11238NAT Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology

Course Schedule 2025 (Pastoral Care)

This course is taught in **four modules**. These are:

- Module 1: Scripture: The World of the Bible
- Module 2: Church: Ritual, Liturgy and Sacraments
- Module 3: Worldview, Ethics and Catholic Social Teaching
- Module 4: Theory and Practice of Pastoral Care

You have up to two and a half years to complete the course. Course schedules are released in October each year.

You will automatically start module 4 as advised directly to you, and can **complete the remaining modules in any order**, e.g.: you may choose to start with Module 3, then move onto Module 1 and finally Module 2.

The course follows a 'flipped' learning design which means course content is delivered on-line and studied by completing the set readings, videos and activities. Central to course design is time spent with mentors and peers in tutorials discussing and applying your learning and completing assessment.

Ideas and concepts are explained in the learning materials that you study at your own pace prior to the tutorial. In the tutorial you will clarify anything that you did not understand, analyse or evaluate the content and apply it to a task. Mentors also use this opportunity to assess and support your progress and ensure that you have gained the required learning outcomes. After the tutorial you will often submit an assessment task (e.g. short-answer questions or a project) that applies, integrates and demonstrates your learning from the preparation prior to the tutorial and your engagement in the tutorial. More significant projects may be presented at a tutorial.

Depending on your prior experience, your familiarity with the content covered and your general learning style you can expect to spend six to eight hours or more preparing for each tutorial, along with additional time spent completing assessments. For each module you can expect to spend about as much time in completing workshops and tutorials, private study and assignments as you would for an undergraduate unit at university.

Modules are offered at multiple times throughout the year and delivered as a standard mode or as a holiday intensive.

Choosing the **standard mode** requires you to attend one workshop and five tutorials which are scheduled fortnightly on a Saturday or on a weeknight. Assignments are due progressively over the term with short-answer tasks due one week after each tutorial. Major projects are due either at a set tutorial where the project involves presentation at the tutorial, or some weeks after the tutorial.

The *intensive mode* schedules most of the workshops and tutorials in the first week of a school holiday break. Depending on the module the final tutorial will be scheduled in the second week of the holiday or some weeks later if the assessment task requires a presentation to your peers. If you select this option, note that you will still need to prepare for the next day's tutorial. Assignments submission dates are spaced over two months following the tutorials.

Each module starts with a two-hour opening workshop followed by five tutorials. Workshops and tutorials are a key means by which we assess and support your learning and a core element of our training and assessment design, therefore at all workshops and tutorials for a module is mandatory.

For the tutorials, you will be allocated a space in either of the advertised timeslots. Depending on group size, additional tutorials may be offered at different times and/or on a different day. Any learner signed up for a module that has a change of date or time will be individually contacted and advised of changes that impact their enrolment.

Next step: consult the schedule on the following page, choose your modules and sign up via our online Module Sign up form.



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2025	Delivery mode		Module	Group code	First Workshop	Tutorial 1	Tutorial 2	Tutorial 3	Tutorial 4	Tutorial 5	Module completion
Easter break	Holiday • intensive	→	Module 2	2.1-25	7 April 8-10am	8 April 8-10am	9 April 8-10am	10 April 8-10am	11 April 8-10am	31 May 8-10am or 10.30-12.30am	20 Jul '25
Term 2 22 Apr-27 Jun	Weeknight • (Tuesdays)	→	Module 3	3.1-25	25 March 6-8pm	22 April 6-7pm or 7.30-8.30pm	6 May 6-7pm or 7.30-8.30pm	20 May 6-7pm or 7.30-8.30pm	3 June 6-7pm or 7.30-8.30pm	17 June (Tue) 6-8pm or 18 June (Wed) 6-8pm	12 Aug '25
	Saturdays •	→	Module 1	1.1-25	29 March 8-10am	26 April 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	10 May 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	24 May 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	7 June 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	21 June 8-10am or 10.30am-12.30pm	2 Aug '25
Mid-year break	Holiday • intensive	→	Module 1	1.2-25	30 June 8-10am	1 July 8-10am	2 July 8-10am	3 July 8-10am	4 July 8-10am	19 August (Tue) 6-8pm or 20 August (Wed) 6-8pm	5 Oct '25
Term 3 14 Jul-19 Sep	Weeknight • (Tuesdays)	→	Module 1	1.3-25	10 June 6-8pm	15 July 6-7pm or 7.30-8.30pm	29 July 6-7pm or 7.30-8.30pm	12 August 6-7pm or 7.30-8.30pm	26 August 6-7pm or 7.30-8.30pm	9 September (Tue) 6-8pm or 10 September (Wed) 6-8pm	21 Oct '25
	Saturdays •	→	Module 3	3.2-25	14 June 8-10am	19 July 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	2 August 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	16 August 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	30 August 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	20 September 8-10am or 10.30am-12.30pm	8 Nov '25
	Saturdays •	→	Module 2	2.2-25	28 June 8-10am	26 July 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	9 August 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	23 August 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	6 September 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	18 October 8-10am or 10.30am-12.30pm	13 Dec '25
Spring break	Holiday • intensive	→	Module 3	3.3-25	22 September 8-10am	23 September 8-10am	24 September 8-10am	25 September 8-10am	26 September 8-10am	15 November 8-10am or 10.30-12.30pm	4 Jan '26
	Weeknight (Wednesdays)	→	Module 2	2.3-25	17 September 6-8pm	8 October 6-7pm or 7.30-8.30pm	22 October 6-7pm or 7.30-8.30pm	5 November 6-7pm or 7.30-8.30pm	19 November 6-7pm or 7.30-8.30pm	1 December (Mon) 6-8pm or 3 December (Wed) 6-8pm	12 Feb '26
Christmas break	Holiday Intensive	→	Module 2	2.4-25	8 December 8-10am	9 December 8-10am	10 December 8-10am	11 December 8-10am	12 December 8-10am	24 January '26 8-10am or 10.30-12.30pm	15 Mar '26

All dates and times current at time of publication.

The schedule may be updated if required.