

11239NAT Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology

International Student Course Brochure

Provider	Iona Columba College (ICC)
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CRICOS Provider Code	03411A
Course Name	Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology
VET Course Code	11239NAT
CRICOS Course Code	117095E
Course Sector	Vocational Education and Training (VET)
AQF Level	Advanced Diploma, AQF Level 6
Student Cohort	International students
Language of Delivery and Assessment	This course is delivered and assessed in Korean.
Location	15-17 Blaxland Road, Rhodes NSW 2138
Duration	60 weeks of scheduled study plus 18 weeks of scheduled breaks. Total duration is 78 weeks (1.5 years).
Commencement	Normally four intakes each year: January, April, July and October. Commencement is subject to sufficient student enrolments.
Delivery Mode	Scheduled face-to-face classroom training, compulsory supervised fieldwork and compulsory structured online learning.
Weekly Study Load	20 hours per study week: 8 hours scheduled face-to-face classroom training, 6 hours compulsory supervised fieldwork and 6 hours compulsory structured online learning.

Course Overview

The 11239NAT Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology is a nationally recognised vocational qualification for Korean-speaking students seeking advanced preparation for Christian ministry leadership and specialised independent ministry roles. It develops integrated biblical, theological and practical knowledge that may be applied in churches, ministry and parachurch organisations, Christian education, community, charitable and not-for-profit settings.

Students develop knowledge and skills to analyse and synthesise biblical and theological information, examine diverse theological perspectives, formulate responses to complex issues, and interpret, apply and teach Christian beliefs and practices. The course supports students to exercise autonomy, initiative and judgement in planning, designing and managing ministry services and to

accept accountability for personal outputs and team outcomes within broad organisational and ethical parameters.

The course also provides opportunities for personal ethical formation and reflective development relevant to responsible ministry leadership in contexts subject to change. Training and assessment are conducted in Korean.

Ministry and Vocational Relevance

This course may be relevant to people who are serving, or preparing to serve, in ministry leadership or specialised independent roles in church, ministry, mission, Christian education, charitable or not-for-profit settings. Depending on organisational requirements and the student's prior experience, the course may support preparation for roles or service contexts such as:

- associate ministry, pastoral, deacon or lay preaching roles, subject to church or denominational requirements
- chaplaincy or evangelism activities, subject to role-specific requirements
- ministry leadership, team coordination or management responsibilities
- teaching and Christian formation activities within churches or Christian organisations
- planning, designing or managing ministry programs and services
- service in church, parachurch, mission, charitable or not-for-profit organisations.

Some ministry, chaplaincy, teaching, management and church-related roles require commissioning, ordination, appointment, registration, additional qualifications, relevant experience or approval by a religious institution, employer, professional body or other organisation. Completion of this qualification does not guarantee a Student visa or other migration outcome.

Course Structure

The course is delivered over six terms of 10 weeks. Students complete 12 units of competency. The unit sequence below is indicative of the planned delivery structure:

Indicative Commencement Term	Unit Code	Unit Title
Year 1, Term 1	NAT11239001	Apply advanced knowledge of the Bible in Christian Ministry
Year 1, Term 1	NAT11239002	Analyse a theological topic and apply it to a contemporary context
Year 1, Term 1	NAT11239004	Analyse the theology of a biblical author
Year 1, Term 3	NAT11239005	Analyse translations of the Bible to assist in exegesis
Year 1, Term 3	NAT11239007	Provide guidance on ethical issues in a Christian ministry context
Year 1, Term 3	NAT11239008	Analyse the theology of an influential theologian and their impact on theology and church practice

Year 1, Term 4	NAT11239006	Articulate, present and debate the nature and person of Jesus
Year 1, Term 4	NAT11237010	Develop and implement self-care strategies in ministry
Year 2, Term 1	NAT11239003	Communicate complex theological ideas to diverse audiences
Year 2, Term 1	NAT11239010	Build and maintain community relationships
Year 2, Term 1	PSPGEN123	Provide workplace mentoring
Year 2, Term 2	BSBLDR602	Provide leadership across the organisation

The table shows the term in which each unit is expected to commence. Some units may continue across more than one term to provide sufficient time for instruction, practice, feedback and assessment.

