



Bishopdale  
College

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Level 5 & 7 2024  
**Prospectus**



# Information

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**This Prospectus describes the delivery of Laidlaw College programmes at Bishopdale College's campus. All programmes lead to qualifications awarded by Laidlaw College.**

This Prospectus should be read in conjunction with the Laidlaw College Prospectus, available at [laidlaw.ac.nz/prospectus-and-handbooks/](http://laidlaw.ac.nz/prospectus-and-handbooks/).

For information about Bishopdale College's Level 6 NZDipCS(BS or CL) please view the relevant Prospectus.

## General Information

All reasonable efforts have been made to ensure that the information in this prospectus is accurate and current. Any changes or updates will be available in the latest version of this prospectus, online at the Bishopdale College website.

Special attention should be paid to information about Course and Other Fees Payable in the 2024 Laidlaw College Fees Schedule. All fees for courses taught and tutored by Bishopdale College in 2024 will be stated in the 2024 Laidlaw College Fees Schedule.

## Bishopdale Theological College Trust Board

The College is an incorporated trust governed by a Board of Trustees.

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# Student Experience

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**Over the course of the last four years, I have been studying theology. Each year I went into theology thinking I knew it all and how capable I was. Without fail each year has formed me in ways I would not have thought I needed.**

My studies gave me the tools to look at scripture through the lens of what it was trying to convey and say, instead of what I wanted it to say. This process has allowed me to critically reflect on bible passages in a new way that has drawn out depth and understanding in my own life, and the lives of those around me. This has helped me take scripture more seriously and given me a more holistic idea of who Jesus is and who I am as a follower of Jesus.

**Over the course of my studies, I have learnt to slow down to the pace of Jesus. Instead of trying harder, wanting things my way and grasping for control I have been on the journey of accepting the way things are and have been able to acknowledge how beautiful those ways are with Jesus.**

Studying has equipped me with the tools to continue growing towards a person of love and given me insight into what it means to lead others on that journey. The Bible has become a solid foundation for me and I am



able to find Jesus in my everyday realities. The quiet has become a friend of mine and I look forward to walking with Jesus through many more adventures and I pray I am able to remain teachable and walk in humility in his way all my life.







# Dean's Message

## Go Deep

**Bishopdale College exists to serve God's mission. That is the bottom line of everything we are and do. This commitment to serving what God is all about gets put into practice as we seek to serve God's Church, because God has always chosen to work through people.**

### **God creates, calls and redeems humans, forming a people called by his name and joining in on His kingdom.**

Because it is God doing all this, and because it all has to do with Jesus and what He is all about, I believe in God's Church and the purpose God has for it.

All around me I see and hear claims that the Church is doomed, especially in places like Aotearoa-New Zealand, and the rich nations of the 'North'. I've seen headlines and articles, and watched popular videos, where people are claiming that 'religion is dead' or that 'Christianity' will disappear from wealthy nations. I don't accept that. Not because I am sticking my head in the sand, or just because I don't like it. I don't accept that, because even though I see certain statistics and I recognise trends, I believe in what God is doing and I do not believe that God will finally be defeated.

So, that is why Bishopdale College exists – to serve this mission of God, to serve God's work in His Church.

We are working all the time to see members of our College community – students and staff – growing in depth and reality of discipleship, of belonging to God and working at the things God cares about. At College that means studying theology – growing to understand God more fully, to having a bigger and more accurate picture of God's character and what Jesus is all about, and it means putting it into action in ministry and life.

All of this is summed up in the line we keep coming back to: when it comes to God and God's amazing goodness and mission:

### **Go Deep.**

Andrew Burgess, Dean







## Study as Formation

Bishopdale College welcomes students from all backgrounds and Christian churches – **our vision is to serve God and God’s Church as a whole.**

Graduates of Bishopdale are involved in leadership and service across a whole range of churches and Christian ministries – you will be equipped for service wherever God is calling you.

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We place our emphasis on encouraging and mentoring students to be growing and maturing in many ways! Studying theology is part of growing in worship and honouring God in the whole of life.

**We want to always be asking ‘How does what we are studying here impact how we live everywhere?’**

If God is calling you to study at Bishopdale College then this is what we want that study to be about: learning more and more about God, through God’s Word, and more and more about who we are as God’s people. We expect more for you from your studies than just increased knowledge – our hope is that you will be transformed to live radically in the service of God’s kingdom.

Through our partnership with Laidlaw College, students can be part of a strong academic environment and to pursue a strong pathway to Laidlaw diplomas at Level 5, the Laidlaw Bachelor of Theology degree, and Laidlaw graduate certificates and diplomas. This prospectus outlines all the programmes which we offer through this partnership - the qualifications gained are Laidlaw College qualifications.

# Internships

## Mission preparation that lasts the distance

Our internship programmes are an integral part of study for many students. Internships help students to integrate important **theological learning with real world application**. Internships recognise the value of practical experience and allow for those already involved in ministry to put their experience towards a recognised qualification.

