

Certificate IV in Pastoral Care (CHC41108)

1. Aims

The Certificate IV in Pastoral Care (CHC41108) course is designed to provide students with the ability to provide person-centred care that takes into account the pastoral care needs arising from peoples experiences. Unity College Australia delivers this course in a Christian context and students will be trained in a range of pastoral care activities relevant to local church, Christian organisation, community organisation and/or the workplace.

This course may in full or in part be conducted in conjunction with the delivery of the Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology (30772QLD).

2. Ministry/Employment Outcomes

This course will provide training in the background knowledge and practical skills required for both paid and voluntary workers employed in professional and para-professional work that involves pastoral ministry within Christian organisations.

More specifically this course will prepare students to:

- Undertake chaplaincy work ie provide pastoral care, advice and support in a Christian context
- Identify and assess client well being and needs
- Provide basic ethical, moral and spiritual direction and counselling with referral to appropriate professionals where appropriate
- Provide pastoral care information

3. Overview

Qualifications are fully competency based and while knowledge and some aspects of competency are assessed within the realms of each unit, completion of practical activities demonstrating all areas of competency will need to be completed to graduate.

The student will obtain practical experience by undertaking field placements at their local church, with a Christian ministry or community service organisation. This practical experience is to be gained in an area that complements in class assessment activities and the immediate goals of the student.

A full-time student would normally undertake a study load of 3 units at any one time. Students undertaking the Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology in conjunction with this course would typically study 5 units at any one time. Individual units may be delivered on a week by week basis or by intensives.

4. Duration

The Certificate IV in Pastoral Care course can be completed in a minimum of one year if studied full-time. Part-time study options are available.

5. Costs 2010

Application Fee

For students wishing to study at credit level there is a one off non-refundable enrolment application fee.

Australian students	\$75
International students*	\$200

Academic Fees

Fees for full-time students of the Certificate IV in Pastoral Care are:

Australian Students	\$3050
International Students (includes dual qualification of Certificate IV in Christian Ministry & Theology)	\$5050

* *International students need pay only one application fee for the dual qualification.*

6. Entry Requirements

For entry into this course it is expected that the student is a committed Christian and actively involved in a local church or Christian community.

General requirements for entry are:

- A completed student application form & payment of the application fee
- Two references (i) from local church pastor or leader (if not already provided) and (ii) from another Christian leader unrelated to yourself
- A successful interview with the Principal or representative (where physically possible)
- Satisfactory completion of Year 12 is recommended but students without this formal educational level will be considered. Minimum entry age is 17 years (18 years for international students).
- Satisfactory English language skills. International students are required to have English language skills to at least the level of IELTS 6.0 or equivalent. If students do not have satisfactory English language skills Unity College Australia has English language courses available to enable the student to reach the required entry level.
- Students should have basic computing skills including the ability to use a word processing package at an elementary level and be able to access the internet.

Students should in good conscience be able to subscribe to the Unity College Australia statement of beliefs that are found in the tenets of mainstream Christianity.

7. Training Process

The course entails an average of 5-8 hours per week of class contact and private study time for each unit. College obligations, which include college community participation are additional.

Unity College Australia uses a wide variety of training methods. Training may be conducted through:

- lectures, presentations and demonstrations
- interactive discussions
- group participation
- individual tutorials
- practical skills exercises
- field placements
- individual and group projects
- research into literature and other resources
- audio/visual presentations

- participation in conferences and seminars
- visits to local Christian ministry centres
- use of guest speakers
- role plays and simulations

Actual delivery modes and training and assessment materials are adapted as needed in order to meet the needs of a diverse range of students. This will be done on a unit by unit basis in consultation with the trainer.

Unity College Australia adopts adult-learning principles, and all students are treated as adult learners. Participants in this program are therefore expected to take charge of their own learning process. It is expected that each selected participant will be committed to meeting the requirements of the relevant Certificate IV course and will attend relevant classes and activities and complete all work required for assessment.

It is expected that all program participants will have access to a computer. This is mandatory for successful course completion.

8. Course Competencies

Australia has a system of national standardisation of training for many industry areas. This system is implemented through the use of training packages (groups of courses) and individual units of competency within a course. This system enables students to get automatic recognition across all accredited government and private training organisations for relevant studies undertaken at any one of them.



The following competencies are achieved on completion of the Certificate IV in Pastoral Care.

National Code	Competency
Core Units	
CHCCOM403A	Use targeted communication skills to build relationships
CHCCS411A	Work effectively in the community sector
CHCCS422A	Respond holistically to client issues and refer appropriately
CHCORG405C	Maintain an effective work environment
CHCORG428A	Reflect on and improve own professional practice
CHCPAS401A	Undertake pastoral care work
HLTOHS300A	Contribute to OHS processes
<i>AND one of the following units:</i>	
HLTHIR403B	Work effectively with culturally diverse clients and co-workers
HLTHIR404B	Work effectively with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people
Electives	
CHCCD401D	Support community participation
CHCCSL502A	Apply specialist interpersonal and counselling interview skills
PRMCMN403A	Facilitate effective teamwork
PUADEFCH001B	Provide pastoral care
PUADEFCH002C	Provide ethical and pastoral advice

9. Course Structure

Total course requirements for the Certificate IV in Pastoral Care course is the equivalent of 12 term units. Full time students will study these at the rate of 3 per term.

