



Worship Music  
Course Guide

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# Hillsong College at a glance

“I see a church with a world-class college that raises, equips & empowers generations of young, anointed leaders from across the globe. Graduates who serve God in all walks of life, released to salt the earth with dynamic ministries & churches throughout the continents of the world.”

BRIAN HOUSTON



years of world-class leadership  
& ministry training



**3** campuses: Sydney (Australia),  
Phoenix (USA) and Online



**63** nationalities represented  
amongst our student body



**10,000+** graduates around  
the world



**7** different courses: Pastoral Leadership, Worship Music,  
Film & TV, Production, Bachelor of Theology (BTh),  
Masters of Arts (MA) and Master of Theology (MTh)

## Affordable Christian Education



**5,500** average yearly tuition  
in US dollars

According to the 2019's College Board Pricing Trends report, the average yearly tuition in private non-for-profit US colleges is \$14,400.





Bobbie and I are excited you are considering Hillsong College – what a significant step forward into your glorious future!

Integral to the heart and soul of Hillsong Church, Hillsong College embraces and strategically includes its students in every aspect of church-life; from weekend services to global conferences, providing first-hand, practical experience alongside world-class leaders. As you journey into the world of Hillsong Church, you will be welcomed to serve alongside some of our pastors and key team who are making the name of Jesus famous, and building the church both locally and globally.

Over 30 years, we have proudly watched as many graduates have accomplished outstanding achievements across a vast canopy of ministry and life. It is our great desire to strengthen, support and release the God-given gifts and potential within you as well. You were born for greatness and significance,

to lead and impact in every sphere of your life. Our heart and mandate is to equip you to reach and influence your world in Jesus name.

We believe this course guide offers you a pathway to realise your dreams, discover your God-given potential and develop a strong platform for a glorious future in Christ. As you read it through, we pray you will discover a light to illumine the path before you and that you will embark on the beginning of an exciting journey from which you will never look back.

We cannot wait to welcome you HOME.

**Brian & Bobbie Houston**

Hillsong College Presidents and  
Hillsong Church Senior Pastors

# Our Executive Team



## Lee Burns

**Executive Vice President**  
PhD(Cand), MTh, BTh, DipMin, CertIV TAE

At Hillsong College, we are serious about the mission to which God has called us and we have a lot of fun in the process of accomplishing it! Studying at Hillsong College places you in an environment encompassing over sixty nations and cultures and it is the greatest joy in the world to do life with and learn from the many other students who are called, like YOU, to build the Church. God will take you on a journey that will see you develop and grow into the areas He is calling you. You will discover that you are more gifted than you actually believe and have much more potential than you realise. During your time at Hillsong College, many seeds will be sown, many dreams dreamed and many convictions established. Because of this, we are confident that you will walk into your God-ordained future fully equipped and empowered, ready for your God-ordained future.



## Duncan Corby

**Academic Dean**  
PhD(Cand), MTh(PracTh), BSc, DipMin, CertIV TAE

Our courses are intentionally designed to prepare you for a life of leadership and impact in line with your God-given purpose. Leadership is a many-faceted discipline, combining self-mastery, inter-personal influence and ministry excellence. Our training cultivates these multi-dimensional qualities in you to maximise your potential for Kingdom service. Situated in the heart of Hillsong Church, you will experience a unique combination of teaching and hands-on experience under the expert guidance of trainers and coaches with a track record of producing world-changing leaders. Welcome to a training experience like no other!





Angela Bachtle

Principal, Sydney Australia  
DipMin, CertIV TAE

At Hillsong College, we are passionate about partnering with our Senior Pastors, Brian and Bobbie Houston and their heart to raise up a generation of anointed leaders that will salt the earth. We are committed to cultivating an environment that will enrich the life, purpose and God-given calling of every student. Our training takes place in avenues all across College and Church life; from the classroom, to one on one interactions with leadership; and from being invited to be a key player in building the local church, as well as being a part of our phenomenal College Chapels. In our commitment to disciple and equip this rising generation, students have opportunity to grow and build unshakable foundations for Kingdom cause in their lives and the lives of those around them.



Blake Robinson

Principal, Phoenix USA  
MA, BACom, AdvDipMin, CertIV TAE

Hillsong College is a training environment within a thriving, Christ-centred local church. Our church is one house with many beautiful, unique global rooms across the Earth. We continue to influence the world through areas of leadership, worship music, film, media, and production; all seen, taught and experienced within our church. Hillsong College will be the catalyst for you to discover all that God has for you. Here, you will develop character growth which will sustain you through life, an unshakeable confidence in Jesus to believe for the miraculous and experience revival, and competency of skill through our world-class college.



Christopher Parkes

Principal, Higher Education and Online  
PhD(Cand), MA, BTh, AdvDipMin, CertIV TAE

Our courses at Hillsong College are a unique combination of practical ministry training and theological education, designed to equip you for your God given destiny! You will experience exceptional lectures, dynamic tutorials, practical workshops, and ‘hands on’ transformational learning in a variety of ministry contexts. One of the hallmarks of Hillsong College across all our courses, is the opportunity to immerse yourself in the life of Hillsong Church. Alternatively, if you are studying with us online, contributing your gifts and talents at your local church. This is because we are committed to raising a generation to build what Jesus said he would build in Matthew 16 — the Church! To that end, our team at Hillsong College are committed to partnering with you to see you step into your calling, in whatever sphere you find yourself.

Campus Locations



Sydney Hills Campus


The Hills Campus is known as the flagship campus of Hillsong Church. It features state of the art facilities and all of our course options. This campus is available to all domestic and international students.

 **Hillsong Hills Campus**  
1-9 Solent Circuit,  
Norwest, NSW 2153, Australia



USA Phoenix Campus


Our campus in the USA! Located in the contemporary town of Mesa in Phoenix, Arizona. This campus is available to US residents only.

 **Hillsong Mesa Campus**  
655 E. University Dr.  
Mesa, AZ, 85203, USA



Hillsong College Online

From anywhere in the world, earn your Certificate IV in Ministry, Diploma of Ministry, Undergraduate or Postgraduate degree at your own pace through Hillsong College Online.

 Wherever you are  
in the world!

