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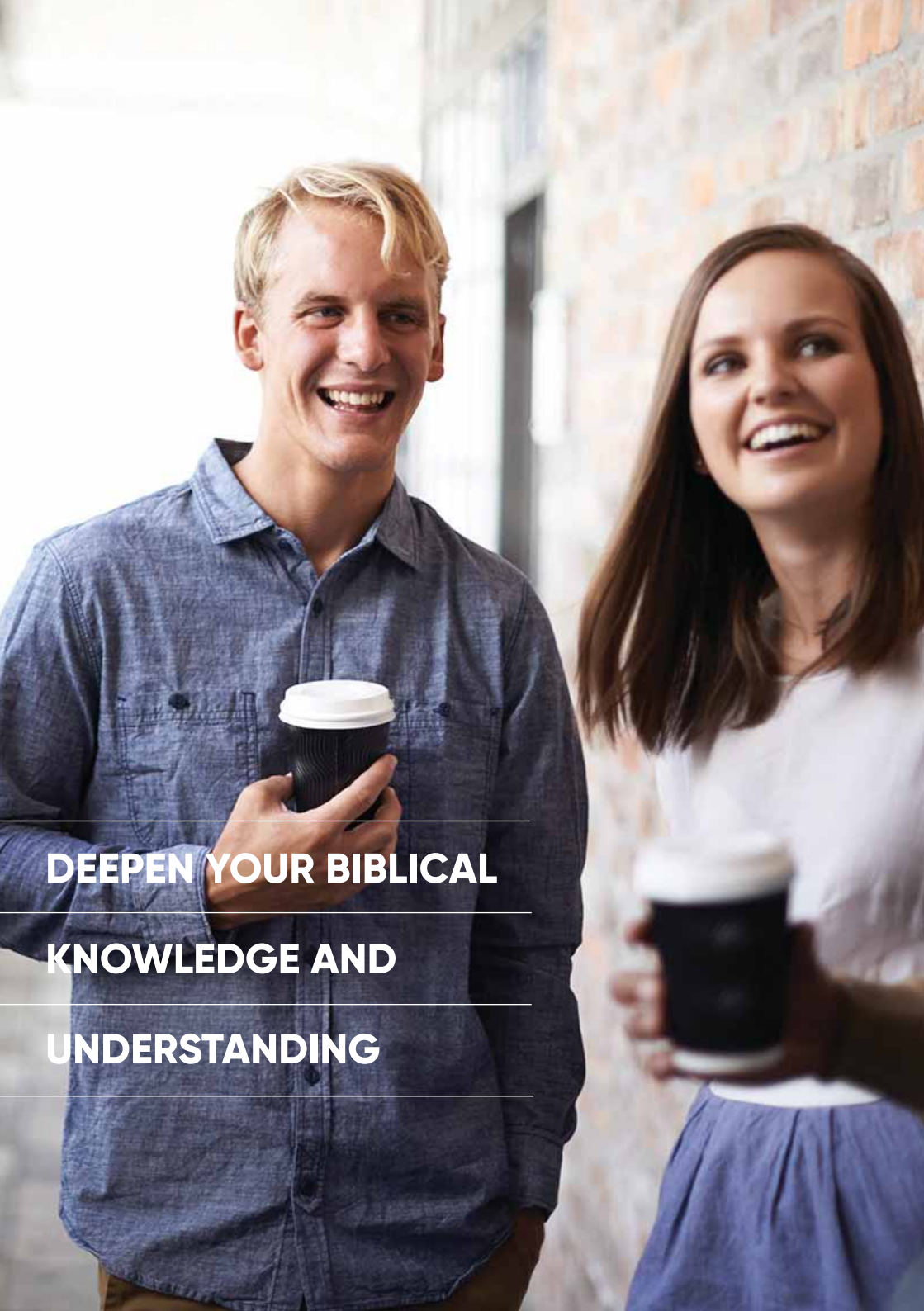
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# **NEW ZEALAND DIPLOMA IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES**

LEVEL 5

Do you feel God is calling you into church leadership or pastoral ministry, or just want to develop a greater understanding of God in your everyday life as a Christian?

