



BIBLE COLLEGE
Pathways
Work out your faith

PROSPECTUS

WELCOME



Tēnā koe

I am delighted that you are reading this prospectus and considering studying at Pathways College of Bible & Mission.

Pathways College offers a carefully focused set of academic programmes with the aim of preparing students for their future in a ministry context or the marketplace. The teaching faculty and support staff are at the heart of Pathways. As godly professional educators and administrators, they are highly qualified and committed to excellence in all areas. We are a small college. This allows our faculty and staff to spend quality time with you, guiding you and helping you to learn and grow in your theological understanding and your practical ministry.

We provide a unique setting in which you are equipped for service in whatever vocational path God is leading you. Perhaps you have yet to discover what He is calling you to do. Our mission is to help prepare you for a life of service in the field where God wants to place you.

In everything we do we seek to develop and deepen each student's relationship with the person of Jesus.



Our students are instructed in the word of God, encouraged in their walk with God and inspired for the work of God. We are committed to making your time at Pathways as fulfilling and memorable as possible.

As you read this prospectus and consider the place Pathways College may play in your future, may it be just the start of a lifetime marked by an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, understanding and service.

Ngā mihi nui

Dr Francine Bennett
PRINCIPAL

OUR VISION

our Whaikakitenga

To be a Christ-centred College to equip, support, and encourage healthy and vibrant churches throughout Aotearoa and beyond.

OUR MISSION

our Whaitanga

Pathways exists to help form disciples of Jesus in greater Christlikeness through biblical and practical training, for involvement in God's mission through the Church for the sake of the world.

OUR VALUES



faithfulness

To Christ, God's Word and his mission.

formation

Towards Christlikeness through instruction and practices aimed at shaping head, heart, and hands.

whanaungatanga

Nurturing relationships through shared experiences to strengthen each member of our whānau.

partnership

Collaborating and connecting with our partners and across all cultures to build mutually beneficial relationships to achieve our mission.

service

Demonstrating love, kindness, and humility through intentional action in the service of Christ.



OUR HISTORY



Imagine it's 1958...

Sir Edmund Hillary has just become the first person in nearly half a century to reach the South Pole. Bryan Barratt-Boyes has successfully performed New Zealand's first open-heart surgery. The All Blacks have won the Bledisloe Cup...again (go, you good thing!). Kiwis are achieving great things. And the same smarts, grit and belly-fire that made these achievements possible can be found in a handful of visionaries with an idea: to establish a school serving up exceptional biblical education, particularly to believers from Open Brethren churches. The result? That year, New Zealand Assembly Bible School (NZABS) was founded in Auckland.



DR RICHARD GOODWIN
Academic Director of Teaching & Learning
PhD Theology, MA Theology, BCS

1975

Fast-forward to 1975. Years earlier, a chocolate-maker-turned-missionary had established Gospel Literature Outreach (GLO) to promote a radical new idea: short-term missions. In those days, "short-term" still meant, like, three years (none of these namby-pamby two-week missions trips we call "short-term" now!). But three years still requires major training. So in the mid-70s, the GLO Training Centre was set up in Te Awamutu to help would-be missionaries from the Open Brethren movement prep for overseas missions.

2000

These two colleges both thrived—more like friends than foes. In fact, they worked so well together that they decided to make it official. In the year 2000, like the kids from Captain Planet, NZABS and GLO combined their academic and missional superpowers to become a single entity: Pathways College of Bible and Mission. Shortly after its beginning under this new name, Pathways moved from a residential to field-based (e.g. internship) model, which has allowed Pathways to retain the best of both its predecessor colleges, top-notch biblical study and real-world practical ministry.

Today

Back to the present day. Pathways College is carrying the torch, living into this rich legacy. The name, structure and haircuts have changed; the goal has not. We're still 100% committed to outstanding biblical and theological education. Throughout our history, we've trained 2000+ women and men to follow Jesus, become more like him and serve him whole-heartedly in the 21st century.

wanna join?

OUR PROGRAMMES



NZ Diploma in Christian Studies (Theological Studies) 120 Credits NZQA Level 5

Method of Study: Full-time (1 year) or Part-time (2 years)

Our context-based approach to learning through real-world ministry practice means graduates of this programme have the practical skills and academic knowledge needed for Christian ministry or the marketplace.

This one-year full-time or two years part-time programme, is designed to blend 16 hours theory and 16 hours practice each week by connecting classroom and context through an internship model.

Church and non-church based Christian organisations (e.g. Christian camps, Word of Life, schools, charities) offer internship placements.