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Bishopdale internships may be undertaken in partnership with Laidlaw College (as part of the Level 5 NZ Diploma in Christian Studies or the Level 7 Bachelor of Theology), or as part of Bishopdale College's Level 6 NZ Diploma in Christian Studies (Biblical Studies or Christian Leadership). They provide an excellent and rewarding way to explore ministry further and gain experience and training, all within an NZQA accredited framework. Interns in the NZDipCS (Christian Leadership) complete 15 hours of hands-on ministry practice per week during each 15-week semester. This enables ministry involvement across the year. Interns complete taught courses in a range of biblical, ministry and mission topics alongside their internships.

### **Bishopdale College strives to deepen knowledge and understanding in the process of creating effective and well-rounded disciples.**

The internship programme provides students with practical and theological training in a classroom setting, allowing them to develop skills and tools which can be immediately applied in any ministry context. As well as providing students with a ministry setting, a key component of the internship is setting up a support network for the duration of the programme, to model and teach about healthy ministry practice for longevity in ministry.

### **Jesus grew His disciples to become faithful, skilled and brave - in fact, their lives became adventures in God's service.**

Jesus taught people how to serve. He showed them how to live and what ministry looks like, and they served with Him before being sent out to do the same themselves. Like an apprenticeship in Christian ministry, mentored internships fit well with the way that Jesus grew His disciples - learning skills, watching and practising, being encouraged and corrected, and growing into a whole new realm of service.

We encourage students to intern in contexts where they are already connected, but we can also help you to find a suitable placement when needed. Whether you are in an existing or new context, shaping an internship placement is a three-way negotiation between the student, the College and the placement. A primary ministry area will be identified for each intern, in order to focus their ministry placement, to enhance the learning outcomes of the course, and to meet the requirements established by NZQA.







# New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies

## Christian Leadership Strand

Level 5

1 Year

120 Credits

### Programme Aim

The Level 5 New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (NZDipCS) is a one year fulltime (or part time equivalent) Laidlaw College programme. The aim of this programme is to provide Christian churches and their agencies with graduates who have broad understanding of theological principles, biblical foundations, evaluative thinking, and applied ministry leadership skills which enables them to lead in a wide range of Christian and community contexts.

The aim of the Christian Leadership (CL) strand is to provide graduates who are able to apply a range of key leadership skills to build, lead, and contribute to teams that fulfil organisational goals within church, mission, and community contexts.

### Graduate Profile

Upon completion graduates will be able to:

- Evaluate and apply a broad understanding of theology and biblical foundations to defined contexts based on textual interpretation and religious practice.

- Evaluate a ministry programme based on strategies that integrate personal and community faith journeys, and the social, cultural and other contextual considerations of defined groups.

- Apply key Christian leadership principles to facilitate team development and accomplish organisational goals in particular areas of responsibility in Christian ministry.

### Admissions Requirements

NCEA Level 3 (University Entrance), or equivalent. More information is available at [www.laidlaw.ac.nz/admission-requirements](http://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/admission-requirements). English language requirements apply for international students.

### Study Pathways

Students who complete the Christian Leadership strand of the Level 5 NZDipCS are eligible to enrol in the Christian Leadership strand of the Bishopdale College Level 6 NZ Diploma of Christian Studies, or to transition to the Laidlaw College Bachelor of Theology (BTh). Depending on the specific programme you want to transition into there may be some additional required courses.

### Programme Requirements

The NZDipCS (CL) programme is made up of four level 5 courses (15 credits each) and two level 5 internship courses (30 credits each).

**115.515** Reading the Bible

**401.515** Formation

**474.530** Leadership Internship I

**201.515** Engaging Theology

**505.515** Christian Leadership & Mission

**475.530** Leadership Internship II



# New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies

Level 5

1 Year

## Theological Studies Strand

120 Credits

### Programme Aim

The Level 5 New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (NZDipCS) is a one year fulltime (or part time equivalent) Laidlaw College programme. The aim of this programme is to provide Christian churches and their agencies with graduates who have broad understanding of theological principles, biblical foundations, evaluative thinking, and applied ministry leadership skills which enables them to lead in a wide range of Christian and community contexts.

The aim of the Theological Studies (TS) strand is to provide graduates who are able to integrate a broad understanding of theology based on scriptural foundations and ministry practices, and apply these to church, mission, and community contexts in ways that are culturally and ethically appropriate.

### Graduate Profile

Upon completion graduates will be able to demonstrate the following attributes:

- Evaluate and apply a broad understanding of theology and biblical foundations to defined contexts based on textual interpretation and religious practice.

- Evaluate a ministry programme based on strategies that integrate personal and community faith journeys, and the social, cultural and other contextual considerations of defined groups.

- Integrate core tools of theology, biblical texts and ministry practice, and apply these to the broader community to provide leadership and direction that is culturally and ethically appropriate.

### Admissions Requirements

NCEA Level 3 (University Entrance), or equivalent. More information is available at [www.laidlaw.ac.nz/admission-requirements](http://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/admission-requirements). English language requirements apply for international students.

### Study Pathways

Students who complete the Christian Leadership strand of the Level 5 NZDipCS are eligible to enrol in the Christian Leadership strand of the Bishopdale College Level 6 NZ Diploma of Christian Studies, or to transition to the Laidlaw College Bachelor of Theology (BTh). Depending on the specific programme you want to transition into there may be some additional required courses.

### Programme Requirements

The NZDipCS (TS) programme is made up of eight level 5 courses (15 credits each).