Whatever your purpose is, studying the NZ Diploma in Christian Studies will build a deep foundation in your life, and prepare you for a lifetime of Christian ministry and influence in the workplace.

# STUDY

# FULLTIME

## 1 YEAR - INTERNSHIP

**You may feel God is calling you into church leadership or pastoral ministry. Or perhaps you want to develop greater understanding of your faith to help in your everyday life as a Christian.** Many school leavers or tertiary graduates choose to take a 'gap year' for biblical training, to grow in depth and understanding of what they believe.

If you would like to stay in your home church, you can do so by being involved in an internship. This consists of six core papers (by block course and self-study) plus a ministry internship in your local church or Christian organisation working 15 hours per week (a minimum 500 hours over the year).

A blended approach will be used with the students learning through a mixture of self-study, block courses spaced through the year, individual tutor contact, work-based learning, and online learning.

In block courses you will receive quality teaching from our amazing lecturers, giving you in-depth biblical and theological understanding, without having to learn everything out of text books. You will also develop ministry skills such as preaching and leadership.

## INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

### **Acceptance on to the programme will require evidence of:**

- An appropriate internship in a church or Christian organisation
- A clear role within the organisation for the duration of the programme
- A Vision College approved mentor and a supervisor who is available to support the learner's progress.

### **Work and Study Hours**

The course is fulltime, but taught within an internship. The placement should be at least 15 hours per week (minimum of 500 hours per year), maximum of 24 hours per week\*. Study can be expected to take 15-20 hours per week.

*\*Hours negotiated with your church/organisation*





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“I’m working with volunteers all the time and the leadership training I got at Vision College has really helped me with that. It is great to be able to work with people and watch them grow.”

**YSRIAL CLUNIES-ROSS**



# STUDY PART-TIME

**3 YEARS**

**Complete the diploma without changing your work life using the flexi study option (part-time).**

You are passionate for God, busy in life, serving in your local church, and would love to study at a Bible College, but taking a year off is not practical? With our block course weekends you can receive the same powerful teaching that our fulltime students receive, but with minimum disruption to your employment.

Stay in your current role and study the NZ Diploma of Christian Studies part-time through block courses, online support and interaction. Work with other students and well known pastors to help you grow in both knowledge and your personal relationship with God.

The programme consists of 8 papers delivered at block courses over three years (2-3 papers per year). You will receive quality teaching from our amazing lecturers, giving you in-depth biblical and theological understanding, without having to learn everything out of textbooks.

## **BLOCK COURSES**

If you are working fulltime, our weekend block courses are designed for people just like you. Students complete two or three weekend courses, together with required assignments. The weekend block courses run from Friday lunchtime until Monday lunchtime (NI) and Thursday to Saturday (SI).

After three years (8 block courses) you will graduate with the NZ Diploma in Christian Studies Level 5. The weekends feature excellent speakers, awesome worship and wonderful fellowship. Expect to come away from each weekend inspired and with a deeper understanding of the Bible and ministry.

# SUBJECTS INCLUDE

**Theology 1 – God and Creation** - This course will systematically analyse, examine and explain the main doctrines of the Christian faith in light of the Scriptures.

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**Theology 2 – Christ and Salvation** - This course is a historical and systematic investigation of the Christian understanding of Jesus Christ and his significance as proclaimed by the Christian Church.

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**Communication** - Develop knowledge and skills for researching and communicating information, particular attention will be given to the role of preaching.

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**Leadership** - Develop knowledge and skills to lead others to implement activities within an organisation including change, for an efficient and effective performance of the organisation

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**The Ministry Environment** - Develop knowledge and skills to understand and adapt to the organisations current and emerging environment, including New Zealand's unique bi-cultural society.

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**Innovation** - Develop knowledge and skills to contribute in operational contexts to innovation and organisational change within a Church or Christian organisation.

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**Spiritual Formation** - This course provides the opportunity to explore issues of spirituality and spiritual development as they impact their personal spiritual growth.

