

The H.O.P.E. Project



Introductory Leaflet & Application 2022

Local Church Based Training

Purpose Built For Representing Christ In Community Spheres

Training has almost always been core to Christian ministry. Most of that training assumes a variety of roles within the institutional structures of churches. H.O.P.E. College is designed to equip & provide tools for people who see their major calling is to be a missionary in their current or future spheres of influence e.g., neighbourhood, workplace, community involvement, church, or ministry organization etc. All the training will presuppose students who want to see the community transformed and who want to be agents of that transformation. It is a 'vocational' training enterprise for advancing "Heaven On Planet Earth" (Matt. 6: 9-15; Jn. 1:14-17).

Focuses On The Process And The Outcomes

This training experience will attempt to be driven by the task of seeing the kingdom of God advance through community engagement, resulting in churches (Communities of H.O.P.E.) being established in community spheres. In that sense it will combine research, experimentation, field projects and partnerships with individuals and groups with the same heart and soul. We are seeking grace from heaven that will empower ordinary people to produce effective forms of 'common-unity' (church) in "their own back yards." The missionaries we want to equip will be trained for the cross-cultural ministry experience represented by the spheres where they live, work and play – in this country as much as in any other.

Mission And Vocation – Together

Unfortunately, we have allowed people to separate full time Christian ministry from everyday life. As a result, God's people generally associate their Christian identity with some kind of 'organized church' activity. We would like to influence the way people, young and old, see their primary ministry calling. It is the other end of the spectrum that assumed full time ministry as either a pastor or a missionary overseas.

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We simply can't see why people shouldn't have the opportunity to pursue this kind of missionary training alongside their regular vocational training. We are working to produce training models that could provide course unit electives in a senior high school course as well as tertiary courses, other than those that are specifically related to traditional Christian ministry disciplines.

Practitioner Driven Praxis

Recognised Standards In A Context Of Mission

We are committed to enabling people to do the work required to equip them for service in a given missional context. That is primary for us. By the grace and extreme effort of our partners however, we have established a course that will align with and eventually satisfy government standards for the awarding of a (minimum) Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology (H.O.P.E.)... Adding H.O.P.E. gives it our missionary training distinctive which we believe will be sought after in time because it doesn't identify with a denomination, it identifies with the Heaven On Planet Earth ideal and that is, God's Primary Purpose.

We will in no way sacrifice the primary objective in order to prioritize the accreditation, but we believe in providing training which makes it possible for students to articulate from one training opportunity to another with little or no penalty for their whole life approach to being equipped for the mission God calls them to – whatever that IS. The current paradigm of accredited training in Australia enables this.

The Training IS designed to give students the opportunity of achieving Certificate IV Level qualifications in as close to one year as is possible for them (Diploma 1 to 3 years), in a delivery style akin to distance education with the added benefits of face-to-face tutoring & mentoring.

Widely Recognised Equipping Practitioner Leadership

Graeme Hush is Principal of H.O.P.E. College, Senior Minister of the facilitating leadership team at Corrimal Community Church and Founder/CSO at Heartland Ministries Inc.

Graeme has been a “lifer” in the issue of firing up ordinary Aussies to become agents in the transformation of our community and its culture. With the call of God on his life, he has been instrumental in building options for equipping members of local churches for mission across this nation and abroad, having founded five local-church-based, kingdom collaborating, training institutes and their course unit libraries in three States/Territories; with a dozen or more of the course units he’s written over the years, accredited by the Australian Qualification Framework; the first of which was a forerunner to the current Community Services training package.

Graeme is a fellow worker in the cause of seeding the church in Australia to become more and more like Jesus and the way of the Cross and is guilty of an “incurable addiction” to the idea that we should equip followers of Jesus to represent and demonstrate the compassion and power of the Kingdom of God right where we are planted. On this issue, Graeme says....

“We need to trust Jesus to build HIS church. Imagine, people training for nationally recognized work qualifications in a way which enables them to apply their learning to explicit Christian Ministry contexts AND OR more general trade or other professional contexts as Father God divinely appoints or sends them. This is the season for equipping followers of Jesus with tools that can help them represent heaven anywhere and everywhere they find viable paid or voluntary work. This is our vision and a key focus of the H.O.P.E. College network charter, missionaries with specific community leadership qualifications across a variety of Australian workplaces and learning spaces.”

A Recognised Practitioner-Based Faculty

The H.O.P.E. College faculty of teachers, mentors and tutors will initially draw from our church's bi-vocationally experienced ministry team who are accomplished by the grace of God in a broad number of work and study disciplines. We will unleash the team from time to time alongside a growing number of ministry interns who will become tutors along the way because we operate in an 'equipping the equipper' mode.

We also have a growing kingdom - apostolic network. People who trust what God has placed within them and NOT in their own understanding. Experienced coaches and mentors like Jason Potter (CEO Australian Centre Community Leadership/Author); Brian Medway (Chair-Crosslink Christian Network International); Wayne Crockford (Retired University Studies Mentor/Author) and more local and regional partners, will make themselves available at various times and in various capacities to guide the equipping journey. We will fully introduce our developing faculty via our other communiques.

