

Bachelor of Theology Degree

The Bachelor of Theology (BTh) programme aims for students to become aware of theological, church, community and social issues in the Pacific region today and to equip students to evaluate these matters from an evangelical Biblical viewpoint. Students will develop skills in applying and communicating their Biblical training to meet the spiritual, cultural, development and ministry needs of our modern world.

The BTh is taught at Level 7 of the Papua New Guinea National Qualifications Framework and complies with the requirements for Bachelor degrees at this level. It has two main components, the practical and the academic.

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The BTh programme is under review and in the future it is expected that CLTC will offer a selection of specialisation in ministry. Possibilities being explored are theological education, pastoral, women's, youth and intercultural ministries.

BTh can be done in the following ways:

- For students who have successfully graduated with Diploma of Ministry, Diploma of Theology or Diploma of Missions from CLTC or another accredited institution, CLTC offers a two year BTh programme. Diploma graduates must have attained at least B+ average and satisfy other criteria to gain entry, such as evidence of sufficient ministry experience or successful completion of an internship year. Delegated members of faculty extend an invitation to current diploma students who fit the selection criteria. Those who completed their diploma studies in previous years are welcome to apply through the usual application process and their applications are submitted to the Selection Committee for evaluation.
- Graduates with an Advanced Diploma of Christian Studies (ADCS) who attained at least B+ average can apply for entry into the BTh programme, provided the applicant can demonstrate sufficient ministry experience. If sufficient ministry experience is not evident, the student will be asked to complete one year of internship prior to acceptance into BTh.

A typical Bachelor of Theology Programme

First Semester	Second Semester
COM401 Research Methods 5 credits	BIB433 Exodus 5 credits
BIB532 Gospel of John 5 credits	THL500 Eschatology 5 credits
BIB510 Advanced Interpretation 5 credits	THL502 Church History 5 credits
THL501 Christian Ethics 5 credits	MIN513 Current Youth Issues 5 credits
COM500 Translation Principles 5 credits	BIB434 Colossians 5 credits
MIN430 Pastoral Ministry Skills 5 credits	THL400 Pastoral Theology 5 credits
PME121 Preaching & Service Leading 4 credits	PME106 TEE Group leadership 4 credits
Third Semester	Fourth Semester

BIB531 Pastoral Epistles 5 credits BIB430 Romans 5 credits MIN420 Leadership in Melanesia 5 credits BIB432 Missions 5 credits ICS400 Cultural Anthropology & Melanesian Cultures 5 credits PME123 Community Development 4 credits	BIB431 1 Corinthians 5 credits MIN431 Teaching Principles 5 credits MIN410 Curriculum Development 5 credits THL503 Melanesian Church History 5 credits ICS401 Contextualisation & Melanesian Theology 5 credits PME125 Teaching 4 credits
COM 599 Bachelor Thesis 10 credits	

Degree students are required to write a thesis of 9,000 words under the supervision of faculty members qualified to supervise thesis writing. Students planning to write a thesis may take preparatory steps in their first year of BTh. A course on Research Methods and Thesis Writing is taught to assist students with their thesis writing.

Internship Requirement for Bachelor of Theology

CLTC believes it is important for students to have an opportunity to apply what they have learned in the classroom to the ministry and life of a local church. Secondly, CLTC must do what it can to strengthen the student's relationship with the church (or churches) which sent them.

As part of the requirement for Bachelor of Theology, students are involved in a one year internship ministry experience, usually after completion of the Diploma of Ministry and before entering the BTh programme. Internship usually takes place in the student's home church. Students are supervised by a mentor (a pastor or qualified lay person) and given various responsibilities and opportunities to mature in their own gifts and character. A monthly report signed by the mentor is sent to the Internship Coordinator for review and support.

During the internship, the student is responsible to the College as well as the church. The student must send monthly reports to the Internship Coordinator. These are used as a basis for prayer and support as well as assessment. The student is also required to complete two TEE courses which are intended to further develop their practical ministry skills as well as to encourage them to develop a lifetime of study of God's Word. The student is accepted into the Bachelor of Theology programme upon the recommendation of their church and successful completion of the TEE studies.

Occasionally a student will be permitted to complete the academic component of BTh before completing their internship. These students are required to do their internship at the end of their two years of BTh study but will not be conferred the Bachelor of Theology Award until successful completion of their practical component as described above. A typical Internship Year comprises:

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Min300 Internship, including: TEE: Ephesians or Deep Sea Canoe And TEE: Prepare for Battle or The Patriarchs	68