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**Biblical Overview** - This course discusses the content, message and theology of the Old Testament and the relevance of the story of faith from the Old Testament text for society today.

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**Leadership Project** - Apply knowledge and skills in ministry operation and leading people for efficient and effective performance, and to move the organisation forward in achieving its strategic objectives.

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*Availability of subjects listed may vary.*



**CHRISTIAN  
STUDIES  
LEVEL 5**

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“It really opened up  
the bible and gave  
us so much more  
confidence”

**LANCE & SUE LANGLEY**

# COURSE SNAPSHOT

	FULLTIME	PART-TIME
QUALIFICATION	New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies	
LEVEL	5	5
LENGTH	1 year	3 years
START DATES	February & July	Any block course
BLOCK COURSES	Hamilton, Christchurch or other suitable locations	
FEES	\$5,995.00* (Domestic Students)	FEES \$749.30 per paper (Domestic Students)*

## STUDENT LOANS AND ALLOWANCES MAY BE AVAILABLE

*StudyLink conditions apply*

*\*Fees listed are indicative only and may vary with course selection. Exact fees can be confirmed when you enquire or apply. See website for International Fees.*

*Part-time option not available for international students.*

**YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR FEES FREE\* FOR YOUR FIRST YEAR**

**\*CONDITIONS  
APPLY**



## **YOUR PATHWAY TO MINISTRY**

**NEW ZEALAND DIPLOMA IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES  
(Level 5)**

**NEW ZEALAND DIPLOMA IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES  
(Level 6)\***

Become a Pastor, Youth Pastor, Church Staff Member  
or leader in the market place.

*\*Awaiting NZQA Approval*



# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

## Fulltime/Part-time

All applicants must:

- Be at least 17\* years of age
- All applicants will be required to produce two current character references.
- Produce two essays, one outlining their journey of faith, and one demonstrating their ability to meet the written requirements of the course.
- A recommendation from current pastor, or similar
- Have sufficient levels of English and computer literacy skills to study at this level as well as the ability to use the communication and collaboration technologies incorporated in the programme.
- Short-listed applicants may be required to attend an individual interview as part of the application process (can be by Skype).
- Students for whom English is a second language must also have an IELTS score of 5.5 (academic) with no individual band lower than 5.0, or equivalent test.

Preference will be given to applicants who have a history of academic success, relevant practical experience, a commitment to undertaking all aspects of the programme and to meeting the learning outcomes.

*\*International students must be at least 18 years old and meet Visa requirements to study in NZ. They will also need to find a church placement in NZ.*

## PROVISIONAL ENTRY

Provisional Entry may be granted to domestic applicants who do not meet the entry criteria, but must present evidence of ability to succeed and are able to show they are well prepared to study the programme.