A Community Platform For Equipping

The Shape Of H.O.P.E College Equipping

To achieve AQF recognition for the Certificate IV and Diplomas in Christian Ministry and Theology (H.O.P.E.) by the end of 2023, the student will need to be deemed competent in 12 units of Competency. The actual hours of study will be determined in the context of the relationship that H.O.P.E. College establishes with EACH student and will be adjusted to fit the circumstances within which the student is functioning. The modes of learning will include but not be limited to:

- **Face-to-face learning and group tutoring**
- **Prescribed Reading and Disciplined Personal Study**
- **Supervised Praxis**
- **Occasional Intensive Modules**
- **Personal Mentoring / Coaching**
- **Cert IV Full-time in 1 Year; Part-time in up to 3 years**
- **Diploma/Advanced Diploma Full-time in 1-2 years; Part-time in up to 5-6 years**

The Basic Construct Of H.O.P.E. College Equipping In 2022

(BASED ON THE CERT. IV
CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND
THEOLOGY (H.O.P.E.) PROGRAM)

**TWO Core Unit
Streams Studied
Across All Four Terms**

Stream ONE = 'Practical Theology' (PT)
Stream TWO = 'Spiritual and Ministry (Service) Formation'
(SMF)

**TEN Elective Course
Units (in whatever
term they are scheduled)**

2 from List A (aligned foremostly with Stream ONE – PT)
4 from List B (aligned foremostly with Stream TWO – SMF)
4 from List C (aligned foremostly with General Biblical
Studies)

NB: This is a general guide to the study program.
A complete list of units available at scheduled times will
be presented to the student upon receipt of their initial
application to the College. Thank you.

Life-Long Learning

Recognised Prior Learning And Accredited Qualifications

Recognition of Qualifications Issued by another RTO

Students who have completed Certificate IV level study at other training organisations can apply for recognition of their training by H.O.P.E. and as a part of a Diploma application. Diploma level study will be considered for credit and some undergraduate training can also count towards H.O.P.E. College's vocational training.

Recognized Prior Learning (RPL)

Recognised Prior Learning (RPL) is available for all our Qualifications. RPL is a process through which students can apply to have recognised existing competency within a qualification. To apply for RPL and to receive more information on procedures and any costs, please contact the H.O.P.E. College office for a consultation.

Fee Schedule And Payment Options 2022

Important Note

Because this is a PILOT PROGRAM towards an accredited study option, ALL INITIAL MINISTRY INTERNS (i.e., students who apply for full time study towards the Cert IV or Diploma) will have their FULL course FEES covered, if they complete the award applied for by the end of 2023.

Full Time Study

This is the equivalent of 6-8hrs face-to-face per week plus another 6-8 hours self-paced and coordinated study.

NB: There may be other incidental course fees to cover costs only (like a once off Admin Fee of \$50 to cover copying etc.) ... OR a student may consider investing some money into this program as a genuine mission giving option. The College team appreciates any monetary gift as we would like to continue a 'scholarship' approach to encourage a greater uptake for ministry training.

You Are Applying to Train with H.O.P.E. College

Enrolment in this course for **accreditation** is subject **to an interview** following receipt of this form by the HC Registrar.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for this course requires that the applicant demonstrate competencies matching those that comprise this course. The interview is the **ONLY** forum for this negotiation. Certified copies of qualifications, awards, and result transcripts may be useful and should be presented at the interview.

Personal Information

Title (eg, Mr, Mrs, Rev)	
Family Name	
First Names (all)	
Current Residential Address	
Current Postal Address (write 'as above' if same)	
Best Phone Number	
Best Email Address	
Date Of Birth	
Gender	
Emergency Contact	
Country Of Birth	

What Term And Year Will You Enrol?

H.O.P.E. training designed for commencement in ANY Term)

Term (eg. T1)		Year	
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Enrolment Status

Circle your answer.

Full Time or Part Time	Cert IV or Diploma
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Educational Details

List in point form.

Are you still attending Secondary school?	
Highest level of Secondary school studies attained	
Any/all Tertiary qualifications (partial or complete)	
Any OTHER qualifications (partial or complete)	

Employment Details

List last FIVE year in point form.

Dates (seasons of work)	PT/FT/Self-Employed/Employee	Function/Task/Role/Position

Christian Faith And Life

Which of the following would you be prepared to testify to at your interview?? (Answer Yes or No)

Christian Commitment	
Sense Of God's Call To A Purpose	
Community Engagement/Involvement	
Examples of Community Involvement	
Long-Term Vocational Goals	

More Personal Information

Do you speak English? Well/not well?	
Do you speak another language at home?	If so, what are they?
Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander decent?	
Do you consider yourself to have a disability, impairment, or long-term condition?	If so, please indicate details.

Reasons For Study

Are you enrolling in this course to study it for **credit** towards a Cert IV or Diploma in Christian Ministry & Theology (H.O.P.E.) or **audit** (i.e., not for credit)? Please write the word '**Credit**' or the word '**Audit**' here:

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In a few words, please describe your KEY reasons for applying for this course.

Declaration

I have read the prospectus and I declare that the information provided in the application is to the best of my knowledge accurate in all respect.

I hereby authorise HOPE College / HL-AusCCL-Christian Leaders staff to use personal information to process and effect my application.

Signature		Date	
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Privacy

H.O.P.E. College and Heartland Ministries (for and on behalf of the Australian Centre for Community Leadership / Christian Leaders) requires the information requested of you in this form to provide you with education services and to cater for particular students' needs. If you do not provide all the relevant information, then we may not be able to provide such services or assess your academic progress.

Please also note that HC and HL/AusCCL may provide the personal information given on this application form to third parties (such as universities, colleges, accreditation bodies and Australian government bodies e.g., Centrelink) to provide you with education services and to assess your academic progress or suitability.

Please indicate, by signing your name, whether you understand and accept this privacy legislation.

Signature		Date	
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Other

If you know what a USI is and you have one, please record it here:

Office Use Only

Date Received	
Accepted/Declined	
Receipt Number	
Student Number	

This, then, is how you should pray:

**“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.”**

– Matthew 6:9-10