# Alumni Testimonial



## Christine Caine

Founder of The A21 Campaign, Alumnus 1992

I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to attend Hillsong College. It was a defining and pivotal season in my Christian walk. I gained a theological and practical framework that helped set me up to flourish in life and ministry. I met people who have become lifelong friends and I was exposed to some of the greatest teachers and ministry practitioners in the world. It was a life-changing and destiny-defining experience.

# Courses

VOCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND MINISTRY TRAINING  
UNDERGRADUATE  
POSTGRADUATE





# Learning at Hillsong College

Hillsong College offers you a transformational education and leadership training experience. At the heart of Hillsong Church, you'll learn about life, leadership, and ministry alongside influential leaders who are changing the world. Within a proven mix of classroom learning, hands-on ministry experience and a vibrant College community, you are ideally positioned to develop a life of purpose and impact. Around the world our graduates are making a difference in many spheres including, ministry, business, education, health and many creative endeavours. Come and join in the adventure!

## Certificate IV in Ministry

*Vocational Leadership  
and Ministry Training*

Available streams of study	Available campus
Pastoral Leadership	SYD, PHX, Online
Worship Music	SYD, PHX, Online
Film & TV	SYD
Production	SYD

## Diploma of Ministry

*Vocational Leadership  
and Ministry Training*

Available streams of study	Available campus
Pastoral Leadership	SYD, PHX, Online
Worship Music	SYD, PHX, Online
Film & TV	SYD
Production	SYD

## Advanced Diploma of Ministry

*Vocational Leadership  
and Ministry Training*

Available streams of study	Available campus
Students are required to choose their elective subjects	SYD, PHX
Please see pages 36-43 for more information.	

## Undergraduate

Available degrees	Available campus
Bachelor of Theology (BTh)	SYD, Online

## Postgraduate

Available degrees	Available campus
Master of Arts (MA)	SYD, Online
Master of Theology (MTh)	SYD

# Graduate Reviews



*Hillsong College set my life up for the greatest win! Being fully immersed in an environment where you are constantly being poured into, given countless opportunities to outwork your gifts and talents, and even corrected when you go a little too far off the deep end, helped shape me to be the woman and leader I am today.”*  
— Allison, USA | Worship Music Graduate

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*“One of the most meaningful things that Hillsong College modeled to me is the importance of discipleship. This was constantly reflected in the words and actions of every College and Church staff; always uplifting and encouraging.”*  
— Josh, Canada | Master of Arts Graduate

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*“The Bachelor of Theology course has stretched my faith, enlightened me on my Christian beliefs, and shed light on questions I’ve had throughout the years. It has equipped me to help others understand Christian faith and belief in a more effective way.”*  
— Stacey, Indonesia | Bachelor of Theology Graduate

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*“The Master of Arts course was probably one of the most challenging things I’ve ever signed up for. It taught me to value research, appreciate opposing views and where to find good answers. More than anything it humbled me to stay teachable by realising how much I didn’t know and I’m grateful for that.”*  
— Wesley, Brazil | Master of Arts Graduate

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*“The hands-on experience I had while I was in College was highly instrumental in helping me get where I am today in the Film & TV world. The best way to improve your craft is to do it over and over again and Hillsong College gives you plenty of opportunities to get those experiences which helps you grow and develop your God given talents.”*  
— Matt, USA | Film & TV Graduate

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# Graduate Reviews



*“Having done three years of the Vocational Program and then studying the Bachelor of Theology course in depth was amazing. Learning more about God does not only lead to incredible revelations for myself but it helps me disciple people!”*  
— Joshua, Germany | Bachelor of Theology Graduate

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*“College is a watering hole for creativity, a house filled with creative minds and innovative ideas. I’ve had the privilege of working alongside so many incredible creators and leaders who consistently push and inspire me. I have not only gained practical skills such as editing and marketing strategies, but I have learned leadership – Godly, servant leadership.”*  
— Hayley, Australia | Pastoral Leadership Graduate

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*“Before coming to College, we had a fashion brand which was our focus, so we were designing our own apparel... we knew going to College would help us build a foundation in our Christian walk and we also felt it would give us inspiration even in our craft.”*  
— Susanna and Joanna, UK | Pastoral Leadership Graduates

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*“The best thing about Hillsong College Online is that you can study anywhere! I’ve done lectures on an airplane, in a hotel room, in my bedroom — you can even do them on your phone and that’s probably my favourite thing, how flexible the options are to study.”*  
— Jonathan ‘JD’ Douglass, Australia | Hillsong College Online

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*“Throughout this season at College, God has taken me on a journey of discovering my purpose and identity in Christ as the Aboriginal woman He created me to be. These years have been life defining, as I have grown in my understanding of God, His Word, and His people.”*  
— Mikenzie, Australia | Bachelor of Theology Graduate

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# Certificate IV in Ministry

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Our Certificate IV in Ministry program is the perfect place to start your training adventure. Combining a solid biblical foundation, exciting leadership and ministry training, with substantial hands-on opportunities to put what you learn into practice, this course will truly set you up to make a real difference in the ministry team of your local church. The Core and Stream subjects deliver Units of Competency from Australian Government accredited courses and is part of our Vocational Education programs that train you with the skills needed for marketplace careers in the same field as your stream's ministry specialisation.

# Certificate IV in Ministry

## Course Structure

**Core Subjects:** 260 hours  
**Stream Subjects:** 220 hours  
**Practicum:** 240 hours  
**Certificate IV:** 720 hours  
**Duration:** 12 Months

Basic biblical foundations, principles for ministry, as well as general leadership and ministry skills are developed through our core subjects, which all students complete. In addition, you will choose one of our four streams and complete all of the stream's subjects to develop specialised ministry skills. You are also given the opportunity to further your competence in weekly practicum as you serve in your specialised field.

Students will learn in a variety of settings including lecture-style classes, group-work, presentation, self-directed learning activities, workshops, tutorials, and work-based training.

## Practicum

Giving you plenty of opportunities to practice your ministry skills and develop real practical ministry experience is a critical part of our course. In Practicum, you will be involved every week in one of the cutting-edge ministries of Hillsong Church, learning from leaders with a track record of success in ministry.