**FURTHER STUDY**

**NZ DIPLOMA IN CHRISTIAN  
STUDIES (LEVEL 6)**

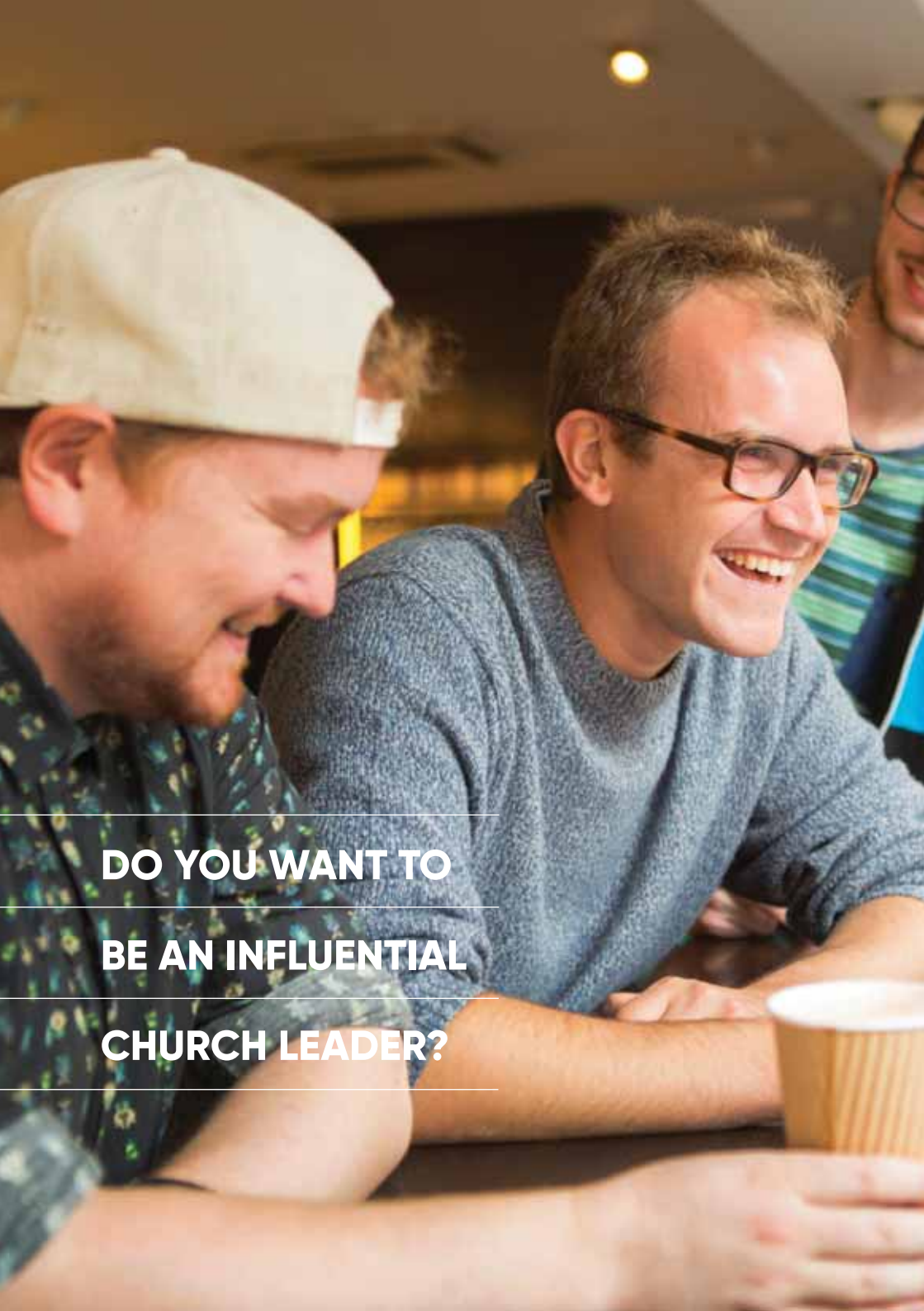
**GRADUATE OPPORTUNITES**

The NZ Diploma in Christian Studies will prepare you for roles such as:

*(Subject to the requirements of denomination)*

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**CHURCH LEADER  
(MINOR OR MAJOR  
ROLES), YOUTH  
PASTOR/LEADER,  
EFFECTIVE CHURCH  
VOLUNTEER, CHURCH  
WORK, ORDAINED  
MINISTER.**



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**DO YOU WANT TO**

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**BE AN INFLUENTIAL**

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**CHURCH LEADER?**

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# **NEW ZEALAND DIPLOMA IN CHRISTIAN STUDIES**

LEVEL 6\*

Do you have a desire to be an influential leader?  
Do you want to make things happen? Would  
you like to work full or part-time for a church  
or ministry?

*\*Awaiting NZQA approval*

# EXTEND YOUR LEADERSHIP INFLUENCE

The NZ Diploma in Christian Studies (Level 6) is an intensive leadership development programme that has been designed for people who feel called to be involved in leadership roles in the workplace and in Christian ministry. It is a fulltime year of study, with an internship, that follows on from the New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (Level 5) or equivalent.

