

# ACC PATHWAYS FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION AND MINISTRY TRAINING

Among the decisions made at the ACC AGM in September 2018 was the following:

*encourage the ACC School of Faith to negotiate with like-minded evangelical theological and bible colleges in order to develop an alternative pathway for the teaching and training of candidates for ministry, ministry leaders and ministers.*

The School of Faith has explored possible pathways for theological education and ministry training of ACC people and recommends the following colleges with whom we have had preliminary discussions. The faith-statements of these colleges are consistent with the faith of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church, as that faith is expressed in the Basis of Union.

## Bible College of South Australia

BCSA offers the academic awards of the Australian College of Theology, Australia's oldest and largest provider of theological education.

Undergraduate and graduate courses are built around a core of classes in Bible, theology and ministry. Students can choose from a range of subjects including biblical Hebrew and Greek, Old Testament and New Testament overview and exegesis, Systematic Theology, Church History, Preaching, Evangelism, and more.

Primary offerings at the undergraduate and graduate levels are:

	Undergraduate	Graduate
One Year (or equivalent part-time)	Diploma of Theology Diploma of Ministry	Graduate Diploma of Divinity
Three-Four Years (or equivalent part-time)	Bachelor of Theology Bachelor of Ministry	Master of Divinity Master of Ministry

In addition to the formal academic program, BCSA also offers Ministry Formation Certificate which is free for all students. This runs over a three-year cycle and focuses on personal character formation and practical equipping for ministry.

	Character Formation	Practical Equipping
Year A	Godly Households Prayer	Growing New Leaders Other Faiths Church Planting Children's Ministry
Year B	Holiness Suffering	Sexuality How to Run a Ministry Dealing with Grief The Missionary Mindset
Year C	Personal Maturity Setting Priorities	Understanding Culture Denominational Distinctives Finances Self Care in Ministry

For graduates who have already completed a first theological training—including those now working in vocational Christian ministry—several postgraduate options are offered for continuing study.

Master of Arts in Theology or Ministry is delivered in intensive, or ‘punctuated intensive’ mode by leading scholars and practitioners from around the world. Units change from year to year. Current offerings can be seen on the BCSA website. <https://biblecollege.sa.edu.au>

To find out more about studying at Bible College SA, contact the Registrar anytime at [registrar@biblecollege.sa.edu.au](mailto:registrar@biblecollege.sa.edu.au)

## **Tabor (Adelaide, Perth, Online).**

Tabor is a Higher Education provider with particular expertise in the education and formation of community professionals such as pastors, teachers, counsellors, youth workers, musicians, creative communicators and intercultural workers.

Tabor is a multid denominational College which upholds Christian orthodoxy as expressed in the Nicene Creed. They value and respect the vitality of Pentecostal and Charismatic expressions of faith, the biblical focus of Evangelical Christians and the distilled learning of the wider Church.

Tabor offers the following courses relating to ministry both face to face and online

**Master of Divinity:** Tabor’s preferred option for those holding a degree already.

**Bachelor of Theology:** The primary goal is to develop graduates who are creative theological thinkers, and nurture in them an ability to draw critically on the biblical witness and traditions of the church. Available fully online, fully on campus in Adelaide, and a blend of online and on campus in Perth.

**Bachelor of Ministry:** Holistically prepares students for vocational and professional roles which bring glory to God through Christian work, in both word and deed. It is available fully online, fully on campus in Adelaide, and a blend of online and on campus in Perth.

**Diploma in Theology:** The primary goal of is to develop graduates who have a deeper appreciation of the Christian Scriptures, faith and story and a greater ability to connect these with life in 21st century Australia. You can study on-campus, online or a mix of both.

**Certificate IV in Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy:** Provides skills and knowledge for person-centred approaches to caring for vulnerable people.

**Other Ministry and Theology Courses:** Graduate Certificate in Divinity; **Graduate** Diploma in Divinity; **Graduate** Diploma in Ministry; Master of Ministry

The Bachelor of Ministry or Master of Divinity at Tabor would be excellent courses for those looking to become a pastor of Confessing Congregations. Because it is available online it is suitable nationally. The Bachelor of Theology plus the Diploma in Theology would also be possible courses for this. The Master of Ministry is recommended for ACC ministers for their continuing education.

There may be the possibility in the future of an integrated subject with Tabor and the ACC, focussing on the Basis of Union and the key elements of the movement. This could be studied

for credit towards one of Tabor's degrees and may be recognised by other Australian Higher Education providers.

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## Kingsley College

*Developing and equipping people to shape their world.*

**Kingsley Australia** is the ministry training institution of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of Australia. Through the transforming power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ Kingsley Australia facilitates the development and equipping of Christians to become empowered and passionate in their ministry to shape their world. Kingsley Community study is suited to provide quality training for lay people, and those commencing study towards ordination

Kingsley College delivers training under the auspices of Unity College Australia [RTO 6330, CRICOS Code 02160A]. The college offers the following nationally accredited courses:

10742NAT Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology

10743NAT Diploma in Christian Ministry and Theology

10744NAT Advanced Diploma IV in Christian Ministry and Theology

10745NAT Graduate Certificate in Christian Ministry and Theology

Kingsley Community is a local church-based training program that is designed to equip people to serve in and through their local church to have an impact on their community and the world. Classes are delivered in local churches and regional centres throughout Australia. The courses are structured to be offered for Distant Education as well.