For Hillsong College Online, see note below.

By being involved on a weekly basis in real-life ministry you will get the chance to put your classroom learning into practice. This ensures that all students have a chance to fully develop the required skills for long-term fruitfulness in ministry.

Practicum is also closely connected to your Core Subjects, so through consistent involvement in

Assessment methods include written assignments, reports and journals, oral and written presentations, ministry observation, performances, portfolios, tests, and workplace feedback.

You will be trained with the skills needed to work in a ministry team setting in a local church or Christian organisation, for example:

- Small group leader
- Youth team worker
- Worship team vocalist or musician
- Assistant leader in a kids or student team
- Member of a Christian dance team
- Camera operator
- Audio engineer/ Operator

The course also trains you with the skills needed in marketplace careers in the same field as your chosen stream's ministry specialisation.

team ministry you will develop the leadership, communication, and teamwork skills those subjects are teaching.

Practicum will place you in a ministry team relevant to the kind of ministry you are being trained for in your chosen stream. Furthermore, Pastoral Leadership stream students will be allocated to an area of ministry determined by their choice of Pathway.

If you are from a local church in the Sydney Metropolitan or Phoenix areas, you can choose to do your Practicum in your home church.

All Hillsong College Online Campus student's Practicum serving will be outworked in their local home church.





# Certificate IV in Ministry

## Core Subjects

Core Subjects build a foundation of the Bible, doctrine, personal leadership, and ministry teamwork that can be applied in a wide range of life and ministry settings. All students are required to complete Core Subjects.

CORE SUBJECT	OVERVIEW
New Testament Introduction	The books, themes, and events of the New Testament in their cultural and historical context are introduced along with their application and relevance today. <i>(MINBIB401A Complete and apply a study based on the Biblical material to own life   48 hours)</i>
Old Testament Introduction	The books, themes and events of the Old Testament in their cultural and historical context are introduced along with their application and relevance today. <i>(MINBIB401A Complete and apply a study based on the Biblical material to own life   48 hours)</i>
Christian Doctrine	This subject identifies and explores a number of the major doctrines of the Bible, with the goal of building a solid foundation of truth for Christian life and ministry. <i>(MINTHY401 Identify and apply foundational theological concepts of Christianity   40 hours)</i>
Spirit-Filled Living	The person and work of the Holy Spirit is introduced including an investigation of the baptism in the Spirit, spiritual gifts and ministering in the power of the Holy Spirit. <i>(MINLED401 Demonstrate Christian disciplines and spirituality   16 hours)</i>
Personal Evangelism	This subject is customised to equip students with the skills and understanding to effectively share the Gospel in a wide range of settings, from personal relationship to the public sphere. <i>(MINLED401 Demonstrate Christian disciplines and spirituality   16 hours)</i>
Personal Leadership	This subject introduces principles of spiritual leadership and is designed to assist the student in building godly character into their life as a Christian leader, both spiritually and practically. It covers critical issues including, integrity, core values, healthy living, relationships, and finance. <i>(MINLED401 Demonstrate Christian disciplines and spirituality with MINLED402 Manage personal and ministry priorities holistically   48 hours)</i>
Teamwork	This subject trains the student with the necessary skills and knowledge to work successfully in a team setting. It also will be outworked in the practicum component of the course. <i>(MINLED402 Manage personal and ministry priorities holistically with BSBWOR203 Work effectively with others   32 hours)</i>

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CORE SUBJECT	OVERVIEW
Communication in Ministry	This subject trains the student with the necessary skills and knowledge to be able to successfully communicate in ministry settings. It will mainly be outworked in the practicum component of the course. <i>(BSBCMM201 Communicate in the workplace   32 hours)</i>
Church and Ministry	A wide range of aspects of church ministry and culture are introduced from a biblical basis including how we make church relevant today. It will mainly be outworked in the practicum component of the course. <i>(MINLED405 Describe and contribute to effective local church ministry   16 hours)</i>



CERTIFICATE IV IN MINISTRY

# Worship Music Stream

This stream allows you to focus on your development as a vocalist, musician, or songwriter, while developing as a contributor to a worship team, all whilst being immersed in the creative community of Hillsong Church. Your focus (vocals, musicians, or songwriting) will determine your stream subjects.

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# Worship Music Stream Subjects

SUBJECT	OVERVIEW
FOCUS AREAS	
Vocals Focus	Subjects in the Vocal focus include: The Worship Team, Vocal Techniques, Music Theory for Vocals, Principles of Worship, Worship Ensemble
Musicians Focus	Subjects in the Musicians focus include: The Worship Team, Band Techniques, Music Theory for Band, Principles of Worship, Worship Ensemble
Songwriters Focus	Subjects in the Songwriting focus include: The Worship Team, Songwriting Techniques, Music Theory for Songwriting, Principles of Worship, Worship Ensemble
SEMESTER 1 SUBJECTS	
The Worship Team	This subject brings our new Worship Music students into the heart and ethos that has built the Hillsong Creative team and its creative expression. We do this by teaching and training students the leadership excellence necessary to thrive in a contemporary band-based worship environment. <i>(MINWMU406 Describe and contribute to effective worship ministry   32 hours)</i>
Music Theory for Vocals	In this subject we examine the language and notation of music, and its application for vocalists in various worship music settings. Delivery is catered toward vocal students with a beginner or intermediate level of theoretical knowledge. <i>(CUAMLT301 Develop and apply aural perception skills   32 hours)</i>
Music Theory for Band	In this subject we examine the language and notation of music, and its application for musicians in various worship music settings. Delivery is catered toward musician focus students with a beginner or intermediate level of theoretical knowledge. <i>(CUAMLT301 Develop and apply aural perception skills   32 hours)</i>
Music Theory for Songwriting	This subject will equip the student with an understanding of how music works in the context of songwriting. Students will become more informed songwriters as they deconstruct and examine the standard uses, functions, and behaviours of musical elements and their application for crafting original music. Delivery is catered toward songwriting students with a beginner or intermediate level of theoretical knowledge. <i>(CUAMLT301 Develop and apply aural perception skills   32 hours)</i>