**115.515** Reading the Bible

**401.515** Formation

**120.515** Reading the Old Testament

**308.515** Christian History: Our Story

**201.515** Engaging Theology

**505.515** Christian Leadership & Mission

**140.515** Reading the New Testament

**907.515** Bicultural Relationships: Tikanga Kawenata\*

\*Bicultural Relationships is not being offered on the Bishopdale College campus in 2024; students will complete these through Laidlaw College distance learning, with support from Bishopdale College staff.

# Bachelor of Theology

360 Credits

## Programme Aim

The Bachelor of Theology (BTh) is a programme of 360 credits and is equivalent to three years of full-time study.

The Bachelor of Theology (BTh) is designed to provide students with a solid foundation in biblical studies, theological knowledge and reflection. It provides an in-depth engagement with Scripture, Christian thought and history and equips students with the skills they need for pastoral and missional leadership, as well as other ministries. It is also strongly recommended for those seeking theological grounding for higher academic qualifications in biblical and theological studies.

This programme aims to equip students to live intelligently and faithfully in the light of the Gospel in the twenty-first century. As well as learning to think, research, analyse and evaluate, students' lives will be shaped and formed through their engagement with Scripture and theology. They will be instructed in how to read and interpret the biblical story in all its richness and diversity, making use of the skills and methods of theological research. They will also work with a wide range of Christian writings, gaining an understanding of the historical and cultural contexts in which God's people have wrestled with issues of life in generations prior to ours. Students will also be helped to evaluate and apply the Gospel to contemporary issues in the light of their reading of God's word. They will be assisted in addressing philosophical and methodological questions around Scripture, theology and the history of Christian thought and life both in other times and places and in the era of which they are part.

## Programme Requirements

Students choose from a major in:

- Biblical Studies
- Christian Thought and History
- Pastoral Leadership
- Mission Studies
- Youth Leadership.

Students complete courses in all three areas, with a heavier emphasis on courses related to their chosen major.

## Admissions Requirements

NCEA Level 3 (University Entrance), or equivalent; or completion of the New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies. More information is available at [www.laidlaw.ac.nz/admission-requirements](http://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/admission-requirements). If you are unsure whether you qualify, contact the Registrar to talk about your options. English language requirements apply for international students.

## Study Pathways

Students who have completed the New Zealand Diploma of Christian Studies may enrol in the Bachelor of Theology. Students who choose this study pathway will complete an additional two years of full-time study (or the part-time equivalent) to gain a Bachelor of Theology degree.

## Pending Changes

Students who anticipate enrolling in the Level 7 Bachelor of Theology in 2025 are advised to enrol in the Level 5 NZDipCS(CL or TS) as outlined on the previous pages. These one-year programme options are equivalent to the first year of the Bachelor of Theology, and will allow students flexibility to make the decision to continue into the Bachelor of Theology in 2025, or to enrol in Bishopdale College's Level 6 NZ Diploma of Christian Studies.



# Graduate Certificate of Theology

Level 7

1 Semester

60 Credits

## Programme Aim

The Graduate Certificate in Theology (GradCertTh) is a Laidlaw College programme designed for those students who already have an undergraduate qualification, and brings vocational expertise and life experience into dialogue with critical reflection on the Christian faith. Students studying this programme will deepen their theological understanding and discover connections between theology and the wider world, the church and missions contexts.

Equivalent to one semester of fulltime study, and because of its flexibility, the Graduate Certificate in Theology is suitable for students whose commitments make part-time study the only viable option, or for students who wish to complete one semester of full-time study.

## Programme Requirements

The Graduate Certificate in Theology consists of 60 credits:

- Maximum of 1 course (15 credits) at Level 5 / 6
- Minimum of 3 courses (45 credits) at Level 7, from the Theology curriculum

The Graduate Certificate in Theology must be completed within two years of commencing study. Extensions to this time limit will be considered on a case by case basis. Pre-requisites and co-requisites may be waived for students in the GradCertTh. Programme plans should be discussed with the Dean of Courses.

## Admissions Requirements

A degree or equivalent in any field is the basis for entry to the Graduate Certificate in Theology.

More information is available at [www.laidlaw.ac.nz/admission-requirements](http://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/admission-requirements). English language requirements apply for international students.

## Study Pathways

Students who complete the Graduate Certificate in Theology may transition into a Graduate Diploma in Theology. This can be a bridging qualification into postgraduate programmes in theology with other institutions, such as a Master of Theology.

# Graduate Diploma in Theology

Level 7

1 Year

120 Credits

## Programme Aim

The Graduate Diploma in Theology (GradDipTh) is a Laidlaw College programme of 120 credits, equivalent to one year of full-time study. It is designed for those who already have an undergraduate qualification and brings vocational expertise and life experience into dialogue with critical reflection on the Christian faith. Students studying this programme will deepen their theological understanding and discover connections between theology and the wider world, the church and missions contexts. Completion of the GradDipTh provides a potential springboard into further postgraduate study. Graduates from these programmes have returned to their vocations, engaged in missions or community development work in local and global contexts, trained as teachers or moved into church leadership.

Because of its flexibility, the Graduate Diploma in Theology is suitable for students whose commitments make part-time study over a more or less extended period of time the only viable option, however it can be completed as a fulltime programme. Please note that some compulsory course requirements may be waived for those students with an existing qualification in theology.

