



PBC
PERTH BIBLE COLLEGE

CONTEMPORARY CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM INFORMATION PACK

Author: Dr Shannon Hood & Rev Steve Poisat

Version 2.0

27 April 2023



Table of Contents

Table of Contents

<i>Welcome</i>	3
<i>Program Overview</i>	4
<i>Unit Descriptors</i>	5
<i>Course Requirements</i>	5
<i>Academic Credit</i>	6
<i>Professional Development</i>	6
<i>Ordination Pathway</i>	7
<i>Cost</i>	8
<i>Enrolment</i>	8
<i>Further Information</i>	8

Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to find out more about the Contemporary Chaplaincy Program.

I'm excited to be able to lead this program as Dean of Chaplaincy for Perth Bible College. It has a personal connection for me. In 1992 I was studying Engineering at University and wrestling with a sense of call to full time ministry. During my Christmas break while working as a student Engineer in a factory in the Southern Suburbs of Adelaide I met a guy who introduced himself as an Industrial Chaplain. I don't remember his name but I do remember thinking – "That is my ideal job".



In the meantime, I have served as an Emergency Services Chaplain, completing a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) with the State Emergency Service and led a team of Mental Health Professionals and Chaplains as the Clinical Manager for Onsite services at Converge International. It is now my privilege to lead this program, training the next generation of Chaplains to serve in whatever context God is calling them.

This program is a Collaboration with Waverley Abbey College (UK) and Reventure. Waverley Abbey College developed the program in 2020 and as of April 2023 have run 9 cohorts and graduated over 100 students. The development was led by Dr Keith Foster. Keith has helped us adapt the program for an Australian setting.

The Australian adaptation was supported by Reventure Ltd. Reventure is the current name for an organisation that was established over 60 years ago – the Interchurch Trade and Industry Mission (ITIM). I now realise the chaplain I met in the factory 30 years ago was an ITIM chaplain! Reventure continues to place Chaplains into industry throughout Australia. For example, all the Chaplains that serve the Country Fire Authority in Victoria are Reventure employees – and have been for more than 40 years! There is no better organisation to have helped us 'Australianise' this course.

As you will see in this Information Pack, the Contemporary Chaplaincy Program can be taken as a Professional Development activity or for academic credit at postgraduate or undergraduate level. People who take the credit pathway are able to become accredited Chaplains with Churches in Community International and potentially access significant benefits as a Minister of Religion according to the Australian Tax Office.

Credit students can complete additional studies toward Diploma, Bachelor, Graduate Diploma and Masters awards in Ministry.

We believe a chaplain is *any person of faith set apart to serve a non-congregational community with God's love*. They can be paid or volunteer. Their role might be formally identified or they may just feel the desire to share the Gospel in their current workplace where they serve as a teacher, a plumber or even... an Engineer. If this is you and you want to serve more effectively, then this program has been made for you – welcome!

Dr Shannon Hood

Dean of Counselling and Chaplaincy

Program Overview

The Table below provides an overview of the Topics covered in the 26 weeks of the course. The course covers two consecutive trimesters of study. PBC Trimesters typically run as follows:

- Trimester 1: February – April
- Trimester 2: May – August
- Trimester 3: September - December

Week	Topic
Trimester A	
CP551 An introduction to Chaplaincy	
1	1.1 Welcome & Objectives of Chaplaincy
2	1.2 Challenges, Role and Effectiveness of Chaplaincy
3	1.3 Imago Dei and Case Study
4	1.4 Approaches (Biblical, Missiological, Contextual, Incarnational)
5	1.5 A Practical Theology of Chaplaincy
6	1.6 Assessment Presentations & Summary
CP552 Models of Chaplaincy	
7	2.1 Effective Empathetic Listening
8	2.2 Chaplaincy Models and Measures of Effectiveness
9	2.3 Social Capital
10	2.4 Daniel – A Biblical Case Study
11	2.5 The Call and Challenge of Discipleship
12	2.6 Assessment Presentation & Summary
Trimester B	
CP553 Chaplaincy in Context	
13	3.1 Working in Faith and non-faith contexts
14	3.2 Responding to People at Risk
15	3.3 Interdenominationalism and disagreeing Christianly
16	3.4 Religious Pluralism, Eschatology and Theodicy
17	3.5 Third Places
18	3.6 Assessment Presentation & Summary
CP554 Personal and Professional Care of The Chaplain	
19	4.1 Understanding myself as Chaplain
20	4.2 Reflective Practice
21	4.3 Accountability and Burnout
22	4.4 Providing an Effective Referral
23	4.5 Setting up a Self Care & Safety Plan
24	4.6 Assessment Presentation & Summary

Unit Descriptors

CP551/CP851 A Theological Introduction to Chaplaincy

This is the foundational Contemporary Chaplaincy unit. As such, it will introduce key ideas which will be referred to throughout other Contemporary Chaplaincy Units. Students will be introduced to a number of contemporary chaplaincy approaches and their theological underpinnings.

This module aims to develop the student's understanding of 'God as Chaplain', 'Incarnation as Divine Strategy', the Chaplain as 'presence', guide, and carer, amongst others. In addition, the unit addresses theological aspects for the modern-day Chaplain, encouraging students to assess their ministry through various lenses.

CP552/CP852 Models of Chaplaincy

The Models of Chaplaincy unit aims to assist students to consider the various models of Chaplaincy. This will include the various ways the impact of a Chaplain might be measured, from the influence of an organisational culture, through to more overt forms of faith-sharing within appropriate settings.