Delivery and Weekly Study Requirements

The course is delivered through:

- 8 hours of scheduled face-to-face classroom training per study week
- 6 hours of compulsory supervised fieldwork per study week and
- 6 hours of compulsory structured online learning per study week.

International students are required to attend scheduled classroom training and fieldwork, participate in learning activities, complete required online learning and assessment activities by the specified dates, and maintain satisfactory course progress. Attendance and completion of required activities are recorded and monitored.

Structured online learning activities are prescribed by ICC and completed across the study week. The online component supports and extends learning undertaken through classroom training and fieldwork and does not replace the requirement to attend those scheduled activities.

Students should also expect to undertake additional private study, research, reflection and assessment preparation outside the required course activities.

Compulsory Supervised Fieldwork

The course includes six hours per week of supervised fieldwork, normally undertaken in a church setting approved by ICC. Fieldwork provides opportunities for students to apply course learning in practice and, where applicable, demonstrate evidence relevant to unit requirements.

Students must complete fieldwork in accordance with ICC's Fieldwork Guidelines, approved supervision arrangements and applicable church and organisational requirements.

Assessment Methods

Assessment is competency-based and uses a range of methods over time. Students must provide sufficient evidence that they can meet the requirements of each unit of competency.

Training and assessment are conducted in Korean. Assessment methods may include:

- written or oral questions and short written responses
- assignments, reports, projects and biblical or theological interpretation tasks
- case studies, scenarios, simulations or role plays
- presentations, ministry-related practical activities and trainer observation
- portfolios of evidence and, where appropriate, third-party evidence or supervisor reports.

Recognition of Prior Learning and Credit Transfer

ICC offers applicants and students opportunities to apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and Credit Transfer.

RPL may be granted where sufficient evidence demonstrates relevant prior skills, knowledge and experience. Credit Transfer may be granted for equivalent units supported by valid AQF certification documentation or an authenticated VET transcript. Applicants should indicate their interest before or at the time of enrolment. RPL or Credit Transfer may affect the course duration and Confirmation of Enrolment arrangements.

Further Study and Pathways

This course is a standalone nationally recognised qualification and forms the Advanced Diploma-level qualification within ICC's Christian Ministry and Theology course suite.

Applicants who have completed relevant units within the 11238NAT Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology may be eligible for Credit Transfer where those units are equivalent and are included in ICC's 11239NAT course structure. Applicants must also satisfy the essential entry requirement for this course.

Students seeking further vocational development in Christian ministry and theology may apply for the 11232NAT Graduate Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology. Completion of the 11239NAT Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology may satisfy one of the entry pathways for that course. Admission remains subject to the requirements applying at the time of application.

Where this course is offered as part of a packaged course sequence, ICC assesses the suitability of the proposed sequence for the individual applicant. Each course remains a separate qualification with its own entry, training, assessment and completion requirements.

Student Support

ICC provides support to assist students to participate in training and complete assessment requirements. Students may contact their trainer, assessor, Academic Manager or Student Support Officer for assistance.

- academic, study and assessment support
- learning, literacy, numeracy and digital learning support or referral
- reasonable adjustments for students with disability, where appropriate and practicable
- wellbeing support or referral to external support services where required
- support through email, phone, Zoom or individual learning/assessment support sessions.

Learning Resources and Technology

Students have access to ICC learning resources and to Camden Theological Library under ICC's institutional arrangement. Relevant theological and Korean-language resources are available in print and/or electronic formats. Further information about the Library and its services is available at library.nswact.uca.org.au.

Students must have access to a reliable laptop or tablet, reliable internet, email, web browsers, word-processing software such as Microsoft Office 365 or an equivalent suite, and the ability to access online learning platforms and submit assessments electronically.

Entry and Suitability Requirements

National course entry requirements

Applicants must have completed the core units of the Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology, or have gained equivalent learning from other sources.

