11238NAT Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology

Course Schedule 2026 (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 <u>attendance at all workshops and tutorials for a module is mandatory</u>.

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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2026	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	2.1-26	7 April 8-10am	8 April 8-10am	9 April 8-10am	10 April 8-10am	11 April 8-10am	30 May 8-10am	12 Jul '26
Term 2 20 Apr–26 Jun	Weeknight *(Wednesdays)*	→	Module 3	3.1-26	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 (Wed) 6-8pm or 18 June (Thu) 6-8pm	26 Aug '26
	Saturdays	→	Module 1	1.1-26	28 March 8-10am	25 April 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	9 May 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	23 May 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	6 June 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	20 June 8-10am or 10.30am-12.30pm	15 Aug '26
Mid-year break	Holiday intensive	→	Module 1	1.2-26	29 June 8-10am	30 June 8-10am	1 July 8-10am	2 July 8-10am	3 July 8-10am	18 August (Tue) 6-8pm	4 Oct '26
Term 3 13 Jul–18 Sep	Weeknight *(Tuesdays)*	→	Module 1	1.3-26	16 June 6-8pm	14 July 6-7pm or 7.30-8.30pm	28 July 6-7pm or 7.30-8.30pm	11 August 6-7pm or 7.30-8.30pm	25 August 6-7pm or 7.30-8.30pm	8 September (Tue) 6-8pm or 9 September (Wed) 6-8pm	3 Nov '26
	Saturdays	→	Module 3	3.2-26	13 June 8-10am	18 July 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	1 August 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	15 August 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	29 August 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	19 September 8-10am or 10.30am-12.30pm	14 Nov '26
	Saturdays	→	Module 2	2.2-26	27 June 8-10am	25 July 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	8 August 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	22 August 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	5 September 8-9am or 9.30-10.30am	17 October 8-10am or 10.30am-12.30pm	12 Dec '26
Spring break	Holiday intensive	→	Module 3	3.3-26	21 September 8-10am	22 September 8-10am	23 September 8-10am	24 September 8-10am	25 September 8-10am	14 November 8-10am	10 Jan '27
	Weeknight *(Wednesdays)*	→	Module 2	2.3-26	16 September 6-8pm	7 October 6-7pm or 7.30-8.30pm	21 October 6-7pm or 7.30-8.30pm	4 November 6-7pm or 7.30-8.30pm	18 November 6-7pm or 7.30-8.30pm	2 December (Wed) 6-8pm or 3 December (Thu) 6-8pm	24 Feb '27
Christmas break	Holiday intensive	→	Module 2	2.4-26	7 December 8-10am	8 December 8-10am	9 December 8-10am	10 December 8-10am	11 December 8-10am	23 January '27 8-10am	13 Mar '27

All dates and times current at time of publication.

The schedule may be updated if required.