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SUBJECT	OVERVIEW
Music Development Workshops	Students have the opportunity to choose to focus their training as a musician in a band, or as a vocalist or a songwriter, through weekly practical workshops.
Vocal Techniques	Vocal students learn the basic anatomy of the singing voice and techniques for improving vocal health, production, and performance. <i>(CUAMPF407 Develop vocal techniques   40 hours)</i>
Band Techniques	Musician students learn the principles of working successfully in a music ensemble environment to produce effective communication, musical cohesion, and inspirational performances. <i>(CUAMPF303 Contribute to backup accompaniment   40 hours)</i>
Songwriting Techniques	Songwriting students learn and apply tools and techniques for building functional songs from scratch from idea generation, refinement, and polishing, to strategies for writing blocks and trouble spots. <i>(CUAMCP301 Compose simple songs or musical pieces   40 hours)</i>

SEMESTER 2 SUBJECTS

Principles of Worship	This subject will train students in biblical and practical foundations for Christian worship. We aim to enrich their understanding and practice of worship by giving students a theological insight to spiritually prepare for, engage with, and evaluate their worship practice in both private and corporate worship environments. <i>(MINWMU401 Describe and apply a theology of Christian worship   40 hours)</i>
Worship Ensemble	This subject is a practical extension of “The Worship Team” and “Principles of Worship” subjects to develop musicianship and leadership abilities. In this workshop students will actively participate alongside their fellow worship stream students to practically prepare, perform, and evaluate their worship practice within a contemporary worship music ensemble. <i>(CUAMPF404 Perform music as part of a group   56 hours)</i>





# Diploma of Ministry

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Our Diploma program trains you with the skills you need to lead a ministry team and will take your leadership training to the next level. By building on what you learned in your first year, your understanding of the Bible and theology will continue to expand. You'll now start adding team and people leadership to your ministry skill-set, whilst continuing to grow in your area of ministry. This accredited course is part of our Vocational Education program that trains you with the skills needed for marketplace careers in the same field as your stream's ministry specialisation.



# Diploma of Ministry

## Course Structure

**Entry Requirement:** Completion of Certificate IV in Ministry or equivalent

**Core Subjects:** 240 hours

**Stream Subjects:** 240 hours

**Practicum:** 240 hours

**Diploma:** 720 hours

**Duration:** 12 Months

Everyone chooses a stream that further develops their expertise in their ministry of passion and calling. Practicum is where each student continues to grow by turning their classroom learning into real leadership skill through hands-on experience in an area of ministry in Hillsong Church.

Students will learn in a variety of settings including lecture-style classes, group-work, presentation, self-directed learning activities, workshops, tutorials and work-based training. Assessment methods include written assignments, reports and journals, oral and written presentations, ministry observation, performances, portfolios, tests, and workplace feedback.

## Practicum

Get ready for a real step up in your practical ministry experience. In our Diploma program, you will feel opportunities and responsibilities increase, as you take on more key roles in the ministries you are involved in.

For Hillsong College Online, see note below.

Within the Diploma of Ministry program practicum, you will also get to tailor your practical ministry involvement by choosing the ministry area you want to focus on more specifically. As you do this, the level at which you get to be involved in ministry will rise, as you get to lead teams or provide leadership through your growing ministry expertise.

Our Diploma program enlarges your knowledge of biblical teaching and theology, while starting to develop your team and people leadership skills. It also allows you to further develop expertise in your chosen area of ministry. Put it all together and the Diploma program trains you with the necessary skills to lead a ministry team or exert leadership within a local church or Christian organisation, for example:

- Youth team leader
- Worship leader,
- Music or vocal director
- Leader in a kids or student team
- Team leader in a church video team
- Leading a discipleship group
- Leading a community outreach or social justice team
- Running church events
- Coaching young songwriters

The course also trains you with the required skills for marketplace careers in the same field as your chosen stream's ministry specialisation.

And like in Certificate IV, Practicum continues to be closely connected to your Core Subjects, so through your consistent involvement in leading and influencing others you will further develop the leadership skills these subjects are teaching.

If you are from a local church in the Sydney Metropolitan or Phoenix areas, you can continue to choose to do your Practicum in your home church.

All Hillsong College Online Campus student's Practicum serving will be outworked in their local home church.





# Diploma of Ministry

## Core Subjects

These subjects will further strengthen your understanding of the Bible and theology, while adding key leadership skills to your ministry toolkit, so you can start empowering others to make a difference.

CORE SUBJECT	OVERVIEW
New Testament Studies	An in-depth look at key books and genres in the New Testament, focusing on Paul's letter to the Romans and The Gospel of Luke. It will delve more deeply into the cultural and historical settings of both books and help students cultivate some early exegetical skills that can be applied to the close study of other books of the New Testament. It will also help students analyse how one might apply these texts to contemporary Christian life and ministry. <i>(MINBIB501A Interpret and apply the Bible.   40 hours)</i>
Old Testament Studies	An in-depth look at key texts in the Old Testament, focusing on Exodus and Psalms, analysing and interpreting major themes and applying them to a contemporary ministry. This subject builds upon the bible study skills developed in Certificate IV by developing some basic exegetical skills appropriate for reading Old Testament texts accurately. <i>(MINBIB501A Interpret and apply the Bible.   40 hours)</i>
Pastoral Care	This subject equips the student with the skills necessary to identify and effectively deal with pastoral care issues that arise in a ministry setting. These topics include identifying issues, effective consultation and referral, an overview of key pastoral issues, such as grief and loss, relational issues, and crisis care. Students are encouraged to think through the biblical and theological dimensions of caring for people so that they can grapple with many of the difficult issues that come up in pastoral ministry. <i>(MINPST501 Interpret and apply pastoral theology in a ministry setting   32 hours)</i>
Theology	This subject builds on the concepts and skills developed in Christian Doctrine in Certificate IV. It discusses and develops major theological concepts, seeing how they developed through church history, and explores the diversity of theological viewpoints across a range of Christian traditions. The strengths and weaknesses of different positions will be assessed, along with their implications for life and ministry in a modern-day church setting. <i>(MINTHY501 Interpret and apply theological concepts   40 hours)</i>
Team Leadership	The level of leadership responsibility and influence students are trained to carry increases significantly. In this subject, students will be equipped with a deeper understanding of leadership dynamics and diverse skills needed to lead and build teams in a ministry environment. It will help students build their capacity to recruit people into teams, build a great team atmosphere, manage teams to meet challenging ministry goals, and develop the people in their teams to fulfil their God-given potential. This subject will also be outworked in the practicum component of the course. <i>(BSBMGT401 Show leadership in the workplace with MINLED505 Develop self and others as Christian leaders in an integrated fashion   30 hours)</i>

