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Program Handbook: Bachelor of Ministry

I. Program Details

- i. Full Title: Bachelor of Ministry
- ii. Abbreviated Title: BMin
- iii. AC Faculty Category: Ministry and Theology
- iv. Campuses: Parramatta, Brisbane, Perth, Global Online
- v. AC Program Director: Dr Adam White
- vi. Course Length: 3 years full-time; 10 years part-time
- vii. AQF Level: Level 7
- viii. Accreditation period: 13 June 2014 – 13 June 2021

2. Pathways/ admission

Completion of NSW Higher School Certificate with an ATAR of no less than 65, or the completion of the interstate or overseas equivalent qualification and result, or equivalent;

OR

Completion of a Certificate IV or higher qualification awarded under the Australian Qualification Framework by an authorized institution or registered training organization.

OR

Mature age entry (21 years and over) can apply for provisional entry. They will need to successfully complete their first 4 subjects to be permitted to continue without this restriction.

3. Course Rationale

The Bachelor of Ministry (currently accredited as the 'Bachelor of Contemporary Ministry') is designed to prepare graduates for ministry within Church and community settings. The BMin aims to integrate a well developed foundation in Christian Studies with a broad and coherent theoretical and practical knowledge in an area of specialised ministry. General skills in communication and problem solving are developed alongside specialist knowledge and expertise in their chosen major, including Pastoral Ministry, Cross Cultural Ministry, Worship Ministry, Youth & Children's Ministry, and Leadership and Management. Theories are applied and professional skills are developed through practical assessments and work-integrated learning. Each major includes a special emphasis on leadership to ensure that graduates are instilled with a sense of responsibility and the Christian ethic of caring for their neighbour. In this sense, the BMin acts as an integrated environment for the preparation of students who wish to develop theological understanding and professional skills in and for a diverse range of ministry applications. This also can take them on to postgraduate qualification in a selected area of practice.

Graduate employment opportunities include, but are not limited to:

- Church pastor
- Youth minister
- Children's minister
- Missionary
- Community/NGO worker
- Worship Pastor
- Church Administrator
- Pastoral Educator

4. Course Learning Outcomes

COURSE NAME:	Bachelor of Ministry	
DELIVERY SITE(S):	Parramatta, Baulkham Hills, Brisbane	
DELIVERY MODE(S):	Blended delivery, involving: face-to-face lectures and tutorials; moderated online discussion groups, and use of other E-learning resources, including workplace simulations	
ALPHACRUCIS COLLEGE GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES		LEARNING OUTCOMES
1. Christian Worldview: A knowledge of the Christian story, derived from the Scriptures and tradition of the church. An awareness of the implications of this story for self identity in the context of local and global communities. This includes a commitment to engage with alternate worldviews, showing appreciation of the values and perspectives of others.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrate a broad and coherent knowledge of Christian history, doctrine and tradition as a foundation for ministry. • Skills to analyze and interpret the biblical text, using sound hermeneutical methods, as a core document of the Christian faith with consideration for the contemporary application of the text;
2. Integrity and Justice: The ability to apply a Christian worldview in the diverse situations and responsibilities of life, and to exercise faith, hope, love and generosity as prevailing attitudes. This includes the active promotion of the gospel, social justice, equality, mutual respect and an ecological ethos.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills to consolidate, synthesize and communicate appropriate elements of a Christian Worldview relating to situation, purpose, corporate need and personal spiritual praxis, with particular emphasis on the role of the gospel in providing an ethical framework for personal living;
3. Communications: The ability to communicate effectively to a range of audiences, in appropriate contexts using high levels of verbal, written and technological skills. This includes visual and media literacy, numeracy, rhetoric and persuasion.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to discuss and analyze contemporaneous topics, issues and challenges impacting on Christian ministry and the Pentecostal community, and create solutions to these challenges;