Course requirements are met through experienced education practitioners, the guidance of two mentors, the challenges of ministry, formal instruction with peers and directed learning; you will be equipped for Christian ministry and service in the 21st Century.

The programme consists of these papers:

- **Supervised Ministry Training**
- **Extended Supervised Ministry Training**
- **Negotiated Ministry Practice**
- **Christian History**
- **Interpreting the Bible**
- **Biblical Survey**
 - Old Testament
 - New Testament
- **Theology**
 - Systematic Theology 1
 - Systematic Theology 2
 - Theology in the Context of Aotearoa
- **The Life of Christ: Living the Faith**
 - Spiritual Formation
 - James: Faith in Action
 - The Life of Christ through the Gospels

Entry Requirements

Please refer to Page 18.

Semester Dates

These can be viewed on our website.



JESS LIVICK

CREATIVE ARTS PRODUCER & PATHWAYS GRADUATE 2020

*Jess is working out her faith
through creative media*

I was volunteering in media at church but once I realised that working and volunteering within a ministry context was a possibility while gaining a recognised qualification, I started studying towards a NZ Diploma in Christian Studies (Theological) Level 5 with Pathways College.

My internship has impacted me in more ways than I can explain. I'm working within my passion in a ministry context. Doing this work for something so much bigger than myself and with good people by my side is a huge blessing.

I especially loved the practical side, directing the photography/videography team at church. We were shooting a variety of promotional videos on a topical preaching series, youth and family camp experiences, and church and youth activity highlights. I was also involved with church service planning and stage set design.

NZ Diploma in Christian Studies (Christian Leadership) 120 Credits NZQA Level 6

Method of Study: Full-time (1 year)

Unlock your true leadership potential with Christian Leadership Studies.

Our unique training programme will give you the skills to lead with integrity and purpose. We'll help you develop the strategic thinking, problem solving, and decision-making skills you need to excel in any leadership role. With our guidance, you'll discover how to effectively communicate your vision and create a lasting impact — all while staying true to your values.

Students are aligned to a Host Organisation throughout the year (church, mission, or parachurch organisation), with which they connect regularly. During the year, students complete two placements (usually around May and September-October) at this Host Organisation to fulfill the requirements for the two practical placement papers.

This structure presents many opportunities to develop relationships and learn leadership skills in practical settings. Students also attend four block courses throughout the year during which students engage with the lecturers and their cohort.

This programme consists of these papers:

- **Leadership:** Biblical Principles & Models
- **Leadership:** Identity & Calling
- **Relational Leadership:** Empowering, Ethical & Inclusive
- **Working with Groups** (Placement)
- **Leading in a Digital & Secular Culture**
- **Leadership in Context** (Placement)
- **Strategic, Missional, Resilient Leadership**

Become a
strategic
leader

Entry Requirements

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Semester Dates

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KARISSA ANDERSON

YOUTH PASTOR & PATHWAYS GRADUATE 2021

*Karissa's working out her faith
through inspiring young people*

My priorities are Jesus first then having fun. I'm always on the go dividing my time between my role as a Youth Pastor and youth-related activities.

After college I hadn't given much thought to pursuing tertiary study as a path into ministry. However, I wanted to explore and deepen my understanding of who God is, and what His plan for my life might be.

Over a few years I got involved with working with youth and I really wanted to serve the Lord but wasn't sure how.

Then I heard about the Pathways College programme and I knew that was the next step for me. I interned full time at my church and a big takeaway for me was my realisation that my Christianity had become a 'to-do' list rather than an relationship with God.

Pathways College really helped me to mature and grow as a person. I absolutely loved the Block Courses at Pāpāmoa Beach. I enjoyed the connection, community and fun we had at our Block Courses.

BLOCK WEEKS

Students meet together face-to-face throughout the programme at Block Weeks (a week duration each time).