## Programme Requirements

The Graduate Diploma in Theology consists of 120 credits which must include the following:

- Maximum 45 credits at Level 5 / 6
- Minimum 75 credits at Level 7

This includes:

- At least 30 credits from Biblical Studies courses
- At least 30 credits from Christian Thought and History courses
- OR 75 credits minimum from Indigenous Studies for the Indigenous Theology track

The Graduate Diploma in Theology must be completed within four years of commencing study. Extensions to this time limit will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Pre-requisites and co-requisites may be waived for students in the GradCertTh. Programme plans should be discussed with the Dean of Courses.

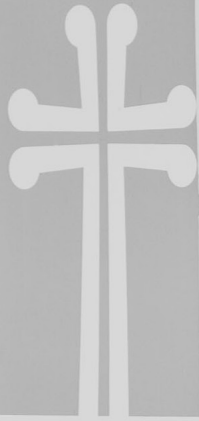
## Admissions Requirements

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## Study Pathways

Students who complete the Graduate Diploma in Theology may be able to bridge into postgraduate programmes in theology with other institutions, such as a Master of Theology.





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# Courses on Offer

## Summer Semester 2023-2024

20 November 2023 - 16 February 2024

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**108.515** Biblical Greek 1

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## Semester One 2024

19 February - 21 June 2024

Level 5

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**109.515** Biblical Greek 2

**115.515** Reading the Bible

**120.515** Reading the OT

**401.515** Formation

**474.530** Leadership Internship I

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Level 6 and 7

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**204.6/715** Salvation in History and Beyond

**220.6/715** Special Topic 1: 1 Corinthians

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## Semester Two 2024

15 July - 15 November 2024

Level 5

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**201.515** Engaging Theology

**475.530** Leadership Internship II

**505.515** Christian Leadership and Mission

**140.515** Reading the NT

**308.515** Story of Christianity

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Level 6 and 7

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**590.715** Capstone: Integrative Practice

**123.6/715** Pentateuch

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## Summer Semester 2024-2025

November 2024 - February 2025

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**106.515** Biblical Hebrew 1

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### Note

Bishopdale Theological College reserves the right to withdraw the offer of a course if enrolments fall below an educationally appropriate level. Courses which Bishopdale does not offer may be taken as distance learning courses directly through Laidlaw College when available. These courses are tutored online, but students will be given study support by Bishopdale College staff.



# Course Descriptions

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## 108.515: Biblical Greek 1

15 credits. Offered in Summer Semester, 2023-2024.

This course is an introductory study of the grammar and vocabulary of Biblical Greek, and its application in translation and exegesis.

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## 109.515: Biblical Greek 2

15 credits. Offered in Semester 1, 2024.

This course is a continuation of 108.515, a study of the grammar and vocabulary of New Testament Greek, and its application in translation and exegesis.

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## 115.515: Reading the Bible

15 credits. Offered in Semester 1, 2024.

This course aims to introduce the broad shape of the biblical story and show how the Christian gospel is integral to biblical theology. It explores the unity, diversity and central themes of the Bible to make sense of the relationships between the Bible, theology, and all of life.

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## 120.515: Reading the OT

15 credits. Offered in Semester 1, 2024.

This course aims to develop and apply a broad understanding of Old Testament foundations, and their interpretation and application within church, mission, and community contexts.

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## 401.515: Formation

15 credits. Offered in Semester 1, 2024.

This course aims to help learners reflect on personal and communal spiritual formation, through engagement with Scripture, theological understandings and a variety of Christian spiritual traditions. This reflection will include (1) evaluation of key aspects of their own formation, (2) evaluation of their experiences of personal and communal strategies intended to facilitate spiritual growth, and (3) the development of spiritual practices which will strengthen their contribution to enhancing human wellbeing within their own social and cultural contexts.

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## 474.530: Leadership Internship I

30 credits. Offered in Semester 1, 2024.

This course aims to evaluate Christian leadership models within the context of church, mission, and community ministries. Interns will build, lead, and contribute to teams in a way which reflects their sense of call and personal strengths, and through the application of leadership practices that enhance the goals of their chosen ministry.

Note: There is an additional course cost of about \$150 to pay for CliftonStrengths online assessment and coaching.

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## 204.6/715: Salvation in History and Beyond

15 credits. Offered in Semester 1, 2024.

This course looks at: 1) Salvation in history: a biblical overview of the doctrines of sin, grace, justification, regeneration and conversion. 2) Salvation at the fulfillment of history: biblical and historical models of eschatology; contemporary issues in eschatology.

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## Note

More level 6 courses are available through the Bishopdale Level 6 course.

Additional level 6 & 7 courses offered as Laidlaw courses will be available soon.

# Course Descriptions

## Continued

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### 201.515: Engaging Theology

15 credits. Offered in Semester 2, 2024.

Aim: To explore systematic theology and teach learners to think theologically. It examines God's self-revelation, how that revelation can be understood, and why it is foundational for Christian faith. It then explores the arrangement of this revelation into a set of core beliefs and their application to everyday living.

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### 475.530: Leadership Internship II

30 credits. Offered in Semester 2, 2024. Pre-requisite: 474.530: Leadership Internship I.

