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*Preparing God's people
for works of service*

Ephesians 4:12-13





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THE TURNINGPOINT SCHOOL OF MINISTRY (TPSM)

The **turningpoint** School of Ministry (TPSM) serves as the training and development branch of **turningpoint** Church, offering courses designed to empower individuals to grow and fulfil their God-given potential.

Our Purpose (Ephesians 4:12-13)

- Equipping God's people for works of service → Ministry
- Guiding believers toward the fullness of Christ → Maturity

WHO CAN BE INVOLVED

turningpoint School of Ministry is designed to equip individuals from all ages, backgrounds, and walks of life for meaningful service. We believe that each person has both the privilege and responsibility to pursue spiritual growth. Scripture reminds us to "study to show ourselves approved," as dedicated workers committed to truth (2 Timothy 2:15). In a world filled with challenges, it is vital to ground our faith and actions in the Bible. Our focus is to ensure all teachings are positive, faith-filled, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

We emphasize active, hands-on learning and development (James 1:22-25).



"Consequently, each course is designed to equip in specific areas for ministry as well as helping in the personal growth of the individual at their stage of spiritual maturity, regardless of academic ability or economic background."

Our Team



PS PHIL CAYZER
Director

Pastor Phil has served as senior pastor overseeing multiple churches over the past 40 years and has played a key role in establishing Bible colleges across Australia and internationally. His passion is to see people equipped in God's word, building a strong foundation that empowers them to engage in lifelong ministry.



PS NORMA CAYZER
Dean & Head of Diploma

Pastor Norma, the senior pastor at **turningpoint** Cranbourne, has dedicated many years to Christian counseling and involvement with Bible colleges. As head of the Diploma program, she is committed to guiding her students toward excellence in their studies and ministry.



PS MARG AESCHLIMANN
Head of Cert III

Pastor Marg leads the Certificate III program, overseeing all assessments at this level. She is passionate about helping individuals grow in ministry and discover their calling in God's service.



PS TONY O'CONNELL
Head of Cert IV

Pastor Tony, the Campus Pastor at **turningpoint** Officer, supervises all assessments for the Certificate IV program. Gifted in teaching, he brings both expertise and passion to support students throughout their learning journey.



ANN NEWMAN
Financial Administrator

Ann is the financial controller and is available to assist with queries about finances and payments. Any questions regarding financial matters can be directed to Ann.

MINISTRY PHILOSOPHY

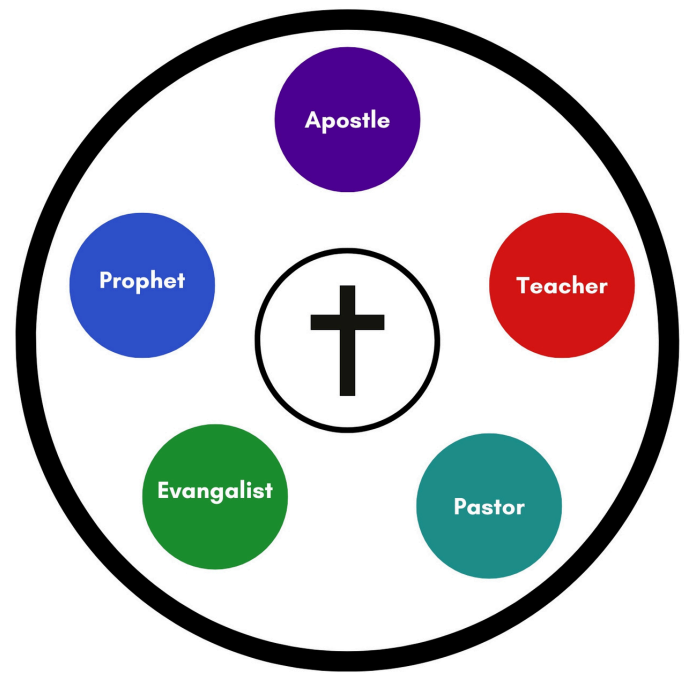
Each course at TPSM is purposefully crafted to prepare men and women for ministry work, as outlined in Ephesians 4:11-12.

We understand that ministry is wholly dependent on God's gifting, and our mission is to recognize, cultivate, and empower the gifts He has bestowed

TURNINGPOINT TRAINING IS:

Biblically-Based—We affirm the Bible as the true Word of God. Through a structured study of Scripture, participants will be deeply rooted in their faith and understanding, fulfilling the Apostle Paul's encouragement: "Do your best to present yourselves to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

Intensely Practical—Preparing individuals for impactful ministry, our goal extends beyond imparting theoretical knowledge to providing practical training in every area of ministry. Christ appointed some as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers to equip His people for works of service, building up the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-12).