ALPHACRUCIS COLLEGE GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES	LEARNING OUTCOMES
<p>4. Personal and Social Skills: Demonstrate relational skills that incorporate the flexibility for both independent and collaborative situations. This includes personal and group organizational skills, conflict management and resolution, as well as the ability to value and respect the opinions of others.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to collaborate with the broader community of Christian ministers and community leaders to provide appropriate collegial support;
<p>5. Critical and Creative Thinking: A capacity for critical and reflective thinking that is explored not only individually but within a community context. This includes a capacity to be creative and to research, analyse and resolve problems in innovative and prophetic ways.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills in critical thinking and self-directed research, using a range of sources and methods; • Self-reflection and evaluation of ministry performance for the purpose of vocational development.
<p>6. Professional Knowledge: Use and maintain knowledge about a discipline or field, in terms of theoretical, conceptual and methodological elements, striving continually and independently to secure further knowledge and where appropriate, defined professional skills.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cognitive and technical skills required for ministry functions, including depth within one of the fields of Pastoral Ministry, Youth and Children's Ministries, Worship Studies, Management and Leadership or Cross-Cultural Ministry. • Breadth and complexity of professional ministry skills pertinent to engagement with congregational communities. This includes the ability to apply knowledge and skills to new and diverse contexts.

5. Course Structure:

TITLE OF COURSE OF STUDY:	BACHELOR OF MINISTRY
<p>Structure of the course of study: The course structure is based on six semesters (each of 13 weeks duration), with four subjects taught in each semester. It comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 compulsory common first year core subjects in Christian Studies • 8 subjects in the Major (specialisation) • 8 electives <p>To qualify for award of the degree of Bachelor of Ministry a candidate shall accrue an aggregate of at least 240 credit points, including satisfactory completion of the core subjects noted below.</p> <p>Maximum of 8 subjects (80 credit points) at 100 level, and at least four subjects (40 credit points) at 300 level. Students must complete at least 2 subjects (20 credit points) in professional experience.</p>	
CONTENT OF THE COURSE OF STUDY	CREDIT POINTS
CORE SUBJECTS	<p>FIRST YEAR</p> <p><i>First semester</i></p> <p>RES101 Introduction to Academic Writing and Research (100 level) 10</p> <p>BIB101 Introduction to the Bible (100 level) 10</p> <p>THE101 Christian Worldview (100 level) 10</p> <p>HIS101 History of Christianity (100 level) 10</p> <p><i>Second Semester</i></p> <p>MIN102 Christian Spirituality (100 level) 10</p> <p>BIB201 Biblical Hermeneutics (200 level) 10</p> <p>THE201 Christian Ethics (200 level) 10</p> <p>MIN202 Communicating the Christian Faith (200 level) 10</p>
PASTORAL MINISTRY MAJOR (Specialisation)	<p>MIN101 Introduction to Pastoral Ministry 10</p> <p>LEA201 Leadership Principles (200 level) 10</p> <p>MIN201 Pastoral Administration and Management (200 level) 10</p> <p>One of the following 200 level subjects: 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MIN203 Preaching • MIN204 Healing Ministry • MIN205 Church and Society <p>EXP201 Professional Practice (200 level) 10</p> <p>EXP301 Advanced Professional Practice (300 level) 2x10</p> <p>Two of the following 300 level subjects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MIN302 Discipleship • MIN304 Church Planting • MIN305 Relationships • MIN306 Advanced Pastoral Ministry

	One 300 level subject from MIN, MIS or LEA subjects	10
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CONTENT OF THE COURSE OF STUDY		CREDIT POINTS
LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT MAJOR (Specialisation)	MAN101 Introduction to Management (100 level)	10
	LEA201 Leadership Principles (200 level)	10
	MAN 201 Organisational Behaviour (200 level)	10
	BUS202 Financial Decision Making (200 level)	10
	EXP201 Professional Practice (200 level)	10
	MAN311 Strategic Management (300 level)	10
	LEA301 Advanced Leadership & Decision Making (300 level)	10
	LEA311 Creativity and Entrepreneurship (300 level)	10
WORSHIP MINISTRY MAJOR (Specialisation)	WOR101 Introduction to Worship Ministry (100 level)	10
	MIN101 Introduction to Pastoral Ministry (100 level)	10
	LEA201 Leadership Principles (200 level)	10
	WOR205 Worship, Arts and Church History (200 level)	10
	WOR235 Ensemble (200 level)	10
	EXP201 Professional Practice (200 level)	10
	WOR307 Technology and Worship Ministry (200 level)	10
	WOR310 Worship in Contemporary Context (300 level)	10
CROSS-CULTURAL MINISTRY MAJOR (Specialisation)	CCM101 Introduction to Cross Cultural Ministry (100 level)	10
	Four of the following 200 level subjects:	4x10
	• CCM221 Preparing for Cross Cultural Field Ministry (200 level)	
	• CCM222 Personal and Professional Skills for Cross Cultural Ministry (200 level)	
	• CCM223 Methods and Strategies for Cross Cultural Ministry (200 level)	
	• EXP201 Professional Practice (200 level)	
	• HIS208 History of Christian Expansion (200 level)	
	Three of the following 300 level subjects:	3x10
	• CCM304 World Religions (300 level)	
	• CCM305 Exploring Islam (300 level)	
	• CCM306 Integrated Seminar in Cross Cultural Ministry (300 level)	
	• CCM321 Cross Cultural Ministry Field Study	
	• EXP301 Advanced Professional Practice (300 level)	
	• Any 300 level SOC subject	