This course aims to apply a range of key Christian leadership skills to develop and lead a team. The intern will plan and execute an assigned ministry project which will contribute to the goals of a church, mission, or community ministry.

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### 505.515: Christian Leadership and Mission

15 credits. Offered in Semester 2, 2024.

Students will develop understanding of the nature and tasks of Christian leadership and develop skills relating to management of people, issues and resources through practicum involvement in a particular ministry or mission context.

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### 140.515: Reading the NT

15 credits. Offered in Semester 2, 2024.

This course aims to develop and apply a broad understanding of New Testament foundations, and their interpretation and application within church, mission, and community contexts.

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### 308.515: Story of Christianity

15 credits. Offered in Semester 2, 2024.

This course offers a survey of major developments in the history of Christianity from the early church through to the 21st century with attention to the life and thought of key individuals.

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### 125.6/715: Psalms

15 credits. Offered in Semester 2, 2024.

This course studies the growth of the Psalter, its present shape, theological significance and emergence and use as the Bible's book of praise and prayer.

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### 106.515: Biblical Hebrew 1

15 credits. Offered in Summer Semester, 2024-2025.

This course explores an introductory study of biblical Hebrew, including basic vocabulary and key points of grammar.

Note: For distance learning there will be two online classes each week during the evening on Mondays and Wednesdays. Attendance is strongly encouraged to get the most out of this course.

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## Note

Pre-requisites do not apply for the GradCertTh or GradDipTh.

More level 6 courses are available through the Bishopdale Level 6 course.

Additional level 6 & 7 courses offered as Laidlaw courses will be available soon.



# Pathways



If you have a degree in another field

**Laidlaw College Graduate Certificate in Theology**

Level 7, 60 credits, 1 semester



**Laidlaw College Graduate Diploma in Theology**

Level 7, 120 credits, 1 year

# Qualifications

## Studying for Laidlaw College qualifications with Bishopdale College

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In 2024 Bishopdale College will offer courses towards these qualifications awarded by Laidlaw College.

### New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies

The NZ Diploma in Christian Studies is a one-year fulltime introductory programme of 120 credits at level 5. Students complete 60 credits of core courses and 60 credits of strand-specific courses. Students enrol either in the Christian Leadership or Theological Studies strands, however students enrolled in the Theological Studies strand may be required to take one or two courses through Laidlaw College distance learning.

### Bachelor of Theology

The Bachelor of Theology is a three year 360 credit degree at level 7 designed to provide a solid foundation in theological knowledge and reflection.

### Graduate Certificate in Theology

The Graduate Certificate in Theology is a 60 credit programme at level 7, designed for those who have already attained an undergraduate degree or equivalent in theology or any other discipline.

### Graduate Diploma in Theology

The Graduate Diploma in Theology is a one year fulltime 120 credit programme at level 7 designed for those who have already attained an undergraduate degree in theology or any other discipline.

All these qualifications may be studied full time or part time. Please note that for part-time students, time limits apply for completing qualifications.

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### Note

Students enrolling for programmes of study with Bishopdale/ Laidlaw students may not be able to complete their full qualification on site at Bishopdale College and may need to take some distance learning courses with additional support from Bishopdale College.

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### Non-formal study

Studying as a non-formal student (also known as 'interest only' or 'auditing') allows students to participate in tutorials and benefit from the course content. Students who wish to attend lectures without completing assessments will be enrolled as non-formal students. Students who choose this option do not receive academic credit, nor can they upgrade to credit at a future time.

Interest-only students are expected to be fully prepared for and committed to class attendance. Numbers of interest only students may be limited to preserve tutorial balance for educational quality.

### Certificate of Proficiency

Students who wish to study for credit but do not plan to complete an NZQA-accredited programme will be enrolled in the Certificate of Proficiency (COP). Students must meet all normal academic requirements for COP courses. Such students will be awarded a Certificate of Proficiency for completed courses. The credits gained

for such courses can be cross-credited into one of Laidlaw College's NZQA-accredited qualifications at a future date at no cost, should students choose to do so. Students enrolled in COP courses are not eligible for student loans or allowances.

### Bishoptdale by video conference

Anglican students who are based outside of Nelson may participate in tutorials through video conferencing. Full-time students will be generally required to schedule at least three visits to campus each semester, and part-time students are encouraged to visit the campus once a semester, but this is negotiable with the Dean.

Studying through video-conferencing allows students to fully participate in tutorials. This option recognises that relocating for theological study is not always the best pathway, particularly for those who are already involved in ministry in a particular context. Students can complete their studies, while continuing to serve in their existing community.

# Preparation for Ordination

**Bishopdale College welcomes students from all denominations and backgrounds. It has, however, a specific task within its overall purpose to provide a place of theological learning and ministry formation for those considering a call to ordained ministry within the Anglican Church.**

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## Information for students considering Anglican ordination

If you hope to apply for Anglican ordination, you are strongly encouraged to complete a full Bachelor's degree.

Students already accepted for ordination training by their Anglican Bishop will be assisted to comply with the requirements laid down by the accepting Bishop. College staff will liaise with each Bishop to ascertain these requirements and will make regular reports to that Bishop.

Please note that acceptance for a programme of study at the College does not imply acceptance for ordination.