Having established a solid biblical and theological foundation in your earlier qualification, the NZ Diploma in Christian Studies (Level 6) now focuses intensely on growing you in your leadership knowledge and skills.

We complement topics such as Leading Teams, Strategic Leadership, and Leading and Managing a Church, with Theology, Pastoral Studies and Contemporary Leadership Analysis. The Making of a Leader paper takes you deep into your personal journey of leadership development.

## **Work and Study Hours**

The course is fulltime, but taught within an internship. The placement should be at least 15 hours per week (minimum of 500 hours per year), maximum of 24 hours per week\*. Study can be expected to take 15-20 hours per week.

The internship provides an opportunity to put your learning into practice and gain stronger ministry experience. Students usually complete the internship in their local church, although alternatives will be considered. Internship placements must be approved by the College.

The internship requires a mentoring component to ensure that the learning takes place in a supported, evaluated and safe environment. The mentor must also be approved by the College and will usually be your Pastor or significant leader.

\*Hours negotiated with your church/organisation



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“The leadership training provided by Vision College gave me a good foundation to go into ministry and has helped me to be more effective. It gave me the skills I needed to grow the ministries I’m involved in and empower others to step up into leadership as well.”

**SHANE MITCHELL**

# BLOCK COURSES AND SELF-DIRECTED PAPERS

There are five block courses throughout the year which give you valuable face-to-face teaching time. You will complete two other papers through supported distance learning, plus the internship. The entire NZ Diploma in Christian Studies (Level 6) is designed to equip you with the knowledge, skills and experience that will enable you to grow into your full leadership potential and prepare you for ministry leadership roles.

## COURSE SNAPSHOT

QUALIFICATION	New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (Level 6)**
LEVEL	6
LENGTH	1 year
STUDY OPTIONS	Fulltime
START DATES	February
AVAILABLE AT	Internship anywhere in NZ with block courses in Hamilton, Christchurch or other suitable location
FEES	\$5,995.00 or \$749.30 per paper* (Domestic Students)

### STUDENT LOANS AND ALLOWANCES AVAILABLE

StudyLink conditions apply

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# **SUBJECTS INCLUDE**

## **BLOCK COURSES:**

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Strategic Leadership

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Leadership Philosophy

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Theology 3: Holy Spirit and the Church

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Pastoral Ministry

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Leadership Development

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## **INTERNSHIP:**

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Leadership Placement

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*Availability of subjects listed may vary.*



# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

## **All applicants must:**

- Be aged 17 years\* or over.
- Supply Pastoral references.
- Have completed the New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies Level 5 or similar
- Complete required essays and have an interview.
- Students for whom English is a second language must also have an IELTS score of 6.0 (academic) with no individual band lower than 5.5, or equivalent test.

*\*International students must be at least 18 years old and meet Visa requirements to study in NZ. They will also need to find a church placement in NZ.*

## **PROVISIONAL ENTRY**

Provisional Entry may be granted to domestic applicants who do not meet the criteria above, but present evidence of ability to succeed and are able to show they are well prepared to study the programme.

## **GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES**

The NZ Diploma in Christian Studies (Level 6) will prepare you for:

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FURTHER STUDY:

## **BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY**

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EMPLOYMENT:

**CHURCH LEADER  
(MINOR OR MAJOR  
ROLES), YOUTH  
PASTOR/LEADER,  
SUPPORT AID,  
CHURCH WORK,  
ORDAINED MINISTER**

*(Subject to the requirements of denomination)*

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**MAKE A**

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**DIFFERENCE**

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# **NEW ZEALAND DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS**

LEVEL 5

Christian organisations and churches have a myriad of projects that require leadership to make them happen. This is your opportunity to help them grow by undertaking an internship within your employment, while gaining a New Zealand Diploma in Business (Level 5) with a strand in Leadership and Management

A close-up photograph of a woman with long blonde hair, wearing a blue shirt, sitting at a desk and writing in a spiral notebook with a black pen. Her hands are the central focus. In the foreground, the back of another person's head and shoulder is visible, slightly out of focus. The background is bright and blurred, suggesting an office or meeting environment. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**DEVELOP A  
POSITIVE  
WORKPLACE  
CULTURE  
AND ENHANCE  
TEAM ENGAGEMENT**

# HAVE AN IMPACT!

Directly apply your learned business skills to the church or your employer by studying online and through block courses.