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CORE SUBJECT	OVERVIEW
Leading a Discipleship Ministry	Focusing on one of the essential foundations for church growth, this subject equips students to cultivate discipleship growth through a community made of one or several small groups. Specific skills covered include growing your own discipleship group, facilitating Bible study discussions, developing Bible study materials, and developing new leaders who can then start their own discipleship groups. <i>(MINPST404 Lead and multiply a Christian small group   40 hours)</i>
Safe Church	Focusing on one of the key responsibilities of modern ministry leaders, this subject equips students with the skills and information needed to assess and maintain safety in a ministry environment. <i>(MINSAF501 Apply Safe Church policies and procedures   8 hours)</i>





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# Worship Music Stream

In the Worship Music Stream, you will really start to develop as a creative and musical leader. You will continue to grow in your chosen discipline whilst thinking more deeply theologically and artistically, translating all of this into dynamic worship ministry.

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# Worship Music Stream Subjects

SUBJECT	OVERVIEW
FOCUS AREAS	
Vocals Focus	Subjects in the Vocal focus include: Theology of Christian Worship, Performance Ensemble, Worship Leadership, plus 2 elective subjects of your choice.
Musicians Focus	Subjects in the Musicians focus include: Theology of Christian Worship, Performance Ensemble, Worship Leadership, plus 2 elective subjects of your choice.
Songwriters Focus	Subjects in the Songwriting focus include: Theology of Christian Worship, Songwriting for Church, Worship Leadership, plus 2 elective subjects of your choice.
SEMESTER 1 SUBJECTS	
Theology of Christian Worship	<p>Building on Principles of Worship, students will continue to build their understanding and conviction of worship as it intersects with a number of key themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Worship: Its Theology and Practice</b> – A deeper look into the understanding of Biblical worship outworked through a life of worship, including worship music expression in the 21st century.</li><li>• <b>Worship and Creation</b> – A brief excursion into the created world around us and how it joins with us in God-glorifying worship.</li><li>• <b>Worship and Spiritual Growth</b> – Worship is integral to the Christian life and for the Church. We will explore worship and its role in the development of spiritual formation of the individual and for the faith community.</li></ul> <p><i>(MINWMU501 Develop an informed Christian worship practice   40 hours)</i></p>
Music Development Workshops	In the Worship Music stream, students have the opportunity to choose to focus their training as a musician in a band, a vocalist, or a songwriter, through weekly practical workshops.

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SUBJECT	OVERVIEW
Performance Ensemble	<p>Building on foundations from Certificate IV, musicians and vocalists will develop advanced skills to maintain technical control and deliver a confident ‘performance’ standard. Training focuses on the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to develop controlled technical performance skills</li> <li>• Methods to care for your voice or instrument</li> <li>• Choosing appropriate warm-up exercises</li> <li>• Developing of practice techniques</li> </ul> <p>Students will also develop the skills required for planning performances or services in cooperation with audio production and technical teams. <i>(CUAMPF605 Develop advanced vocal technique or CUAMPF505 Develop technical skills and expand repertoire   40 hours)</i></p>
Songwriting for Church	<p>As songwriters, students you will engage in a workshop experience that will train them in the writing style and process of Hillsong Church and its various songwriting expressions. Studies include congregational writing, theology and poetry within lyrics, collaborative writing, coordinating song culture with senior leadership, and building a songwriting culture in your local church. <i>(CUAMCP402 Develop techniques for composing music   40 hours)</i></p>
SEMESTER 2 SUBJECTS	
Worship Leadership	<p>This subject will train students in biblical and practical foundations for leading a worship team. Through lectures, tutorials and workshops, we aim to deepen understanding of the following practical skills; running efficient rehearsals, how to prepare a worship set, how to spiritually lead a worship team and congregation, and how to respond and lead in the unexpected. We will build on the principles delivered in Certificate IV to develop more advanced concepts of congregational worship, the role of leadership, spirituality and worship, and the skills and knowledge needed to build a rich, Christ-centred worship culture across a range of contemporary church service settings. <i>(MINWMU502 Lead worship in a Christian ministry setting   40 hours)</i></p>
Leading a Worship Ensemble	<p>This subject partners with Worship Leadership in developing practical skills for those wanting to lead teams of vocalists and musicians. We will practically look at developing skills for how to lead worship in various contexts and scenarios in a contemporary worship settings. Some skills developed are as follows: leading the ensemble as a music director or vocal director, planning and leading structured rehearsals, responding to new scenarios and leading through uncertainty, and a range of other responsibilities that come with leading a worship team. <i>(CUAMPF507 Provide musical leadership in performance   32 hours)</i></p>
Worship Elective Subjects	<p>Students will have the choice of one of the following electives per semester:  <b>Semester 1:</b> Music Arrangement and Producing <b>or</b> Preaching  <b>Semester 2:</b> Church and Music <b>or</b> Marriage and Family</p> <p>Online Students will have the choice of one of the following electives per semester:  <b>Semester 1:</b> Music Arrangement and Producing <b>or</b> Preaching  <b>Semester 2:</b> Church and Music <b>or</b> Preaching</p> <p>No Performance Ensemble or Leading a Worship Ensemble for Online students  Online worship students are all required to take Songwriting for Church.</p>

SEMESTER 2 SUBJECTS	
Music Arrangement and Producing	<p>This subject is designed to grow the student’s understanding of music arrangement, engage in researching ideas for arrangement, and workshop and arrange original pieces. Students will also receive technical training for the recording and editing of live instruments and vocals, as well as MIDI based arranging and producing. <i>(CUAMCP401 Develop techniques for arranging music   48 hours)</i></p> <p><i>Special note: Students taking this subject are strongly encouraged to provide their own computers, recording programs (Garage Band minimum), audio interface, and instruments.</i></p>
Church and Music	<p>In this subject, students can expect to learn about the influences and impact of doctrine, socio-politics, social relevance, leadership structures, and cultural forces on the development of music in the church from ancient to modern times, including a historical study of Hillsong Church music. By understanding these influences both within and outside the church, they can more effectively pre-empt, navigate, and respond to the impact of these influences with higher leadership capacity. <i>(CUAMLT502 Apply concepts of music and society to professional practice   40 hours)</i></p> <p><i>Please note: If you would like private or individual music lessons in addition to your course at Hillsong College there are options available.</i></p>



# Advanced Diploma of Ministry

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Our Advanced Diploma in Ministry course is specifically designed to help transition students into a position of leadership and influence in their chosen occupation. The course gives you the opportunity to gain real-life ministry training while furthering your academic development.