## Scholarships

Bishopdale College does not guarantee scholarship funds will be available to any particular student. Students are encouraged to research scholarships which they may be eligible for, using online databases such as StudySpy (free) and givMe (accessible through your local library or community centre). Students may also be able to apply for support from their home church or denomination.

When scholarship funds are available directly through Bishopdale College, all current students will be advised of the application process and dates.

Students who attend an Anglican Church or serve in an Anglican-affiliated ministry context are eligible to apply for scholarships from the St John's College Trust Board. Scholarship applications for Semester 1 study close 30 September in the year prior so students considering study are encouraged to apply to Bishopdale College early. Scholarship applications for Semester 2 study close 31 March each year. For more information about St John's scholarships, please contact the Bishopdale College office.

## Ordination students from other denominations

Bishopdale College welcomes you and will seek to assist you in fulfilling the requirements for training and learning as prescribed by your denomination. Students can select courses which will best meet your needs, either within the framework of a qualification, or to meet specific learning requirements. As with all students, you will be helped to achieve your goal to gain a theological education and equip yourself to serve God's people.







# Fee Information

## 2024 Fees

### NZDipCS, BTheol, GradDipTh

#### Per credit

Most courses are 15 credits

**\$56.05**

#### For a full-time year

Based on 120 credits

**\$6,726**

### GradCertTh

#### Per credit

Most courses are 15 credits

**\$56.05**

#### For a full-time semester

Based on 60 credits

**\$3,363**

### Certificate of Proficiency (CoP)

#### Per credit

Courses are not part of a qualification

**\$56.05**

### Non-Formal Study

Interest-only, no assignments or credit gained

#### Per 15 credit course

**\$200**

#### Per 30 credit course

**\$300**

### Student Services Fee

#### Formal Students

Per credit

**\$4**

#### Non-formal Study

Per 30 credit course

**\$46**

#### Non-Formal Study

Per course

**\$23**

Fees for Laidlaw College courses undertaken through Bishopdale College are prescribed in the Laidlaw College Fees Schedule. This schedule is available on the Laidlaw website:

[www.laidlaw.ac.nz/fees](http://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/fees).

#### Note

Domestic students who have not previously completed more than 60 credits of tertiary study previously may qualify for their first year as a fees-free year. See [www.feesfree.govt.nz](http://www.feesfree.govt.nz).

Students will be invoiced directly by Laidlaw College for course fees and the student services fee shortly before the beginning of each semester. Students who are enrolled for the full year will be invoiced for both semesters at the start of the academic year and must make arrangements to pay their full year fees at this time.

#### Studylink

Domestic students enrolled in a Laidlaw College qualification (this excludes non-formal students, and Certificate of Proficiency students) will usually be eligible for access to Studylink student loans, and may be eligible for student allowances. Take the eligibility test at [www.studylink.govt.nz](http://www.studylink.govt.nz) to find out whether you meet the criteria.

## Cross-crediting courses from other institutions

Cross crediting allows students to gain credit for tertiary level studies undertaken at another institution. Cross crediting will be done on the basis of matching course outlines, learning outcomes and assessments passed against those of the courses appropriate for the programme enrolled in. If you intend to cross-credit a course or courses, it is important to speak to the Bishopdale Registrar first. A fee applies for cross-crediting, which is detailed in the 2021 Laidlaw Fee Schedule.

## Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is the formal recognition of non-credentialed prior learning. RPL is where a student has validated experiential learning that is equivalent to a Laidlaw course. RPL will be awarded on the basis of matching the prior learning outcomes and assessments, levels and credits against those of the Laidlaw College programme in which the student is enrolled. A fee applies for Recognition of Prior Learning which is detailed in the Laidlaw College Fee Schedule.

## Withdrawing from a programme of study

If a domestic student withdraws from their programme of study within twenty-one (21) calendar days of the day when the semester officially starts, a refund of fees will be given except 10% of fees, or \$500, whichever is the lesser. Withdrawals after twenty-one days will not receive any refund of tuition fees for that semester.

## Refunds

Fee refunds will be paid to StudyLink, where the fees were paid by Student Loan.

For further information please visit [www.laidlaw.ac.nz](http://www.laidlaw.ac.nz) or contact the Bishopdale College Registrar.



# Dates and Deadlines

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## Summer Semester 2023-24

### Enrolment Deadline

Friday 10 November 2023

### Semester Commences

Monday 20 November 2023

### Semester Ends

Friday 16 February 2024

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## Semester One 2024

### Domestic Student Early Enrolment Deadline

Friday 12 January 2024

### Domestic Student Final Enrolment Deadline

Friday 26 January 2024

### Non-Formal Student Enrolment Deadline

Friday 2 February 2024

### Semester Commences

Monday 19 February 2024

### Intensives Week

Monday 18 - Friday 22 March 2024

### Easter Break / Mid-Semester Break

Friday 12 April - Friday 26 April 2024

### Semester Ends

Friday 21 June 2024

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## Semester Two 2024

### Domestic Student Early Enrolment Deadline

Friday 24 May 2024

### Domestic Student Final Enrolment Deadline

Friday 5 July 2024

### Semester Commences

Monday 15 July 2024

### Intensives Week

Monday 12 - Friday 16 August 2024

### Mid-Semester Break

Monday 30 September - Friday 11 October 2024

### Semester Ends

Friday 15 November 2024

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## Summer Semester 2024-25

### Enrolment Deadline

November 2024 (TBC)

### Semester Commences

Monday 18 November 2024

### Semester Ends

Mid February 2025

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## Note

Early bird applications are guaranteed to be processed in time; applications submitted near the final enrolment deadline may face processing delays. There is no late fee for applications submitted after the early bird deadline.