CP553/CP853 Chaplaincy in Context

This unit aims to encourage the student to consider how they might develop a culture and environment of spiritual engagement and enquiry, respecting the context within which they are serving. This unit includes the use of third places for negotiation, serving in a multi-faith arena, understanding and engaging with other worldviews, and how to encourage healthy spiritual dialogue

Students are required to identify and manage an individual at risk in their ministry context. The topics include "respond to client needs" and "work with people with mental health issues" ensuring that all the requirements for the Australian Government School Chaplaincy Program is met.

CP554/CP854 Personal and Professional Care of the Chaplain

This unit is designed to challenge students to self-reflect on their own life history, personability, leadership approach and style, enabling this to inform their approach to chaplaincy. The unit equips the student with various tools of theological reflection to facilitate this process.

Students will be able to identify the need to access external resources and conduct an effective referral.

Course Requirements

Each week all students are required to complete:

- 5 hours of placement/service in a Chaplaincy context (can be paid or volunteer)
- Approximately 2 hours of pre-reading in preparation for cohort discussions
- 2 hours attending online cohort discussion

In addition, credit students must complete one of the following assessment tasks for each unit:

- Option 1: One integrating essay OR
- Option 2: 6 brief reflections OR
- Option 3: 12 short journal entries.

The total assessment wordcount will be 3000 words (undergraduate) or 4500 words (postgraduate)

Note: Students completing the course for Professional Development only do not need to complete the assessment tasks but will need to complete the placement, the pre-readings and attend the Cohort discussion.

Academic Credit

Students who choose to undertake the Program for Academic Credit will need to enrol at undergraduate or postgraduate level.

Undergraduate students will enrol in the following units:

- CP551 An introduction to Chaplaincy
- CP552 Models of Chaplaincy
- CP553 Chaplaincy in Context
- CP554 Personal and Professional Care of The Chaplain

Post-graduate students will enrol in the following units:

- CP851 An introduction to Chaplaincy
- CP852 Models of Chaplaincy
- CP853 Chaplaincy in Context
- CP854 Personal and Professional Care of The Chaplain

Upon Completion of the Contemporary Chaplaincy Program, undergraduate students will be eligible to:

- Receive an *Undergraduate Certificate in Ministry (Chaplaincy)*
- Complete 4 additional units to receive a *Diploma of Ministry (Chaplaincy)*
- Complete 20 additional units to receive a *Bachelor of Ministry (Chaplaincy)*

Upon Completion of the Contemporary Chaplaincy Program, post-graduate students will be eligible to:

- Receive a *Graduate Certificate in Ministry (Chaplaincy)*
- Complete 4 additional units to receive a *Graduate Diploma of Ministry (Chaplaincy)*

Professional Development

The Professional Development Pathway is designed for people who do not wish to receive academic credit and who are not pursuing the ordination pathway. An example might be an ordained minister who has a bachelor's degree in theology or a Masters in Divinity.

These people will not be required to complete the assessment tasks.

At completion of the program, they will receive a Certificate of Attainment

Accreditation Pathway

An extraordinary aspect of the Contemporary Chaplaincy Program is the ability for Graduates to enter a pathway toward accreditation with Churches in Community International.

Both the undergraduate and postgraduate credit pathways meet the academic requirements for accreditation.

<p>Step 1: Complete Contemporary Chaplaincy Program</p>	<p>Undertake 24-week course over 2 trimesters including 120 hours of practical placement in a chaplaincy context through Perth Bible College</p>
<p>Step 2: Join the Association of Waverley Abbey Ministers</p>	<p>Engage in a 12-month period of observed practice as a Waverley Abbey Chaplain.</p> <p>The Association of Waverley Abbey Ministers (AWAM) is a professional body supporting individuals and churches through practical engagement and support in specific areas of ministry and service including Chaplaincy</p> <p>AWAM is a member of Churches in Community International. Associates can apply through AWAM to become accredited ministers and chaplains with CICI and can take a direct route to ordination after a season of observed practice. AWAM takes responsibility for the process of enrolment, membership renewal, payment and credentials</p> <p>AWAM offers Continuing Professional Development (CPD), safeguarding training in the protection of vulnerable people, supervision, fellowship, networking and liability insurance</p> <p>There is an annual charge for AWAM membership and an interview and induction process to approve each application</p>
<p>Step 3: Apply to become an ordained minister</p>	<p>With AWAM’s endorsement, become an accredited Chaplain with CICI.</p> <p>This allows individuals to be an accredited chaplain and meet Australian Taxation Office (ATO) requirements as a religious practitioner*. This also allows Chaplains to serve in contexts where ordination is requirement such as with some Australian Emergency Services.</p>

*ATO Taxation Ruling 2019/3:

'Religious practitioner' is defined to mean:

- a **minister of religion**
- a **student at an institution who is undertaking a course of instruction in the duties of a minister of religion**
- a **full-time member of a religious order, or**
- a **student at a college conducted solely for training persons to become members of religious orders.**



Cost

Students completing units for credit will pay the same amount as for any 4 units undertaken at Perth Bible College. These unit fees change annually but are readily available from the Course Fees page of the PBC website

Professional Development students can contact PBC for pricing information.

Enrolment

Credit Sstudents can enrol directly from the PBC website by selecting the Apply Now link from the relevant Award page.

All potential students are strongly encouraged to contact the Dean of Counselling and Chaplaincy prior to application.

Further Information

If you have any queries or are interested in an application discussion, please contact Dr Shannon Hood using the details below:

Dr Shannon Hood

shood@pbc.wa.edu.au

0412 482 815

Dean of Counselling and Chaplaincy