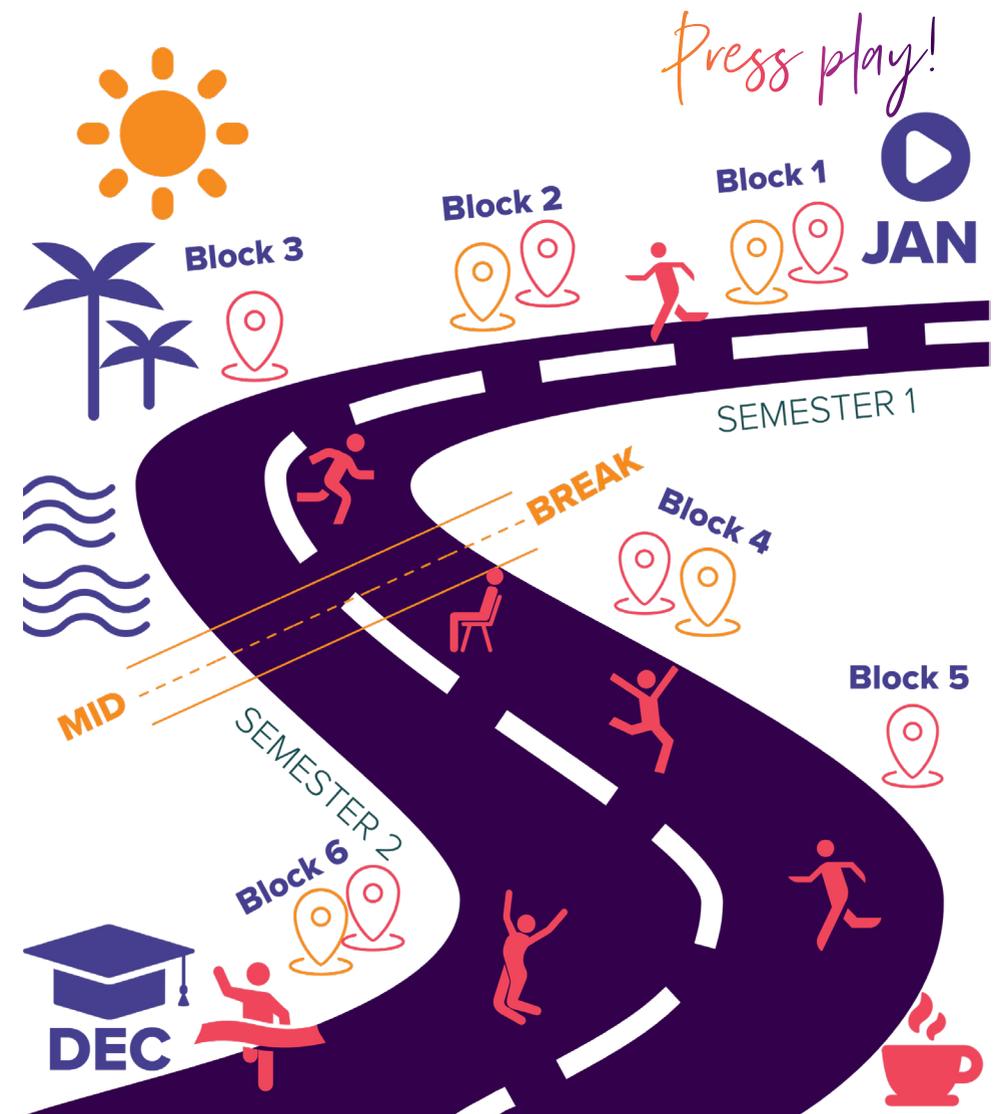
Block Weeks are held at Pacific Park Christian Holiday Camp close to the pristine white, sandy shores of Pāpāmoa Beach, Tauranga.

Students meet once at the beginning of the programme and then again at strategic points during the year. Level 5 students meet six times and Level 6 students meet four times during the year.

Teaching and learning approaches during this time prioritise the opportunity to develop/practise skills, hear and engage with experienced leaders and participate in workshops.

Importantly, these times provide the opportunity for students to share the results of their own study and inquiry with each other and to build relational connections. Sharing meals together evokes a sense of community and there is time to enjoy a stroll on the beach, a surf or a coffee at local cafes.

*Sun, sand
surf & study
by the beach*



MENTORING

Our programme is supported through a strong mentoring network. Students have mentors to help guide them through ministry and study. You might have two individual mentors, or one mentor who covers your ministry and spiritual growth.



Internship Mentor

A ministry mentor shows interns the ropes within their chosen ministry placement and encourages good ministry habits.



Personal Mentor

This mentor is primarily concerned with the students spiritual development: how their relationship with God is going, how their prayer life is going; and supporting their spiritual needs.



Academic Support

This is provided by the Academic Management Team at Pathways College to ensure students stay on track with their assignment quality, their due dates, and any matters related to academic progress.



PLACEMENTS



NZ Diploma in Christian Studies (Theological Studies) (Level 5)

The NZ Diploma in Christian Studies (Theological Studies) (Level 5) uses an internship model that includes directed internship learning, requiring supervised experiential education in a local church or Christian organisation, as well as biblical and theological studies provided through block weeks.