# Community Life

We place a high value on **doing life in community together**. Opportunities for shared meals and for community worship and prayer are a core part of the College's ethos as an intentional Christian community of study.

While we study hard to deepen our knowledge and understanding, we are called to deep discipleship as well. There are several regular rhythms of College life which facilitate this:

## Daily Prayer

We gather fifteen minutes before morning tutorials for prayer and worship. Prayers are led by staff and students on a rostered basis.

## Chapel

The College holds a monthly chapel service, followed by a shared lunch which the College provides.

## Community Lunch

Staff and students are encouraged to attend a weekly BYO community lunch.

## Growth and Discipleship

Each year, we provide further options for growth, discipleship and transformation in a way which is not academic or about preparing for assignments, but

rather about focusing on Jesus and living in obedience to his reign. The shape of these reflects our student body and what will suit you best.

## Small Class Sizes

Our intentionally small class sizes, and the ability to knock on your lecturer's office door to ask a question outside of tutorial time, contribute to making Bishopdale a place where you will do more than just gain head knowledge about God - it is a place to be transformed not only through your study, but through journeying together as we follow God together.

We affirm the importance of all students belonging to a local church, recognising that the College is not intended to replace participation in the ongoing life of a worshipping community.



# What to Expect

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## Classes and Assessment

All students will require regular access to a computer and must be able to communicate by e-mail and have access to the Internet. A student e-mail account is provided for all students; email will be used as the primary means of communication with students so must be checked regularly.

The purchase and reading of course textbooks is usually required.

Tutorials held on campus are important to Bishopdale College's ministry. They are an opportunity to engage with issues and questions raised by the material being studied. Through discussion facilitated by skilled lecturers and additional explanations provided by them, students are enabled to increase their theological knowledge and understanding. These are a compulsory component of studying towards a Laidlaw College programme at Bishopdale College, whether students are on-campus, or joining through video-conferencing. There is an 80% attendance requirement at tutorials.

Most courses specify a short assessment, and two essays as the major components of assessment. These may be complemented with participation in online discussion forums, or keeping a reading journal. The expectation is that all assessment work, with the exception of exams, will be submitted electronically through the Laidlaw College Moodle site.

## How much time will my study take?

Because individual students' study skills and habits vary, we can only suggest guidelines for how much time courses will take. However, students should assume that full-time study requires at least 40 hours study each week for the duration of each semester. This includes readings that are done before class, classroom time, tutorials, and self-directed work on assessments. As a guide, each credit requires approximately 10 hours of study. Thus a 15 credit course requires 150 hours' study in total, over the semester. In reality the actual study time required will vary from student to student and from course to course.

## Timetable

Semesters last for eighteen weeks and involve fifteen teaching weeks.

Most tutorials last for three hours, starting at either 9:30am or 1:30pm. Evening tutorials run between 6:30pm and 9:30pm.

**The latest timetable information is available at [www.bishopdale.ac.nz](http://www.bishopdale.ac.nz).**

# College Staff and Lecturers



**Andrew Burgess**  
College Dean

Andrew is Dean of the College - he leads the staff team. Andrew has a Doctorate in Systematic Theology from the University of Oxford (UK). He has served in church leadership for over twenty five years, and is passionate about

the gospel - God's mission to all places and all people.



**Jude Saxon**  
Internship Coordinator

Jude has a Graduate Diploma of Theology from Bishopdale College, and is working on a Postgraduate Diploma in Ministry through the University of Otago. Coming to us after youth pastoring in the New Life movement, Jude has

a heart and focus to grow the body of Christ in any way possible, especially with empowering leaders.



**Sue Patterson**  
Dean of Courses

Sue has a PhD from the University of Otago, and also spent a year in Princeton as a post-doctoral Fulbright scholar. She ministered in the UK and Ireland before returning to New Zealand in 2010 to work with Bishopdale

College. Sue lives in Christchurch, where she enjoys contributing to the life of her parish.



**Rebecca Burgess**  
Senior Lecturer

Rebecca has a PhD from the University of Otago, and is our language and biblical specialist, teaching Greek and Hebrew courses, as well as our exegetical courses in both Old and New Testament. Alongside her academic work,

Rebecca leads the youth community at All Saints Church.



**Simon Terrill**  
Registrar

After leaving a career in banking, Simon gained a Bachelor of Theology from Bishopdale College in 2012, before becoming the Academic Dean of Annesbrook Leadership College. Simon joined Bishopdale as the

Registrar in July 2021, and is currently working on his Masters in Theology. Simon thinks that studying theology is important because it helps us to engage with the world, and because we're commanded to love God with our minds, no less than with our hearts.



**Kate Tyler**  
Senior Lecturer

Kate has a PhD in Systematic Theology through the University of Otago on 'The Trinitarian Ecclesiology of Thomas F. Torrance'. Kate is convinced that theology is essential to the Church's life - what we believe about God

and God's mission makes a significant difference to our calling and existence as the Body of Christ. Good theology is mission-shaped theology!





