the witness of the Scriptures, and who engages with the world.
- A Christocentric theological method anchored in the Scriptures, engaged with the Church, and relevant to life.
- A relational understanding of humanity, of self in relation to others, in the context of a world created for relationship with God.
- A participatory expression of faith, hope, and love as primary ways of engaging with people, life, and thought.
- A robust grasp of the theories and practices, and the historic and contemporary voices of their chosen discipline, in dialogue with theology.

Skills

Laidlaw graduates will be equipped to:

- Engage with issues of life from a deep participation in the Gospel as a primary source of knowledge.
- Read the biblical text in light of the discourse around its interpretation, and discern its relevance for contemporary Church and Society.
- Apply their knowledge in skillful, practical ways appropriate to their discipline, and in the context of lifelong learning.
- Articulate their faith in dialogue with others with confidence and intelligence, curiosity, and respect.

GOT FURTHER QUESTIONS? GET IN TOUCH TODAY!

We would love to hear from you, to talk about whether study at Laidlaw College can equip you to respond to your calling.

Want to find out more?

Plan a Visit

There's no better way to find out what Laidlaw College is like, than to see it for yourself! Come and be a "Student for a Day" at any of our campuses and experience firsthand what our classes, staff, and community are like. We'd love to meet you!

To become a "Student for a Day" contact us by calling 0800 999 777 or email admissions@laidlaw.ac.nz



Connect on Social Media

Get a glimpse of what studying at Laidlaw is like on a day-to-day basis.

Follow us Like us

Check out our website www.laidlaw.ac.nz

You will find all the information you need about our programmes, staff, campuses, and facilities.

Attend Events on Campus

We often host events that are open to the public, so if you live in Auckland or Christchurch, this is a great way to begin participating in College life. For those who can't be with us in person, we often livestream events or interviews with visiting scholars. Keep an eye on the website and our Facebook page to find out about upcoming events and recently uploaded videos.

Course and programme information is subject to change.

*Please refer to **www.laidlaw.ac.nz** for latest information or contact us.*

READY TO APPLY?

If you've decided on a programme of study and you are ready to apply, go to **www.laidlaw.ac.nz** to apply online.

For information about fees, please see the full Fee Schedule online at **www.laidlaw.ac.nz/fees**

If you would like to talk to a Laidlaw staff member, please call 0800 999 777 or email **admissions@laidlaw.ac.nz**



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