Graduates will leave equipped with the skills they need for a wide range of key leadership and senior ministry or management roles. This accredited course is part of our Vocational Education program that trains you with the skills needed for marketplace careers in the same field as your stream's ministry specialisation.

# Advanced Diploma of Ministry

## Course Structure

**Entry Requirement:** Completion of Diploma of Ministry or equivalent  
**Core Subjects:** 270 hours  
**Elective Subjects:** 450 hours  
**Advanced Diploma:** 720 hours  
**Duration:** 12 Months

### Innovative Learning Environment

The study program takes place in a variety of contexts including practicum, lecture-style classes, group-work, presentation, self-directed learning activities, workshop, tutorials and work-based training. Assessment methods include written assignments such as reports and journals, oral and written presentations, observation, tests, and workplace training.

## Practicum

You will train alongside a pastor or key leader at Hillsong Church or other approved ministry or church during the week. The College will work with you to tailor a practicum that will further develop your leadership and ministry potential, whilst positioning you to make a significant contribution to the life of Hillsong Church or your local Sydney or Phoenix church. Students intending to commence their Advanced Diploma year of Ministry Training must apply for their practicum during their Diploma year.

### Classes

Your classes will further develop your leadership, ministry and creative skills while challenging you to think deeply about your faith and philosophy of ministry for the 21st century. In the Advanced Diploma, all subjects are electives, so you get to choose the mix of subjects that align with your passions and will best develop your ministry potential. The subjects are drawn from a range of disciplines, such as bible, theology, leadership, management, pastoral ministry, and creative leadership.

If you are from a local church in the Sydney Metropolitan or Phoenix areas, you can choose to do your Practicum in your home church.

All Online Campus student's Practicum serving will be outworked in their local home church.

Application for Practicum placement in the Advanced Diploma year must happen prior to commencing the course so that Practicum placement can be arranged.





# Advanced Diploma of Ministry

## Core Subjects

CORE SUBJECT	OVERVIEW
Advanced Practicum 1 and 2	These are the subjects behind your Practicum. Students work alongside an experienced church leader and are immersed in the week-to-week running of a church department or ministry, learning what it really takes to make ministry work. Students will be involved in the development of new ministry initiatives, gaining experience managing ministry and exerting influence in a ministry team environment. This development is guided by key members of the College faculty through regular coaching sessions. <i>(MINLED603 Demonstrate the integration of judgement, skills, ministry ethics &amp; practice in a Christian vocation, MINLED602 Demonstrate influence within a Christian ministry   240 hours)</i>

ELECTIVE SUBJECT	OVERVIEW
Elective Subjects	You will choose eight elective subjects in your third year that are most relevant to managerial, pastoral, creative, or other technical leadership areas.

MANAGERIAL LEADERSHIP	
Leading a Church Department	As a senior leader one of your key roles is to implement vision and organisational ethos to your church or ministry department, communicating it powerfully to your team, outworking it with other departments and directing its effective implementation. This subject will equip students with the practical skills needed to manage human resources within a department, take them through the financial planning process and help you develop the strategic management skills and disciplines needed to steer a department. <i>(MINLED610 Manage a church department   56 hours)</i>
Managing Leaders	At higher levels of leadership, much of a leader’s time will be spent developing and managing other leaders. This subject explores the principles, practices, and disciplines of those who excel in leading and managing teams of leaders. Content and skills will be drawn from both the ministry and business worlds. <i>(MINLED604 Manage and develop ministry leaders   59 hours)</i>

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PASTORAL LEADERSHIP	
Apologetics	With the recent rise in pluralism and militant atheism, Christian leaders are often required to give a reasoned defence of their faith. This subject equips students with the background knowledge and skills required to present the case for Jesus Christ in a post-modern world. Students will develop an understanding of and a response to the key arguments used to challenge the Christian Gospel. <i>(MINTHY602 Defend the Christian Faith   58 hours)</i>
Corinthian Correspondence	Paul’s two letters to the Corinthians provide an ideal opportunity for in-depth study of a New Testament book in its historical, cultural and social setting. This subject will examine the background to the early church in the first-century Greco-Roman world, and further develop NT exegetical skills. Students will also explore more deeply the process of applying the NT text into a modern day church setting. <i>(MINBIB601 Interpret and analyse biblical literature   55 hours)</i>
Prophetic Literature	The prophetic books of the Old Testament give a unique insight into God’s relationship with ancient Israel. Bringing together Israelite history, Jewish poetry, and Old Testament theology, this subject will help students grapple with the message of these profound and challenging books. Whilst developing OT exegetical skills, students will also learn to examine the process of applying the OT prophetic message to the modern world. <i>(MINTHY603 Examine and apply biblical theology to a ministry setting   59 hours)</i>
Social Justice and The Church	Social justice is increasingly becoming a subject of concern in contemporary societies. This subject will explore aspects of social justice practices and theory and apply them to evaluate the contributions of the Church to that arena. Students will be equipped to develop strategies of implementation in a ministry setting. <i>(MINPST602 Apply social justice to a ministry setting   60 hours)</i>
Contemporary Theologies	Theology is a continually evolving discipline, with new trends and ideas regularly gaining the limelight in Christian teaching, writing or ministry. This subject equips students for the challenging task of engaging with and analysing key, modern-day theological concepts and their impact on church life and on popular Christian thinking. <i>(MINTHY601 Analyse contemporary theologies to a ministry setting   60 hours)</i>
Training Skills	One of the things leaders regularly do in ministry is train people. It is one of the key ways they multiply their influence and expand ministry. This subject provides the practical skills needed to plan and deliver group-based learning. It will also explore how to assess people’s acquisition of skills and how to evaluate training effectiveness. <i>(MINPST604 Plan and deliver ministry training in a local church environment   56 hours)</i>
Platform Ministry	This subject practically equips the student to lead a service and deliver some of the key elements, such as communion, baptisms, altar calls, and offering messages. Students will also learn to conduct weddings, baby dedications, and funerals. <i>(MINLED608 Lead a Christian service or ceremony   59 hours)</i>