The following breakdown of these units will apply.

Unit Code	Name	Unit length	Competency Code
CSF001 CSF002	Principles of Christian Living 1 Principles of Christian Living 2	Year	HLTHIR404B* CHCORG405C (pt) CHCCOM403A (pt)
COM001	Interpersonal Communication Skills	Term	CHCCOM403A (pt)
COM002	Team Building Communication	Term	PRMCMN403A
MIN002	Pastoral Counselling & Care	Semester	CHCCS422A HLTOHS300A CHCCS411 (pt) CHCPAS401A (pt)
MIN027	Pastoral Ministry	Semester	CHCCSL502A CHCCS426A CHCORG428A (pt) PUADEFCH001B (pt) PUADEFCH002C (pt)
MIN050/ MIN051	Field Placement	Semester	CHCPAS401A (pt) CHCCS411A (pt) CHCORG405C (pt) CHCORG428A (pt) PUADEFCH001B (pt) PUADEFCH002C (pt)

*HLTHIR403B could be substituted for HLTHIR404B in agreement with the course coordinator.

10. Assessment overview

Assessment in each unit involves:

- attendance and participation
- practical fieldwork as applicable
- written assignments, exercises, tutorial/seminar presentations, tests as applicable
- journal/process diary completion as applicable

Competency-based assessment criteria apply to grading. The final Academic transcript will show the following results for each unit.

- C Competent
- NYC Not Yet Competent

Students who successfully complete the following requirements will be recommended for graduation:

- Satisfactory completion of all relevant academic requirements
- Payment of all outstanding fees owing to Unity College Australia
- Return of all college resources including library books
- Maintained a satisfactory level of Christian conduct during his/her time at College
- Completion of co-curricular requirements including student/community participation

11. Pathways

Christian Ministry:

- Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology
- Certificate IV in Celebrancy
- Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology
- Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology

Community services:

- Diploma of Community Services (various streams)

12. RPL & Recognition of Past Studies

Students may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) on the strength of formal or informal learning and experience. The student must:

- complete an 'RPL Request' form
- pay the request fee
- attend a preliminary interview to receive the appropriate 'Proof of Evidence' forms and an RPL processing quote
- accept and pay the quoted RPL processing fee
- provide adequate supporting documentation (academic transcripts, certificates/diplomas, copies of achieved learning outcomes, course components and assignments)

It is the student's responsibility to outline the individual learning outcomes or skills they have acquired against the prescribed assessment criteria of the relevant unit(s). An RPL Information Kit is available from the Canberra campus office.

Relevant qualifications or units of competency studied at other Registered Training Organisations will be automatically recognised at no cost to the student.

13. Refund Policy

If you have already paid your tuition fees, Unity College Australia will refund all or part of your fees on the following basis.

Firstly where a student wishes to withdraw from a unit of study or a course, a 'Notification of Withdrawal' form must be completed and submitted to the Unity College office linked to your study. The date of withdrawal is the date in which written notification is received by the Unity College office.

Once initial payment has been made the amount of 50% of first semester's fees is non refundable. This is to take account of the commitment the college has to make to trainers in deciding if units have sufficient numbers of students enrolled to proceed.

Students can start a unit/course a maximum of two weeks after the commencement date. There is no refund for late commencements. No refunds will be provided in relation to application fees, retreat fees, mission trip and/or international supplements.

Otherwise refunds will be made less the following withdrawal costs:

- prior to the cut off enrolment date for each term (Thursday before first week of term) - 10% of unit fees if payment has already been made.
- up to the first teaching week of term - 25% of the unit fee except where you have already been notified that a class for an optional unit will be running. In this case the full term fee is payable.

- after the first teaching week - no refund is payable.

The Principal of the local campus of Unity College will make the final decision about refunds. Refunds will normally be made in Australian dollars even if the initial payment was made in another currency. The student is responsible for any currency conversion costs.

Full refunds of all relevant fees will be paid where the college defaults in its delivery (eg where a course doesn't run). This is in line with the provisions of the ESOS Act 2000 and the ESOS regulations 2001 which apply to international students.

14. Other Courses

Unity College Australia offers a wide range of other courses including areas such as Christian Ministry & Theology, Music, Creative Ministries, English as a Second Language, Information Technology and Training and Assessment. For the most up to date information please visit our web site www.unity.edu.au

15. Course Dates:

2010 Semester 1

Orientation	Monday 1 February - Friday 5 February
Term 1	Monday 1 February - Friday 9 April
Term 2	Tuesday 27 April - Friday 2 July

2010 Semester 2

Orientation	Monday 19 July
Term 3	Monday 19 July - Friday 24 September
Term 4	Monday 11 October - Friday 10 December
Graduation	Thursday 16 December

2011 Semester 1

Orientation	Monday 7 February - Friday 11 February
Term 1	Monday 7 February - Thursday 15 April
Term 2	Monday 2 May - Friday 8 July