



YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN US IN 2012 FOR THE BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE OR BISHOP'S DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES

We are delighted to be welcoming new and continuing participants to the Bishop's Certificate and Diploma programmes in 2012. We invite you to join us to learn more about key areas of Christian belief and their relationship to contemporary mission and ministry.

We will be gathering participants from around the Diocese in 2012 for learning, worship and fellowship. Please consider joining us!

TWO PROGRAMMES

The Bishop's Certificate programme consists of three blocks of study consisting of courses and a ministry skills stream.

These blocks will help you to learn about key areas of Christian belief and their relationship to contemporary mission and ministry.

The Bishop's Diploma programme consists of a further three blocks of study consisting of courses and a ministry skills stream. These blocks are designed for graduates of the Certificate programme, to enable you to study and reflect in further depth.

In both programmes each block includes two courses and resources to help you to understand your local context through what we call 'situation analysis'.

Each block of courses commences with a learning weekend to help you to start your studies.

The ministry skills stream will help you to focus on developing your practice within one area of ministry.

TWO WAYS TO STUDY

You can choose to complete a programme in one year or over three years supported by a local group of other participants.

ONE YEAR

Participants studying a programme in one year will attend three learning weekends and three learning days in 2012, engage with learning materials each week for thirty-six weeks during the year through personal study, participate in a local group and engage in ministry in their local Parish.

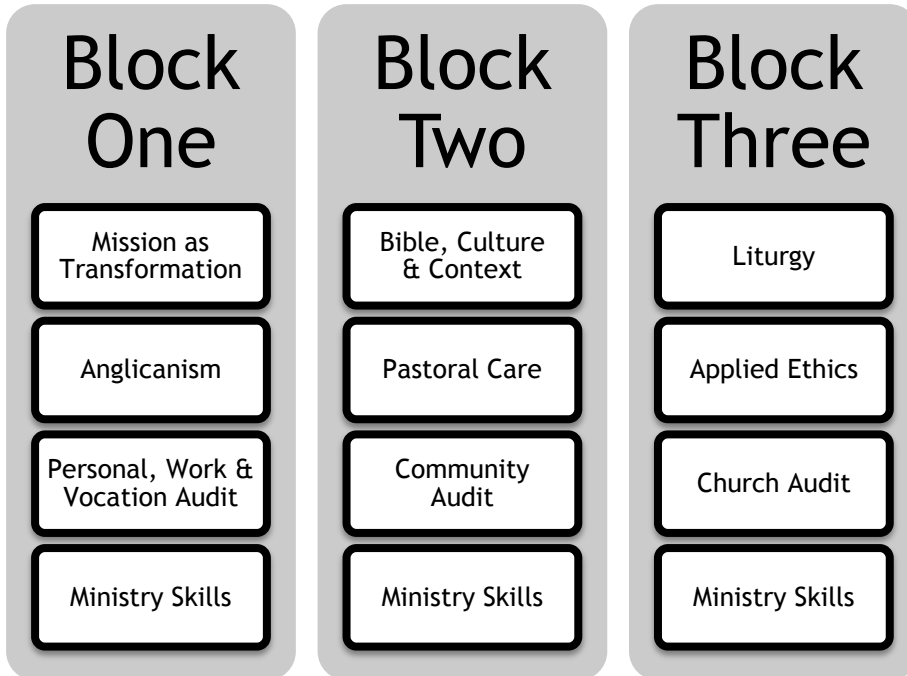
THREE YEARS

Participants studying a programme over three years will attend one learning weekend each year for three years (beginning in 2012 at the February learning weekend) and three learning days in 2012, engage with one topic from the learning materials each month for three years through personal study, participate in a local group and engage in ministry in their local Parish.

In 2012 learning weekends will be held at the beautiful Hunter Valley Retreat, Quorrobolong, in the Parish of Mount Vincent and Weston. Learning days will be held at Bishop Tyrrell Anglican College, Fletcher.

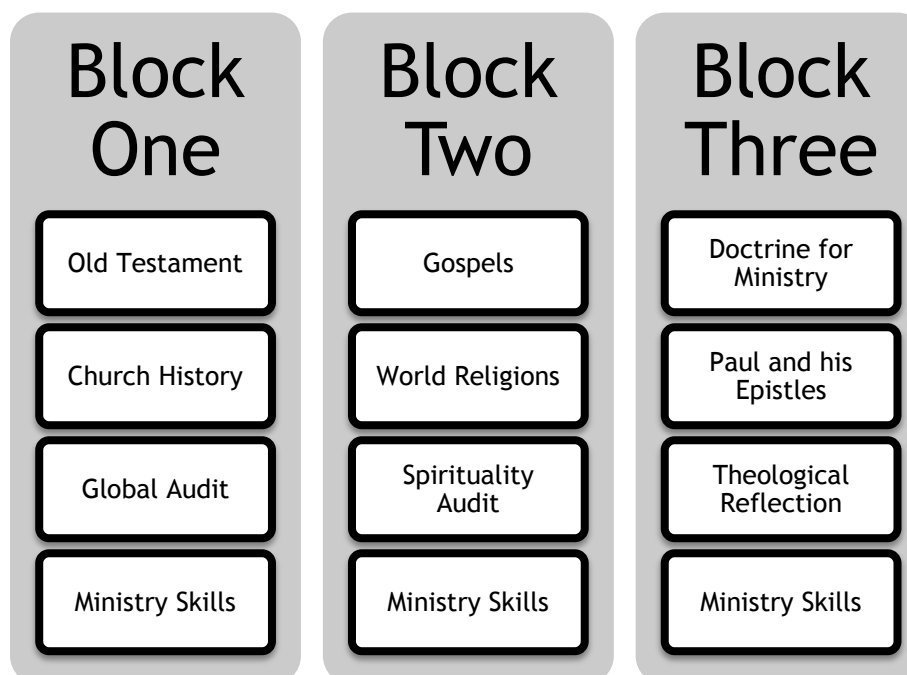
Bishop's Certificate in Theology for Ministry