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Preaching

Preaching is one of the most effective tools for communicating the gospel, teaching biblical truth, and impacting lives. In this subject, students will be introduced to the theology, communication theory, and skills needed to construct and deliver powerful, life-changing sermons. They will also have opportunity to practice and be coached in their new preaching skills.

Please note: This subject is being made available exclusively to students who have completed a Diploma of Ministry in Worship Music, Production, or Film & TV. (MINPST503 Deliver a sermon | 59 hours)

Marriage and Family

This subject helps students develop a biblical basis for marriage and family, identifying relevant current issues encountered in various forms of relationships. Students will be equipped with the theology and ministry skills needed to help people in a Christian community build their marriages and families. It will also equip students personally, to build their own life-giving and exemplary marriage and family, while navigating the challenges of life and ministry.

Please note: This subject is being made available exclusively to students who have completed a Diploma of Ministry in Worship Music, Production, or Film & TV. (MINPST502 Interpret and apply the theology of marriage and family | 60 hours)

CREATIVE LEADERSHIP

Creative Director

This subject equips students who are committed to producing high-level creative presentations for their local church services and events. They will be equipped with the understanding and skills needed to produce creative elements of an event (story-telling, concept development, music, video, dance). Students will also develop an understanding of the necessary technical elements (sound, lighting). This subject will also develop the management skills needed to oversee such events and presentations. (CUAPPR602 Collaborate in professional creative projects | 56 hours)

Advanced Songwriting

In this subject students will further extend what they have learned in their Certificate IV and Diploma year songwriting subjects. Students will investigate and experiment with various writing components and music materials for the betterment of their writing, giving them the ability to fine-tune, rewrite, and evaluate songs to a professional industry standard. (CUAMCP602 Extend techniques for composing music | 44 hours)

Pre-requisite: you must have already completed the Songwriting focus in either Cert IV or Diploma.

Creative Pastor

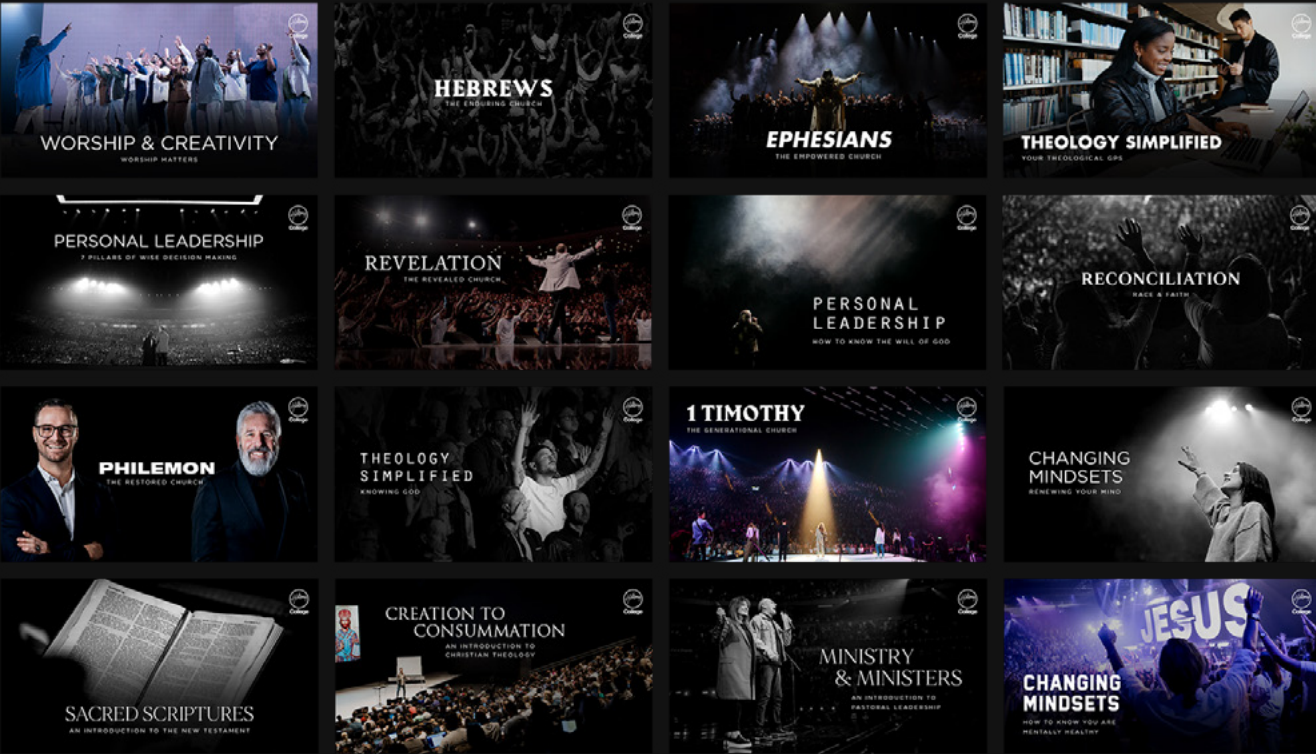
This subject is for anyone passionate about learning to lead and develop artistic people and teams. In this class, we specifically focus on discovering the personhood challenges artistic people on Creative teams face and how they shape them as people and ministers. We will also explore how artistic people tend to face unique issues in life, what these issues are and how one can become a leader who releases them to outwork their creativity, whilst living a strong, consistent life for longevity in ministry. (MINWMU602 Lead and pastor creative artists in a ministry setting | 60 hours)






# Hillsong College Masterclasses


Hillsong College Masterclasses are our latest and most flexible learning option. With over 30 years of development at the heart of Hillsong Church, these courses have been designed to equip and empower you for a life of impact — within every nation, industry and community across the globe.