Character-Transforming—Fostering a strong emphasis on discipleship, our goal is to nurture men and women into Christ-like character. We are dedicated to cultivating the essential qualities of discipleship, encouraging growth in stability and integrity—hallmarks of every true follower of Jesus. "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

Spiritually Inspiring—Our mission is to impart spiritual life and power, guiding men and women to operate within the supernatural power of God and remain receptive to the Holy Spirit's work. Building an intimate relationship with Him is essential for any ministry. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses" (Acts 1:8).



CHRISTIAN MINISTRY & THEOLOGY

CERTIFICATE III CERTIFICATE IV DIPLOMA

VISION INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE



External RTO Provider

Vision International College – NTIS ID: 90862

I am delighted to welcome you to Vision International College, the distance education provider for **turningpoint** School of Ministry (TPSM).

In partnership with TPSM, we offer government-accredited Certificate III, Certificate IV, and Diploma courses in Christian Ministry and Theology.

Our abundant resources, unique history, and vibrant, faith-building ministry set us apart. Our philosophy is to make authentic, high-quality Bible College materials accessible to both individuals and local churches.

Through our distance education program and local-church-based Bible College offerings, Vision Colleges has been a leader in Bible College ministry since its founding in 1974 as Vision Christian College.

Blessings in Jesus' name,
Rev. Dr. Denis Plant
(Ph.D. Christian Ed; D. Min Theo; TAE40110)
Principal/CEO



CERTIFICATE III

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY & THEOLOGY 11236NAT

Currently runs: 7.00pm to 9.30pm Tuesdays

Overview

Students enrol with both TPSM and Vision College and receive formal accreditation upon completion. This biblically-based, Holy Spirit-led course empowers individuals to follow Jesus' example, fostering intimacy with God as the foundation for ministry and preparing them for active Christian service.

Course Details

- Duration: 12 months
- Prerequisite: A pastoral endorsement acknowledging basic understanding of the Christian faith. There are no formal academic prerequisites, though Year 10 literacy and numeracy skills and basic computer proficiency are required
- Delivery: Face-to-face. Attendance at the class is required. If you are unable to attend, you must submit correspondence work in its place.
- Compulsory attendance at CRC Implant, This is an additional cost and is the responsibility of the student.

Units

- PSPGEN114 Work effectively with diversity and inclusion
Children and Inclusion
- NAT11236011 Conduct an awareness campaign on an ethical issue
New Testament Church Leadership
- NAT11237003 Develop and apply knowledge of key Christian beliefs
Authority and Authenticity of the Bible
- NAT11236003 Study and present a biblical topic
New Testament Survey
- NAT112306010 Use basic communication skills in a ministry context
Holy Spirit and Demonology
- NAT11236001 Develop foundational knowledge of the Bible
Old Testament Survey and the Feasts of Israel
- NAT11236008 Explain own beliefs to others
New Creation Realities, Faith, and Healing
- NAT11236004 Apply elementary strategies for biblical interpretation
Bible Prophecy and the Return of Christ

CERTIFICATE III

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY & THEOLOGY 11236NAT

Audit	(Non-Accredited) attending class only
Graduate	(Non-Accredited) attending class and completing the assessments receiving a turningpoint Certificate Graduation only
Accredited	(AQF Australia qualification via our external RTO) attending class, engaging with your church's leadership for ministry assessment and completing the RTO assessment requirements to AQF standard and receiving a Certificate III Accreditation.

Enrolment \$120 (no refundable – no discount)

Cost	Audit	Graduate	Accredited
Annual	\$500	\$800	\$1000

Refund Policy

- Refunds are available only with one full term's clear notice

CERTIFICATE IV

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY & THEOLOGY 11237NAT

Currently runs: 7.00pm to 9.30pm Tuesdays

Overview

Designed for individuals called to serve in church ministry, this full-time program equips students with theological insights and practical leadership skills to prepare them for roles in Christian ministry.

Course Details

- Duration: 12 months
- Prerequisite: Completion of 11236NAT Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology, or a pastoral endorsement confirming the applicant's understanding and past ministry involvement. Basic proficiency in Year 10 literacy and numeracy and computer skills is recommended.
- Delivery: Face-to-face. Attendance at the class is required. If you are unable to attend, you must submit correspondence work in its place.
- Compulsory attendance at CRC Implant and CRC Conference. These events are additional costs and are the responsibility of the student.

