

BA Mission and Ministry Diploma – Level 5

Core units:

Biblical theology and context (20 credits)

This unit introduces students to foundational skills and methodologies for engaging with biblical texts and traditional proposals for biblical theology. It will equip students to understand and teach the Bible to young people, children and families.

Discipleship and discipling (20 credits)

This unit gives students the opportunity to explore historic and contemporary models of Christian formation in more depth and consider the impact that this has on the contexts of their mission and ministry.

Contemporary culture (20 credits)

This unit gives students the opportunity to explore in greater depth the frameworks, issues and nuanced understandings of the cultural contexts in which they work. Students will be trained in how to listen to the culture and interpret it as another foundation of mission and ministry to youth, children and families ministry.

Optional units:

Mission frameworks and perspectives (20 credits)

This unit gives students the opportunity to study Christian mission and missiological issues in a variety of contexts, in more depth, through the exploration of biblical perspectives, theological frameworks, and missiological models.

Developing mission and ministry (20 credits)

This unit gives students the opportunity to develop mission and ministry practice commenced during the Level 4 Applied Practice Unit. This will be done through a detailed audit of their own context.

Personal and professional development (intermediate) (20 credits)

This unit will build on introductions made to leadership and team building skills at Level 4, and develop the student's ability to manage their practice and personal development.

Pastoral care of youth, children and families (10 credits)

This unit gives students the opportunity to explore pastoral theology and the theology and practice of pastoral care of youth, children and families.

Preaching in context (10 credits)

This unit will help students to prepare and deliver sermons in their context. To this end, the unit will involve the theological and practical exploration of the role of preaching in the 21st century. It will enable students to consider the biblical foundations of preaching, key aspects of sermon preparation and delivery, and the relationship of sermons to their missional context.

A contextual reading of Luke (20 credits)

This unit is normally delivered in the Middle East (and so has an additional charge), and seeks to give students an understanding of reading Scripture shaped by context. It encourages engagement with themes that emerge from that context related to areas such as theology, ecclesiology, politics and others, and uses the Gospel of Luke as a framework.