**Flexibility**

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Once you've completed your course you will receive a genuine Certificate of Completion from Hillsong College and Executive Vice President, Lee Burns.



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# FAQ

**How diverse is the student body?**  
One of the greatest benefits of studying at Hillsong College is our international student body, helping students to form friendships and lasting connections with students from across the globe. Even while studying at our USA Campus, students will be connected with our global staff and student body. Together, our alumni represent more than 70 nations.

**Does Hillsong College offer scholarships or financial aid to students?**  
At this time, Hillsong College does not provide scholarships or financial aid. Students provide for their fees in various ways – including saving before their course commences, working while they study, being sponsored by their home church or fundraising support within their community.

If you are unable to pay full-time semester fees, we encourage you to consider our flexible part-time options.

**How much will my course cost and do I need to pay it all upfront?**  
Course fees vary between programs and awards. To find more information about fees specific to your preferred program, visit [hillsong.com/college/tuition](https://hillsong.com/college/tuition).

Tuition is due before each semester. Some courses are eligible for a Deferred Payment Plan, available from a student's second semester onwards. This allows students to pay their tuition in instalments.

**Are Hillsong College courses accredited?**  
Our vocational courses are accredited with Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), the Australian Government agency charged with quality and regulation of the vocational education and training sector in Australia.

Our online or on-campus undergraduate and postgraduate degrees are obtained and accredited through our partnership with Alphacrucis College located in Sydney Australia.

Our online Masterclasses are not accredited; rather, they function as short classes to equip and empower you wherever you are.

**Are Hillsong College credits transferrable to other universities?**  
Our accredited vocational courses are designed to flow seamlessly into undergraduate and graduate programs at Hillsong College, and with the universities that we partner with globally. You can learn more through here: [hillsong.com/college/partnerships](https://hillsong.com/college/partnerships)

**Does Hillsong College provide student housing?**  
Yes! If you apply for student housing through Hillsong College, we will source local accommodation on your behalf, near the campus of your choice. HC accommodation is shared

living, in which you're able to interact and live with other students. Generally, these properties are houses or apartments within the local area surrounding our campuses. Please note that these properties are not guaranteed to be furnished. Depending on the size of the property, you may live with 4 – 7 other students. Alternatively, you are welcome to source your own local accommodation.

To learn more about our accommodation and cost estimates, visit: [hillsong.com/college/accommodation](https://hillsong.com/college/accommodation).

**How many hours per week will I spend studying?**  
If you are a Vocational student, please allow at least 3-4 hours per subject.  
If you are a Higher Ed student, please allow at least 6-8 hours per subject.

**What student support is available for Hillsong College students?**  
Hillsong College is dedicated to the care and wellbeing of our student body. Right at the start of their journey, we welcome them into our community through orientations, information sessions and opportunities to get to know our HC team.

Throughout their studies, students have access to emotional and practical support through our Pastoral Care Team and can access academic advice and assistance through our learning support system.

**What are the benefits of hiring Hillsong College graduates?**  
Our alumni can be found influencing nations, churches, families and industries across the globe. Hillsong College exists to raise students to their fullest potential, equip them with industry skills and knowledge, empower them to outwork their studies and release them to lead lives of impact and influence. The hands-on experience that is embedded in our curriculum prepares students for a life of ministry within the church or any career pathway they choose to pursue. Through practical training, students learn leadership, key decision making, team management, problem solving, communication, pastoral leadership and creative skills that have proven to be integral across a number of industries.

**Who can I talk to if I have more questions?**  
Our Future Students team are happy to help and answer any questions you might have.

Please contact [future.students@hillsong.com](mailto:future.students@hillsong.com)

You can also call us:

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# Academic Agreements

The College is committed to providing great pathways for our students toward further education. To achieve this we have developed a number of strategic partnerships with various local and international universities and colleges. Our Diploma and Advanced Diploma graduates can receive generous credit transfers for their Hillsong studies into a range of impressive Bachelor Degree programs in Theology, Ministry and other disciplines. These programs can be completed on the partner campus or online from anywhere in the world.

**Our partners include:**

- Alphacrucis College (Sydney)
- Dallas Baptist University (Dallas, Texas)
- Northwest University (Seattle, Washington)
- Southeastern University (Lakeland, Florida)
- Life Pacific College (Los Angeles, California)
- Indiana Wesleyan University (Marion, Indiana)
- IGW (Zürich, Switzerland)
- ISTL (Switzerland)

**Accreditation and Recognition**

The College and its courses are accredited with the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), the Federal Government agency charged with the quality and regulation of the vocational education and training sector in Australia. Inspect ASQA's

website for full details about Australia's vocational education training sector, the Authority's jurisdiction and the standards by which it regulates Colleges and accredits courses.

The College is also approved by ASQA as a provider of education to international students and is listed on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students.

Registered Training Organisation (RTO) Code: 1340  
CRICOS Provider Code: 01532G

**Credit Transfers**

If you have completed previous study in Australia, USA, or internationally, you may be able to transfer credit into our courses, allowing you to invest more time in the practical dimensions of your course. To qualify for credit transfer your studies will need to be:

- With an accredited or recognised institution providing high quality training and education that is recognised by regulators and/or other colleges.
- In a field equivalent or related to Hillsong College's courses, streams or subjects.
- Delivered at an appropriate post-high school level.
- Completed within the last 10 years.



# Admissions Process



**STEP 1**  
Complete and submit  
your application  
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**STEP 2**  
Provide official  
documents



**STEP 3**  
Receive and sign  
Offer of Place



**STEP 4**  
Pay initial  
fees



**STEP 5**  
Receive CoE and  
apply for visa  
*(International students only)*



**STEP 6**  
Arrange accommodation  
and flights  
*(On-campus students)*



**STEP 7**  
Stay connected on  
social media



**STEP 8**  
Arrive  
on campus  
*(On-campus students)*



**STEP 9**  
Attend  
enrolment week

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