CONTENT OF THE COURSE OF STUDY		CREDIT POINTS
YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES MAJOR (Specialisation)	MIN101 Introduction to Pastoral Ministry	10
	Either MIN220 Youth Ministry, or MIN221 Children's Ministry	10
	MIN225 Childhood and Adolescent Development	10
	One of the following 200 level subjects:	10
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MIN203 Preaching MIN204 Healing Ministry MIN205 Church and Society 	
	EXP201 Professional Practice I (200 level)	10
	One of the following 300 level subjects:	10
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EXP301 Advanced Professional Practice (300 level) MIN305 Relationships 	
ELECTIVES	MIN326 Advanced Children's and Youth Ministry	10
	One 300 level subject from MIN, MIS or LEA subjects	10
	Other electives possible within the Bachelor of Ministry include:	8 x 10
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCM201 Cross Cultural Communication CCM202 Anthropology in Christian Ministry CCM203 Ministry in Animistic Contexts HIS210 Pentecostal and Charismatic Christianity HIS301 Australian Christian History LEA220 Developing Women Leaders MAN351 International Management MIN230 Women and Christian Ministry SOC201 Theology of Social Justice SOC201 Global Poverty SOC301 Public Theology And Political Engagement SOC302 Social Entrepreneurship WOR220 Lyrics and Theology WOR315 Worship in comparative religious contexts WOR340 Songwriting XXX390 Independent Guided Study in.... XXX391 Research Project XXX392 Advanced Seminar in.... 	
	Or, any eight subjects taken from any Level 7 course of study (provided the student has met the pre-requisites of the individual subject)	

6. Subject Outlines

SUBJECT CODE	SUBJECT NAME
BIB101	Introduction to the Bible http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/bib101-introduction-to-the-bible/
BIB201	Biblical Hermeneutics http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/bib201-biblical-hermeneutics/
BUS202	Financial Decision Making http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/bus202-financial-decision-making/
CCM101	Introduction to Cross Cultural Ministry http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/ccm101-introduction-to-cross-cultural-ministry/
CCM102	Biblical Foundations of Mission http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/ccm102-biblical-foundations-of-mission/
CCM201	Cross Cultural Communication http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/ccm201-cross-cultural-communication/
CCM202	Anthropology in Christian Ministry http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/ccm202-anthropology-in-christian-ministry/
CCM203	Ministry in Animistic Contexts http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/ccm203-ministry-in-animistic-contexts/
CCM221	Foundations of Cross Cultural Field Ministry http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/ccm221-foundations-of-cross-cultural-ministry/
CCM222	Personal and Professional Skills for Cross Cultural Ministry http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/ccm222-personal-and-professional-skills-for-cross-cultural-ministry/
CCM223	Methods and Strategies for Cross Cultural Ministry http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/ccm223-methods-and-strategies-for-cross-cultural-ministry/
CCM304	World Religions http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/ccm304-world-religions/
CCM305	Exploring Islam http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/ccm305-exploring-islam/
CCM321	Cross Cultural Ministry Field Study http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/ccm321-cross-cultural-ministry-field-study/
EXP201	Professional Practice http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/exp201-professional-practice/
EXP301	Advanced Professional Practice http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/exp301-advanced-professional-practice/
HIS101	History of Christianity http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/his101-history-of-christianity/

