LAIDLAW COLLEGE
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Night class at Laidlaw

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AND MISSION

with with Reuben Munn and Rebecca de Jong

If you are eager to lead with depth, wisdom, and missional focus, this course is an excellent opportunity. It will give you a taste - and spark a love - for Christian leadership and gospel-shaped mission.

Tuesday Nights 6.30-8.30pm
Onsite (Auckland & Christchurch campuses), online, or in groups at your home/local church
Semester Begins: 22 February; first lecture 2 March
Mid Semester Break: 12-23 April
Semester Ends: 24 June

What you will learn

Christian Leadership and Mission is a course that explores the nature of distinctly Christian Missional leadership. Come and explore what it means to be gospel-shaped Christians and leaders participating in God's mission across diverse vocations. Be challenged as we consider a biblical and theologically informed understanding of the church, mission, and leadership. Have your imagination ignited, and your spirit stirred as you connect your own journey to God's redemptive story. Through engaging lectures, group discussion, and personal reflection, you will journey through your own faith story, your emerging sense of calling, and your growth as both a leader and a follower of Jesus. We'll explore topics such as biblical leadership, leading through stages of life and faith, leading across cultures, and vocational mission.

Your lecturers

Reuben Munn

Reuben Munn is the Senior Pastor of Shore Community Church and a Professional Teaching Fellow in Practical Theology at Laidlaw College. He is passionate about the ministry of preaching and the formation of pastors and leaders who can equip others to live out the gospel in every sphere of life.

Rebecca de Jong

Rebecca de Jong is a Theology Lecturer specialising in Mission studies here at Laidlaw College and a PhD student at the Centre for the Study of World Christianity, at the University of Edinburgh. Rebecca is passionate about participating in God's mission and equipping students to communicate Christ to people of diverse cultural or religious backgrounds.

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Accessible Theology for every church community

How it works

It is an interactive videoconference, including your church site, the Henderson campus of Laidlaw, and other church communities. You come to your local church each Tuesday, sit around discussion tables with 6-15 others, and watch a screen or large TV that will show the lecturer and their display. You'll also be able to see the other classes at their various locations. You control what you see and what the lecturer hears. Sometimes the lecturer will be talking, sometimes they will get you to discuss things in your local small groups, sometimes they will have a big discussion with all the sites simultaneously. The experience is very close to having the lecturer in the room with you.

Practical Information

Details

Lectures will happen every Tuesday, 6:30-8:30pm, from 2 March to 24 June 2027. There will not be lectures during school holidays. If you are doing the course for credit, you should expect to spend another 7 hours each week reading and doing assignments. If you are doing the course just for interest, then we recommend spending another hour a week doing assigned reading.

Costs

There are two options.

- For credit (includes assignments): $1,000
- Just for interest: $230 (individual), $50 (church group)

While we recommend the credit option (as you learn best by applying your knowledge), we recognise that not everyone has time to be able to do this. Note that the credit option can also count towards a diploma or bachelor's degree.

Next Steps

Questions

If you have questions, first talk to the relevant people at your church. For anything they cannot answer, feel free to contact Rebecca De Jong at Laidlaw (freephone 0800 999 777).

Interested

If you are interested, first give your details to the relevant people at your church.

The final date for applications is 5th February, but if possible, we need to know well before then to properly set up your church as a remote lecture site. The sooner you can enrol the better. You don't need to pay until a few weeks before the course starts.

Applying for Night Class

Study Non-credit

What is 'Interest Only'?

Interest Only is what Laidlaw calls their course done 'for audit'. This means you can sit in on the class and have access to resources that all students attending the course have, but you do not have to complete assessments.

Study for credit

What is a 'Certificate of Proficiency'?

This is what Laidlaw calls a single, stand-alone course. It allows you to study at Laidlaw without committing to a qualification. Under the Certificate of Proficiency, you have access to resources like any other student, and the enjoyment of completing assessments, tests etc. Laidlaw keeps a record of credits achieved. Should you continue studying with Laidlaw and choose a qualification, your relevant credits will be awarded to that qualification.

Can I start a qualification now?

You are welcome to start, but we suggest you have a conversation with us first. You can fill out a study enquiry on the Laidlaw website, or you can e-mail study@laidlaw.ac.nz or call us on 0800 999 777. We will send you further information so that you can make a well-informed decision.

How do I apply?

All applications are received on-line. Remember that the final date for applications is 5th February.

1. Go to https://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/apply/
2. Fill in the application form. You will be asked questions that Laidlaw College is required to ask of every applicant (to gather statistical information for the Ministry of Education). If you need to leave the form, you can save and resume later at the bottom of each page. Be sure to enter a password.
   a. When you are asked 'What programme of study are you interested in?' choose either ***Interest Only*** *or* ***Certificate of Proficiency - Theology (COP-T)***
   b. Where it asks 'Which will be your primary location of study?' choose Night Class at Laidlaw
   c. Unless you have them ready, don't worry about uploading any documents in the application – choose 'Upload files later ...'

Laidlaw Admissions Office will be in contact once you apply and can verify your documents online. If you have any questions, we will be on hand to help you complete your application and enrol you for the course.

Where and when do I pay?

You will be sent an invoice once you have been accepted for study. The invoice will have payment options on it. You are expected to pay in full for the course before it starts on 2nd March.