### Jennifer Patterson Librarian

Jennifer Patterson has worked as the Bishop Sutton Librarian since 2016. She has a Masters in Information Studies, as well as library studies qualifications. Originally from South Africa, she is a wealth of knowledge about our librarian collection,

and does an excellent job of helping students identify the correct resources for each assessment.



### Paul Etherington Adjunct Lecturer

Paul has a Masters in Applied Linguistics (Hons) from Northern Territory University, where he completed a thesis on 'Nggem Grammar and Morphology', as well as his theological studies at BCNZ. Paul and his wife Pip spend

part of their time in New Zealand, and part of their time working with the Nggem people in West Papua, Indonesia, mainly focused on Bible translation and healthcare.



### Féy Cotter Adjunct Lecturer

Féy has a Bmin and a MTh from Laidlaw College. Féy was missionary for nearly fourteen years working with European Christian Mission (ECM) in Albania. She is now the National Director of ECM NZ raising up workers for today's

'non-Christian' Europe.



### Alice Kinyua Adjunct Lecturer

Alice has a Masters of Divinity from African International University. She is passionate about people hanging out around food and opening the Scriptures so as to make it come alive for both believers and nonbelievers alike. Her

other great joy is seeing believers praying together and enjoying seeing God at work around us.



### Andrew Callander Academic Admin

Andrew taught Economics and Finance on behalf of the University of Otago while a Programme Manager in the School of Business at the Southern Institute of Technology. Returning to Otago as a student he

graduated with a doctorate in theology in 2012. He was subsequently ordained and served as the Minister of St James Presbyterian Church in New Plymouth. Now living in Tasman Andrew was appointed to the part time role of Senior Academic Administrator at Bishopdale in September 2022 to help manage the College's relationship with the New Zealand Qualifications Authority.



### Spanky (Joshua) Moore Adjunct Lecturer

Spanky has a Bachelor of Ministries from Laidlaw College. He is passionate about discipleship, formation, vocational calling and contemplative practice - and especially enjoys exploring

these areas with young adults and those on the margins of church life.

# Student Loans and Allowances

Students enrolled with Laidlaw College, including those studying at Bishopdale College, may be eligible for Student Allowances and/or Student Loans. Prospective students are encouraged to explore this information by contacting Studylink on 0800 88 9900 or visiting [www.studylink.govt.nz](http://www.studylink.govt.nz).

Students who are studying at tertiary level for the first time may be eligible for the fees-free subsidy for their first year of study; please visit [www.feesfree.govt.nz](http://www.feesfree.govt.nz), and contact the Registrar for more information.

It is recognised that full-time students may need to undertake part-time work in order to sustain the financial cost of their studies. We also understand that many students have ministry responsibilities in their local churches. However, all students need to be aware that courses require good study habits with consistent work through every week of each semester. Bishopdale staff members are available to talk through any questions of balance between study and work.

## Library Services

The College's Bishop Sutton Library (now incorporating the Diocese of Nelson Theological Library) is housed on campus at Bishop Eaton House, 30 Vanguard Street. This library will provide students with most of the books required to fulfil essay and exam requirements for their courses.

Two libraries at a distance are also available. Students completing Laidlaw College programmes can use the Laidlaw College Library at Henderson, Auckland via

an online catalogue and a postal service. The John Kinder Theological Library based at St John's College, Meadowbank, Auckland, is also available to all members of the Bishop Sutton Library with access via an online catalogue and a postal service. Both these libraries subscribe to a database which gives full text access to a large collection of theological journals, which can be searched through using the library websites.

## Bishop Sutton Library Hours

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| <b>Monday &amp; Tuesday</b> (during Semester) | <b>10.00 am - 6.00 pm</b> |
| <b>Monday &amp; Tuesday</b> (out-of-Semester) | <b>10.00 am - 4.30 pm</b> |
| <b>Wednesday</b>                              | <b>10.00 am - 5.00 pm</b> |
| <b>Thursday</b>                               | <b>10.00 am - 4.00 pm</b> |
| <b>Friday</b>                                 | <b>Closed</b>             |

Please check the website for confirmation of hours.

# What is the Next Step?

## Application Deadlines: Domestic Students

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### Semester One

#### Formal students

Friday 26 January 2024

#### Non-formal students

Friday 2 February 2024

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### Semester Two

#### Formal students

Friday 5 July 2024

#### Non-formal students

Friday 5 July 2024

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### New Domestic Students

Please contact the Bishopdale College Registrar to inform them of your intention to apply for admission and to discuss programme and course planning.

Students wishing to complete a programme with an internship component must complete the Bishopdale College internship placement application process first. After this they will be directed to complete the Laidlaw College application process.

You will need to complete the Laidlaw College Application online at [www.laidlaw.ac.nz/apply](http://www.laidlaw.ac.nz/apply). Required documentation can be verified by the Registrar.

### Returning Students

If you want to register for one or more courses and have been enrolled as a Laidlaw College student in the past two years through any of its centres, you can simply fill in a Course Selection Form online.

If you have not studied in the past two years, you must complete the online Laidlaw College Application and select that you are re-applying as a returning student. Please contact the Registrar for any assistance required.



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