Units

- NAT11238012 Develop own leadership skills
Leadership
- CHCLEG001 Work legally and ethically
Work legally and ethically
- NAT11237001 Apply knowledge of the Bible
Apologetics and Bible truths
- NAT11238014 Lead a process of Christian Discipleship
Small groups
- NAT11237002 Interpret biblical texts
Public Speaking & Hermeneutics
- NAT11237007 Apply knowledge of Christian history and historical theology
Church History, Cults, and the CRC Distinctive
- NAT11237006 Explain Christian beliefs to a non-Christian audience
Evangelism & Follow-up
- NAT11237001 Apply knowledge of the Bible
Apologetics and Bible truths
- NAT11237003 Develop and apply knowledge of key Christian beliefs
Authority and authenticity of the Bible

CERTIFICATE IV

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY & THEOLOGY 11237NAT

Audit	(Non-Accredited) attending class only
Graduate	(Non-Accredited) attending class and completing the assessments receiving a turningpoint Certificate Graduation only
Accredited	(AQF Australia qualification via our external RTO) attending class, engaging with your church's leadership for ministry assessment and completing the RTO assessment requirements to AQF standard and receiving a Certificate IV Accreditation.

Enrolment \$150 (no refundable – no discount)

Cost	Audit	Graduate	Accredited
Annual	\$800	\$1200	\$1600

Refund Policy

- Refunds are available only with one full term's clear notice

DIPLOMA

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY & THEOLOGY 11238NAT

Overview

Designed to prepare individuals for effective ministry, this course equips leaders to share the Gospel with impact and serve in churches, Christian organizations, and workplaces.

Course details

- Duration: 24 months
- Prerequisite: Completion of Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology (11237NAT) or a pastoral endorsement confirming the applicant's understanding and past ministry involvement.
- Delivery: 1st year | Online, Self-Directed | 4 Units
2nd year | Face-to-face or correspondence | 6 Units
- Attendance at the class is required.
If you are unable to attend, you must submit correspondence work in its place.
- Compulsory attendance required at CRC Implant and CRC Conferences.

Year 1 Units (Online)

- CHCCSM006 Provide case management supervision
Take a leadership role in the delivery of quality case management
- CHCPAS004 Provide pastoral and spiritual care
Develop ministry priorities
- CHCPRP007 Work within a clinical supervision framework
Process of clinical supervision
- CHCMHS001 Work with people with mental health issues
Provide Mentoring Support

Year 2 Units (Face to face)

- NAT11238001 Apply advanced knowledge of the Bible
Biblical Management Principles
- NAT11238013 Plan to initiate a new Church
Church Planting and Growth
- NAT11238005 Develop and apply knowledge of church, liturgy and sacraments
Special Services, Homiletics and Communication
- NAT11238008 Develop self-awareness
STEPPS & Personal Management
- NAT11237005 Apply Christian ethics to contemporary issues
Missions
- CMTTHE504 Compare and explain Christian beliefs and practices
Christian Ethics

DIPLOMA

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY & THEOLOGY 11238NAT

Audit	(Non-Accredited) attending class only
Graduate	(Non-Accredited) attending class and completing the assessments receiving a turningpoint Graduation only
Accredited	(AQF Australia qualification via our external RTO) attending class, engaging with your church's leadership for ministry assessment and completing the RTO assessment requirements to AQF standard and receiving a Diploma Accreditation.

Enrolment \$200 (no refundable – no discount)

Cost	Audit	Graduate	Accredited
Year One			\$1,200
Year Two	\$800	\$1200	\$1,600

Refund Policy

- Refunds are available only with one full term's clear notice

PLACEMENT PROGRAM

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND THEOLOGY

The TPSM Placement Program offers a unique, immersive experience to complement academic studies in Christian Ministry and Theology. This unpaid placement bridges the gap between classroom learning and practical ministry, allowing students to gain hands-on experience within their own church or ministry setting.

Certificate III and IV Placements

Designed for individuals called to Christian ministry and service, the program spans 12 months with students volunteering in ministry. Placement activities are tailored to provide diverse exposure across different ministry functions.

Placement Year Objectives

Throughout the year, students gain practical experience in four or more ministry areas within their local church. They also have the opportunity to participate in missions trips, organize ministry projects, and attend ministry conferences (note: missions and conference fees are additional). By the end of the program, students will have completed their Certificate III or IV and developed skills in small group ministry, event planning, collaborative projects, and leadership.

Enrolment

Placement enrolment requires completion of foundational principles, a placement interview, approval by the oversight team, and consistent progress in the relevant course requirements.