Some examples of projects that you can help your church with are:

- Setting up a database. Research and set up a technology solution for communication and growth
- Creating a marketing plan. Research and set up a plan that is likely to include social media, email communication and advertising
- Plan funding applications and sponsorship for a community event or service
- Plan for the planting of a new Church, through research, team formation and strategy
- Event planning, such as Christmas events and youth events
- Research new outreach opportunities such as a childcare centre, education for youth or other forms of community support.

## COURSE SNAPSHOT

QUALIFICATION	New Zealand Diploma in Business (Level 5)
LEVEL	5
LENGTH	1 year fulltime or 2 years part-time
STUDY OPTIONS	Fulltime Internship or part-time in approved employment
START DATES	February & July
BLOCK COURSES	Hamilton, Christchurch or other suitable location
FEES	\$4,810.00* (Domestic Students)

### STUDENT LOANS AND ALLOWANCES AVAILABLE

*StudyLink conditions apply*

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*This is not available to international students.*

**YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR FEES FREE\***

**\* CONDITIONS  
APPLY**

# DIPLOMA CONTENT

7 PAPERS

**Business Functions** - Apply knowledge of the principles and practices of operations, accounting, HR, and risk management, to support the operational efficiency and effectiveness of the entity.

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**Business Communication** - Develop knowledge and skills for researching and communicating information to internal and external stakeholders.

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**Innovation** - Develop knowledge and skills to contribute in operational contexts to innovation and organisational change within a business entity.

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**The Business Environment** - Develop knowledge and skills to understand and adapt to the organisation's current and emerging environment, including New Zealand's unique bi-cultural partnership.

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**Leadership** - Develop knowledge and skills to lead others to implement activities within the entity's plans, including change.

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**Quality Management** - Develop knowledge and skills to identify operational issues and challenges and apply techniques for continuous improvement of the entity.

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**Leadership Project** - A work based project, which applies knowledge and skills in business planning, project management, and leading people to move the entity forward in achieving its strategic objectives.

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# INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

## **Acceptance into the programme will require evidence of:**

- An appropriate work placement
- A clear role within the work placement organisation for the duration of the programme
- A significant project to undertake during the programme (the project should take a minimum of 12 weeks).
- A Vision College approved mentor, and a workplace supervisor, to support the learner's progress.

## **Work and Study hours**

The programme is considered fulltime study. While it is possible to be in fulltime employment, study will probably take 2-3 hours per evening, for a total of 15 to 20 hours per week.

# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

## **All applicants must:**

- Be at least 17 years of age
- Have sufficient levels of English and computer literacy skills to study at this level as well as the ability to use the communication and collaboration technologies incorporated in the programme.
- A recommendation from current employers, or church
- Short-listed applicants may be required to attend an individual interview as part of the application process (can be by Skype).
- Students for whom English is a second language must also have an IELTS score of 5.5 (academic) with no individual band lower than 5.0, or equivalent test.

*\* This programme is not available to international students at this time.*

Preference will be given to applicants who have a history of academic success, relevant practical experience, a commitment to undertaking all aspects of the programme and to meeting the learning outcomes.

## **Provisional Entry**

Provisional Entry may be granted to domestic applicants who do not meet the criteria above, but present evidence of ability to succeed and are able to show they are well prepared to study the programme.

## **GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES**

The NZ Diploma in Business (Level 5) will prepare you for:

FURTHER  
STUDY

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**LEVEL 6 BUSINESS  
DIPLOMA OR DEGREE**

EMPLOYMENT

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**BUSINESS,  
LEADERSHIP  
ROLE, MARKETING  
SUPPORT,  
SELF EMPLOYMENT,  
SALES ROLE**

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information on other courses available.  
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AVAILABLE  
NATIONWIDE