You can complete all three blocks in one year, or one block each year for three years:



Bishop's Diploma in Theology for Ministry

Graduates of the Bishop's Certificate can complete all three blocks in one year, or one block each year for three years:



In 2012 we hope to offer the following Ministry Skills Streams:

(Participants choose one Stream for each year of their studies)

- Church Leadership
- Community Mission & Social Justice
- Discipleship in Small Groups
- Emerging Worship
- Evangelism
- Families & Children
- Expository Preaching
- Introduction to Liturgy
- Introduction to Pastoral Care
- Introduction to Preaching
- Mission and the Environment
- Ministry with Teens & Partnering with Parents
- Music in the Liturgy
- Pastoral Care Amongst the Dying
- Pastoral Care Amongst the Elderly
- Welcoming & Belonging

How Do I Apply?

Firstly, you will need to decide whether you wish to study the programme in one year or over three years.

If you decide to study in one year you will participate in all three learning weekends and complete all three blocks in 2012. If you decide to study over three years you will participate in the February learning weekend and complete Block One in 2012 and a further block each year.

Secondly, you will need to decide which ministry skills stream you would like to participate in. The streams are delivered at the three learning days and focus on practical ministry skills development. You must complete a skills stream as part of your Certificate or Diploma studies.

You can choose any stream from the list. You will need to discuss the possibilities with your Parish Priest before making your application.

Thirdly, you will need to complete the application form and post it with your programme fee. Your Parish Council may be willing to subsidise your programme fee. The fee includes meals and shared accommodation at learning weekends. We do not provide lunch at learning days.

The closing date for applications to be received for the Bishop's Certificate and Diploma programmes is 16th January 2012, however the number of places available is limited and we therefore suggest that you apply as soon as possible.

Important Information

In each block of courses in the programme you will be required to complete a learning journal of responses to questions in the learning materials. You will also complete one assessed task in your ministry skills stream. You will not be required to sit examinations in this programme.

You will need to have a red version of 'A Prayer Book for Australia' and a copy of the 'New Revised Standard Version of the Bible with Apocrypha'. These are not supplied by NSTM.

Programme Fees

Completing the Bishop's Certificate or Diploma in one year: **\$475**

Completing the Bishop's Certificate or Diploma over three years: **\$225** each year for three years.

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Programme Dates for 2012

**Block One
Learning Weekend**
3rd - 5th February

**Block Two
Learning Weekend**
11th - 13th May

**Block Three
Learning Weekend**
14th - 16th September

**Ministry Skills Stream
Learning Days**

24th March
14th July
10th November

*Learning weekends
commence on Fridays at
5 pm and conclude on
Sunday at 5 pm*

*Learning days commence at
9 am and conclude at 5 pm*

Visit our Website

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The Newcastle School of Theology for Ministry reserves the right to alter the schedule and content of these programmes, and other details in this publication, and will inform all registered participants of any changes where necessary. We recommend that you read the information in the relevant sections of the website before submitting your application form, particularly the policy relating to the refund of fees.

BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE AND DIPLOMA APPLICATION FORM: NSTM 2012

PART 1 - YOUR DETAILS

Title:	Preferred First Name:	Suburb:	Postcode:
Full Name:	Home Telephone:	Mobile Telephone:	
If you have special dietary requirements or other needs please indicate 'yes' here and provide details on an additional sheet:	Work Telephone:	Parish:	
Address:	If you are a musician and would like to be involved in the music at our worship please indicate your instrument here:		
We plan to communicate with you by e-mail. Please provide an e-mail address here, by doing so you are agreeing to us communicating with you through this e-mail address:	If you are applying for recognition of prior learning please indicate 'yes' here and provide details on an additional sheet:		

PART 2 - PROGRAMME AND SKILLS STREAM

	Please tick one box:	Please indicate 'One Year' or 'Three Years':
Bishop's Certificate in Theology for Ministry		
Bishop's Diploma in Theology for Ministry		

Please indicate your preferred Ministry Skills Stream:

PART 3 - YOUR COMMITMENT

I am seeking to commence/continue studies in February 2012. I commit myself to participating in the learning weekends and learning days related to my programme in 2012. I am aware of the refund policy of the School as detailed on the School's website.

Applicant's Signature and Date:

PART 4 - PARISH PRIEST'S RECOMMENDATION

I am happy to recommend the applicant for this programme, including the choice of ministry skills stream.

Parish Priest's Signature and Date:

Please include a cheque for \$475 for the 1 Year Programme or \$225 for the 3 Year Programme. Your Parish Council may be willing to subsidise your programme fee.

Please send this form with a cheque made payable to 'Anglican Diocese of Newcastle' to
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