Location

Placements are hosted by the student's church

Intake

New intakes begin each December.

Important Note

Participation in specific conferences and training programs is compulsory for graduation. These activities are not included in tuition and are an additional cost. Students unable to attend will be required to complete supplementary assignments.



MISSIONS EXPOSURE

TAKE A YEAR TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE—AND THE WORLD!

Thinking about a gap year with purpose? **turning**point School of Ministry (TPSM) and Vision College International invite you to make this coming year extraordinary with our “Missions Exposure” program!

This unique year combines a Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology with TPSM, offering hands-on mission experience, and local ministry. It’s your chance to deepen your faith, develop new skills, and make a difference across cultures.

During this program, you’ll spend up to 12 weeks experiencing life and ministry in two mission locations, each tailored to your personal strengths, goals, and calling. Whether it’s serving in remote villages, supporting youth programs, or helping build sustainable community projects, each “Missions Exposure” is crafted around you.

The Certificate III in Christian Ministry and Theology, is done as a fully accredited training through TPSM and Vision, combines biblical foundations with practical ministry training. You’ll explore topics like discipleship, leadership, and theological studies, all designed to equip you for effective ministry.

If eligible, Youth Allowance can be applied to support your studies and mission trips, making it financially accessible for you to commit fully to this life-changing year. Costs vary based on the mission locations, but our TPSM team will work with you to choose destinations that fit your budget and calling.

This gap year is more than just a program—it’s a journey that will shape you for a lifetime. You’ll return with deeper faith, new skills, lifelong friendships, and a fresh vision for your future.

Are you ready to grow, serve, and see God at work around the world? With TPSM and Vision, your gap year could be the first step toward a life of purpose and impact.



PAYMENTS

Important Information

- When completing your TPSM application form online, please ensure you provide the correct course level.
- Late payments will result in restricted access to Moodle until outstanding balance is cleared
- If you decide to withdraw or suspend your studies, please inform your course trainer as soon as possible. If you are having difficulties with study, we may be able to help.

If you have any questions about the fees, please email Ann at accounts@turningpoint.asn.au.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Australian Government Financial Assistance:

Youth Allowance, Austudy, and ABSTUDY

The Australian government offers three primary financial assistance programs for students pursuing accredited certificate training: Youth Allowance, Austudy, and ABSTUDY. These programs provide income support to eligible individuals, helping them manage study expenses, living costs, and course fees for accredited certificate-level training.

Youth Allowance

Eligibility Requirements: Youth Allowance is available for individuals aged 16 to 24 years who are:

- Full-time students undertaking an approved course, including accredited certificate-level training.
- Australian citizens or eligible visa holders.
- Meeting income and asset tests (which consider the student's income or parental income, depending on age and living situation).
- Not receiving a high school scholarship where they are obligated to meet specific study costs.

Austudy

Eligibility Requirements: Austudy is designed for full-time students aged 25 years and over who are pursuing further education, including certificate training. To qualify, students must:

- Be enrolled in an approved course full-time (e.g., accredited certificate programs).
- Meet the residency requirements (Australian citizens or eligible visa holders).
- Pass the income and assets tests (based on the student's own financial situation).

Abstudy

Eligibility Requirements: ABSTUDY supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students of all ages who are studying full-time or part-time in approved courses, including accredited certificate training. Eligibility requirements include:

- Proof of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- Enrollment in an approved course or traineeship (both full-time and part-time options may qualify).
- Meeting income and asset tests (based on individual or family financial status, as applicable).

Voluntary Work Allowance

This allowance forms part of Australia's mutual obligation requirements, designed to support older Australians (aged 55 and over) receiving certain government benefits, such as the JobSeeker Payment. It allows eligible individuals to continue receiving government payments while fulfilling their mutual obligations through approved voluntary work.

- Age Requirement: The Voluntary Work Allowance applies to individuals aged 55 and over.
- Payment Eligibility: Individuals must be receiving a payment that includes mutual obligation requirements, such as the JobSeeker Payment.
- Hours of Voluntary Work: Individuals can fulfill their mutual obligation requirements by completing 30 hours of approved voluntary work per fortnight. This can be with a recognized non-profit, charity, or government organization.
- Continued Support: By meeting these requirements, individuals can continue to receive government payments while focusing on volunteer work that aligns with their skills and passions.
- Reporting Requirements: Recipients may need to report their volunteer work hours to Services Australia, ensuring transparency and compliance.
- Check with Centrelink: Before starting, verify that the organization qualifies as a recognized entity to ensure that volunteer hours are eligible.

STUDY WITH US IN 2025

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