SUBJECT CODE	SUBJECT NAME
HIS208	History of Christian Expansion http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/his208-history-of-christian-expansion/
LEA201	Leadership Principles http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/lea201-leadership-principles/
LEA220	Developing Women Leaders http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/lea220-developing-women-leaders/
LEA301	Advanced Leadership & Decision Making http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/lea301-advanced-leadership-and-decision-making/
LEA302	Strategic Thinking and Planning http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/lea302-strategic-thinking-and-planning/
LEA303	Strategic Challenges, Innovation and Change http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/lea303-strategic-challenges-innovation-and-change/
LEA311	Creativity and Entrepreneurship http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/lea311-creativity-and-entrepreneurship/
MAN101	Introduction to Management http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/man101-introduction-to-management/
MAN201	Organisational Behaviour http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/man201-organisational-behaviour/
MAN311	Strategic Management http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/man311-strategic-management/
MAN351	International Management http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/man351-international-management/
MIN101	Introduction to Pastoral Ministry http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/min101-introduction-to-pastoral-ministry/
MIN102	Christian Spirituality http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/min102-christian-spirituality/
MIN201	Pastoral Administration and Management http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/min201-pastoral-administration-and-management/
MIN202	Communicating the Christian Faith http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/min202-communicating-the-christian-faith/
MIN203	Preaching http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/min203-preaching/
MIN204	Healing Ministry http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/min204-healing-ministry/
MIN205	Church and Society http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/min205-church-and-society/

SUBJECT CODE	SUBJECT NAME
MIN220	Youth Ministry http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/min220-youth-ministry/
MIN221	Children's Ministry http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/min221-childrens-ministry/
MIN225	Childhood and Adolescent Development http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/min225-childhood-and-adolescent-development/
MIN230	Women and Christian Ministry http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/min230-women-and-christian-ministry/
MIN302	Discipleship http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/min302-discipleship/
MIN304	Church Planting http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/min304-church-planting/
MIN305	Relationships http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/min305-relationships/
MIN306	Advanced Pastoral Ministry http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/min306-advanced-pastoral-ministry/
MIN326	Advanced Children's and Youth Ministries http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/min326-advanced-childrens-and-youth-ministry/
RES101	Introduction to Academic Writing and Research http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/res101-introduction-to-academic-writing-and-research/
SOC201	Theology of Social Justice http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/soc201-theology-of-social-justice/
SOC202	Global Poverty http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/soc202-global-poverty/
SOC301	Public Theology And Political Engagement http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/soc301-public-theology-and-political-engagement/
SOC302	Social Entrepreneurship http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/soc302-social-entrepreneurship/
THE101	Christian Worldview http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/the101-christian-worldview/
THE201	Christian Ethics http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/the201-christian-ethics/
THE311	Ecclesiology http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/the311-ecclesiology/
WOR101	Introduction to Worship Ministry http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/wor101-introduction-to-worship-ministry/

SUBJECT CODE	SUBJECT NAME
WOR130	Independent Study in Specific Creative Arts 1 http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/wor130-independent-study-in-specific-creative-arts-1/
WOR230	Independent Study in Specific Creative Arts 2 http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/wor230-independent-study-in-specific-creative-arts-2/
WOR205	Worship, Arts and Church History http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/wor205-worship-arts-and-church-history/
WOR215	Worship in Comparative Religious Contexts http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/wor215-worship-in-comparative-religious-contexts/
WOR220	Lyrics and Theology http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/wor220-lyrics-and-theology/
WOR235	Ensemble http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/wor235-ensemble/
WOR301	Practicum in Worship Ministry http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/wor301-practicum-in-worship-ministry/
WOR307	Technology and Worship Ministry http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/wor307-technology-and-worship-ministry/
WOR310	Worship in Contemporary Context http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/wor310-worship-in-contemporary-context/
WOR340	Songwriting http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/wor340-songwriting/
XXX390	Independent Guided Study in.... http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/xxx390-independent-guided-study/
XXX391	Research Project http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/xxx391-research-project/
XXX392	Advanced Seminar in..... http://ac.edu.au/schools/units/xxx392-advanced-seminar/