Lay leaders may be interested to begin with 10742NAT Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology. It is designed for those who wish to be better equipped to serve in the various ministries in their church and community.

The Certificate IV Award consists of 9 Units of Competencies (6 Cores and 3 Electives).

Core subjects are:

- Church History Survey, or Biblical Interpretation, or Wesleyan Theology
- Introduction to the Old Testament
- Introduction to the New Testament
- Basic Christian Beliefs
- Spiritual Formation, or Wesleyan History
- Introduction to Preaching, or Communicating Your Faith

Elective subjects are:

- Introduction to Christian Leadership
- Wesleyan Leadership
- Worship Ministry, or Youth Ministry, or Children Ministry

1 year full-time, or part time and complete the certificate over a longer period.

[Full time students qualify to apply for Austudy and Youth allowance]

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## **Confessing Lay Preachers for ACC**

Those wishing to become accredited as Confessing Lay Preachers for ACC congregations can do their primary training through Kingsley Australia. They need to complete the following units:

- Introduction to the Old Testament
- Introduction to the New Testament
- Basic Christian Beliefs
- Introduction to Preaching
- Worship
- Plus, an extra subject on the Basis of Union and Wesleyan Leadership

Those finishing the above units may like to continue on to complete the Certificate IV and then the Diploma and Advanced Diploma.

## **Moore Theological College,**

**King Street, Newtown, NSW**

Full course details and costs: [www.moore.edu.au](http://www.moore.edu.au)

<b>Course</b>	<b>Mode</b>	<b>Subjects/Units</b>	<b>Suitable For</b>
<b>1. Preliminary Theological Certificate (Unaccredited)</b>	Online Correspondence Face-to-face	Introduction to the Bible Promise to Fulfilment Pentateuch Mark	Lay Preachers  Lay Leaders
	Duration: up to 18 months	Knowledge of God Ephesians Former Prophets Acts Christ & His Work Early Church History Latter Prophets Paul's Letter ( ) The Church Reformation Church History + 4 electives	Personal spiritual enrichment
<b>2. Diploma of Biblical Theology (Accredited)</b>	1 Year full time; part time study available	Biblical Theology Gospel of Mark Church History 1	Lay Preachers  Lay Leaders involved in ministry leadership in their local context – especially regional or foreign locations.
	On-line Face-to-face	The Twelve Prophets The Written Word of God Paul and His Letters The Cross of Christ Engaging With Islam The Pentateuch Discipleship Ethics	People considering further theological study – can be credited towards BTh
<b>3. Advanced Diploma of Bible, Mission and Ministry</b>			All specialisations of the Advanced Diploma share the same core biblical, theological and ministry foundations as is provided for the first year Bachelor's degree students. This is complemented by specialist units tailored to meet specific mission, lay ministry, women's ministry or music ministry needs.

<b>4. Bachelor of Theology</b>	Three (3) years full time on site only (First year only available part-time)	Hebrew 1 - 3 Greek 1 - 3 Old Testament 1- 3 New Testament 1- 3 Biblical Theology Doctrine 1 – 3 Philosophy 1 – 3 Church History 1 – 2 Christian Ethics Ministry & Mission 1 – 3 Comparative Religions	Designed for those who choose to graduate after three years of study. It is fully nested within the Bachelor of Divinity (BD) and consists of all units of the first three years of the BD.  For those considering full-time Christian Ministry
<b>5. Bachelor of Divinity</b>	Four (4) years full time on site only	Anglican Ministry Candidates	

## Sydney Missionary and Bible College

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SMBC offers a wide range of courses – from undergraduate to postgraduate and doctorates. There is flexibility to study full-time or part-time via weekly lectures (day or evening) or intensive mode (a blend of classroom and online).

Strengths of the college are reflected in the SMBC Centre for Cross-Cultural Mission and the SMBC Centre for Preaching & Pastoral Ministry.

Study at SMBC will take you:

**DEEPER:** SMBC’s academic curriculum is founded on, and saturated in, the Bible - the inspired word of God. Study at SMBC will give you a deep and systematic understanding of the Bible, its theology and its application to all aspects of life.

**WIDER:** SMBC is interdenominational – lecturers, staff and students represent various denominational allegiances. There is mutual respect and understanding for differing viewpoints, however the College is strongly Evangelical, with the teaching faculty united in their commitment to those matters which are of ‘first importance’ and form the heart of the gospel message. This, along with our international ‘flavour’, provides a diverse and healthy environment to study in.

**FURTHER:** Cross-cultural mission is the very DNA of SMBC. With three missiologists on staff, weekly visiting missionaries, a missionary mentoring programme, the SMBC Biennial Missions Conference, plus a broad range of missions units, SMBC excels in preparing its students for ministry across all kinds of cultural boundaries.

**CLOSER:** It is a priority of SMBC that in addition to gaining a deep knowledge of the Bible, our students continue to grow in holiness, with lives marked by prayer, love, humility and obedience to God. Time spent in the College community and being mentored by lecturers will help strengthen your Christian character and draw you closer into relationship with Jesus and his people.

SMBC is accredited by the Australian College of Theology. Learn more at [smbc.edu.au](http://smbc.edu.au)

*“For the sake of his holy name”*

## Rhema Bible Training College

School of Faith is also having conversations with Rhema Bible Training College, Brisbane, to look at ways at encouraging, training and equipping all the members in a local congregation so that the whole church is built up and better able to fulfil its mission into the world.