

# **BCV SUBJECT SUMMARIES**

## **Certificate IV in Ministries**

### ***SEMESTER 1***

#### **1401 DISCIPLESHIP**

Lecturer: Sam Reeve

This subject introduces students to practical and biblical issues related to discipleship. To study what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and to develop a personal strategy for the ministry of discipling/mentoring others. This subject is also designed to provide the student with an opportunity to develop ministry skills, under supervision, within a broad range of church and para-church ministry contexts. Each requires 3-4 hours per week in ministry preparation, presentation and supervision meetings in an approved ministry experience assignment.

#### **1158 KNOW THE TRUTH: INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY (Part 1)**

Lecturer: Judi Long

This is part one of an introductory study of major biblical doctrines, or truths, of the Christian faith and the process of identifying and expressing Christian theology in the secular and pluralistic culture of Australia. The subject examines issues such as authority & revelation, God & human nature, and the Trinity and the Biblical teaching on creation.

#### **1041 NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY: PART 1**

Lecturer: Martin Spadaro

This subject introduces students to the life and ministry of Jesus as presented in the Gospel of Matthew against the cultural, religious and political background of first century Palestine.

#### **1011 OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY: PART 1**

Lecturer: Martin Pakula

This module provides an overview of the first six books of the Old Testament and applies the principles of 'Biblical Theology' to those books.

#### **1313 INTRODUCTION TO MISSION**

Lecturer: Sam Reeve

This module provides a general introduction to mission in the international context. It looks at mission from a variety of perspectives and challenges the student to evaluate what their involvement in mission will be.

#### **1310 GLOBAL UPDATE**

Lecturer: Sam Reeve

This subject exposes you to a wide range of visiting speakers from mission agencies, tent-maker situations, and local ministries so that participants can choose mission opportunities that match their own abilities and vocational interests.

#### **1282 MANAGE PUBLIC MINISTRY**

Lecturer: tba

This unit introduces the person in lay ministry to planning and managing time, preparing and delivering in platform ministry and how to lead a small group Bible study.

## **1014 CHURCH HISTORY**

Lecturer: Katherine Spadaro

This module introduces the key events and individuals in the history of the church from apostolic days to the present. In particular it explains how the early church defined itself in the face of heretical beliefs and movements, the Protestant and Catholic reformations and how the church responded to the challenges posed by some of the main political and religious movements.

## **1271 HELP PEOPLE**

Lecturer: Janet Reeve

This module is designed to introduce aspiring people helpers to the nature, aims, principles, methods and resources of Christian pastoral care, and to begin to develop the skills of basic pastoral interventions and theological reflection.

## **SEMESTER 2**

### **1401 DISCIPLESHIP**

Lecturer: Sam Reeve

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### **1159 KNOW THE TRUTH: INTRODUCTION TO THEOLOGY (Part 2)**

Lecturer: Mike Raiter

This is an introductory study of major doctrines, or truths, of the Christian faith and the process of identifying and expressing Christian theology in the secular and pluralistic culture of Australia. The subject examines issues such as the person & work of Christ, the person & work of the Holy Spirit, Church & ministry, the doctrines of grace, justification, sanctification and election for the Christian life, the means of grace, Kingdom of God and the end times.

### **1068 NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY: PART 2**

Lecturer: Mike Raiter

This module introduces the study of Acts and a New Testament epistle. It emphasises the importance of understanding the text in the light of its original context and purpose and its pertinence for today.

### **1016 OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY: PART 2**

Lecturer: Martin Pakula

This module provides an overview of the books of the Old Testament from the settlement in the land to after the exile, including the wisdom literature and apply the principles of 'Biblical Theology' to those books.

### **1281 BIBLICAL FOUNDATIONS FOR LEADERSHIP**

Lecturer: Sam Reeve

This subject introduces the Biblical nature of leadership, leadership terminology and principles. It explores qualities, struggles, victories and inspiration from the lives and life-experiences of Biblical leaders in their contexts. Of these, the major case study is on Jesus the Leader. The emphasis is on both sound Scriptural foundations as well as application for personal growth and leadership confidence.

## **1402 FORMATIONAL ISSUES FOR INTERCULTURAL MINISTRY**

Lecturer: Delle Matthews

A challenging and interactive introduction to practical and theological issues related to intercultural Christian vocations – discerning call and place in missionary endeavour; choosing an agency; cross-cultural teaming; culture shock; poverty and danger; attrition; singleness; marriage and family life in ministry; personal soul care and spiritual warfare.

## **1314 WORLD RELIGIONS**

Lecturer: Bernie Power/Martin Pakula/Mike Raiter

This module provides an overview of some of the non-Christian faiths and how to respond to issues that may arise with the interaction between adherents to each.

## **1062 ROMANS**

Lecturer: Martin Spadaro

This module is to introduce the content and major themes of the epistle to the Romans and their application to practical Christian living and ministry.

## **1010 ISAIAH**

Lecturer: Ted Woods

This module introduces the message of the book of Isaiah through an examination of its overall structure, historical and cultural background, the main themes and selected passages and their application for practical Christian living today.