ICC admission requirements

Applicants must:

- be at least 18 years of age
- provide evidence that they have completed the core units of the Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology, or provide evidence of equivalent prior learning
- have sufficient Korean language skills to participate in training, complete assessment tasks and engage with learning resources
- have learning, literacy, numeracy and digital skills suitable for the course level and modes of delivery
- participate in ICC's pre-enrolment suitability assessment, which may include an interview with the Academic Manager or delegate and review of evidence submitted to meet the national course entry requirement.

ICC assesses whether each applicant satisfies the national course entry requirement and is suitable for ICC's Korean-language delivery and assessment context before enrolment. International applicants must separately meet any Student visa requirements set by the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs, including any English language requirements that apply to their individual circumstances.

Student Visa Information

Student visa requirements are determined by the Australian Government and may change. International applicants are responsible for ensuring that they meet the requirements applicable to their individual circumstances. Current Student visa information is available from the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs at immi.homeaffairs.gov.au.

ICC does not provide migration advice and does not guarantee any visa or migration outcome. Applicants requiring migration advice should consult the Department of Home Affairs or a registered migration agent.

Course Fees

Fee Item	Amount
Enrolment Application Fee (<i>charged once per application, not per course</i>)	AUD 200
Tuition Fee	AUD 9,510
Total Fees – Standalone Application	AUD 9,710

The enrolment application fee is non-refundable except where a refund is required by law or available under ICC's Fees and Refund Policy. Where one application includes a packaged sequence of two or more ICC courses, the fee is charged once only and is included in the initial payment for the first course in the sequence.

A list of all possible fees and charges is available on the ICC website. International students are not required to pay more than 50 per cent of tuition fees before the course commences, but may choose to do so.

Payment Schedule

Study Period	Payment Due	Notes
Year 1, Term 1	AUD 1,785	Includes enrolment application fee of AUD 200, where applicable
Year 1, Term 2	AUD 1,585	
Year 1, Term 3	AUD 1,585	
Year 1, Term 4	AUD 1,585	
Year 2, Term 1	AUD 1,585	
Year 2, Term 2	AUD 1,585	

Term payments must be paid in full 14 days before the relevant term commences, unless ICC has approved another arrangement in writing. Refunds are managed in accordance with ICC's Fees and Refund Policy and the written agreement.

Application Process

To apply, international applicants should complete the International Student Enrolment Form available from the ICC website and submit it to info@iona.edu.au with the required supporting documents.

1. Submit application: Complete the International Student Enrolment Form and provide required supporting documents, including evidence of identity, evidence that the national course entry requirement has been met, and any documents requested by ICC to assess course suitability.

2. Application review: ICC reviews the application for completeness and assesses whether the applicant meets the national course entry requirement and ICC's admission and suitability requirements.
3. Pre-enrolment interview: Applicants may be interviewed by the Academic Manager or delegate to assess their suitability and capacity to undertake the course and, where relevant, clarify evidence submitted to meet the national course entry requirement.
4. Offer and written agreement: If the application is accepted, ICC issues a Letter of Offer, invoice and International Student Agreement for review and acceptance.
5. Acceptance and initial payment: The applicant returns the signed agreement and pays the required initial fees.
6. Confirmation of Enrolment: Where applicable, ICC issues a Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) after acceptance, payment and any required conditions are satisfied.
7. Student visa application: The applicant is responsible for applying for a Student visa through the Department of Home Affairs. If the visa is refused, the applicant should notify ICC and apply for a refund in accordance with ICC's Fees and Refund Policy.

Qualification Issuance

On successful completion of all required training and assessment, ICC will issue the 11239NAT Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology and a record of results listing the units of competency completed. Where a student withdraws after successfully completing one or more units, ICC will issue a Statement of Attainment for those units.

ICC will issue the relevant AQF certification documentation within 30 calendar days after completion of the final assessment, provided all agreed fees associated with the course have been paid. Because this course is delivered and assessed in Korean, ICC certification documentation will state that the relevant units have been delivered and assessed in Korean, in accordance with national VET requirements.

Further Information

International students should also read the International Student Handbook, Fees and Refund Policy, Complaints and Appeals Policy, Student Support information, Education Agent list and other relevant information available on the ICC website before enrolling.

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*This brochure provides course information for prospective international students.
It should be read together with ICC's current policies, forms and written agreement.*