We offer an academic internship that engages students in holistic learning; classroom-based teaching integrated with a study course involving guided field education through placement in a ministry context. Past students have interned within their own churches and specialised in ministries including creative media, youth work, children, music, and preaching.

We also partner with Christian Camping NZ and a number of our students choose to intern while they reside at a camp for the year whereas other students intern at Christian schools, mission organisations or in the marketplace.

NZ Diploma in Christian Studies (Christian Leadership) (Level 6)

The NZ Diploma in Christian Studies (Christian Leadership) (Level 6) uses a Host Organisation model whereby students are connected to a Host Organisation throughout the year. Students can also do their ministry placement courses (four weeks in Semester One and eight weeks in Semester Two) at this Host Organisation.



Pathways College On Demand Programme

Method of Study: Self paced, online

Pathways College On Demand is a FREE, multi-use online resource that equips small groups to do quality Bible study and theological work together in their own comfortable settings. It is an easy-to-use, time-saving and cost-effective tool for bringing people together who are serious about their faith journey.

We have a variety of different course formats and topics so that each group in your church or ministry can register for the courses they're interested in, or need.

These courses are engaging Biblical and Theological Studies that will help you become even better at your calling and congregational ministry.

Start a group or learn anytime with a Pathways College On Demand subscription! Visit our website for access to this programme.

NOTE: Pathways College On Demand is an audit programme only. This means that you won't get any credit or be able to get a qualification by watching one or even all of these courses.

*No more saying
"I don't know what we're
going to study next..."*



WHY CHOOSE US?



- 1 life-changing education
- 2 real-world ministry experience
- 3 qualifications that matter
- 4 one-on-one mentoring
- 5 make friends for life
- 6 study at home & by the beach
- 7 build towards a degree
- 8 and... **WORK OUT YOUR FAITH!**



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

NZ Diploma in Christian Studies (Theological Studies) NZQA Level 5

General Admission for Domestic Students

Applicants must be 16 or older (18 or older for international students) by the start date of the qualification they are applying for, and have successfully completed one of the following:

- NCEA Level 2 or higher, OR
- A national or overseas qualification equivalent to or higher than NCEA Level 2, OR
- A New Zealand Certificate at Level 4 or higher qualification, OR
- The Pathways College Internship Preparatory Programme.

It is a condition of enrolment that students complete a Police Vetting Service Request and Consent form as part of their application.

Domestic applicants (and international applicants registered in New Zealand) must give their consent to undergo a process of Safety Checking as set out in the Vulnerable Children (Requirements for Safety Checks of Children's Workers) Regulations 2015.

This checking process will include:

- Providing two forms of identification, and evidence of any name changes (if any).

- Consent for the College to undertake a Police Vet check, or a Criminal Record Check (as required), and advise the College of any current charges or pending court matters.

Applicants are also required to consent to the above information gathering as part of the Safety Check to be shared with a host institution for the purposes of practicum placement(s).

NZ Diploma in Christian Studies (Christian Leadership) NZQA Level 6

General Admission for Domestic Students

Applicants must have evidence of support from a Host Organisation to carry out practical components of the programme and have been awarded the:

- New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (Level 5) with strands in Chaplaincy, Christian Leadership, Intercultural Studies, Performing Arts, Te Minita Taha Maori, and Theological Studies [Ref: 2793], OR
- New Zealand Certificate in Christian Studies (Level 5) with strand in Christian Ministry [Ref: 2771], OR

- Have a broad understanding of theology and biblical foundations with a ministry role in a faith-based community.

People aged 18-25 must have experience working with children or young people in a church, camp or community group.

Applicants for whom English is an additional language must have a minimum English Language IELTS (Academic) 6 or equivalent.

Special Entry

Special Entry for Domestic Students

New Zealand applicants who do not meet the standard entry requirements may apply for Special Entry. This considers a person's life experiences and employment history to determine their suitability to study at diploma level 5 or above. Students must be over the age of 20, and

- Submit a Curriculum Vitae, or equivalent, that includes work history, OR
- Provide a written reference and suitable recommendation from a past or current employer outlining work completed (minimum three months employment), OR
- Provide evidence of prior learning that indicates an ability to study at diploma level.

International Students

International applicants must provide a police clearance certificate from their country of citizenship AND for any country in which they have lived for more than a 12-month period in the last 10 years. This police clearance certificate should be less than six months old and be presented at the time of application.

International students in addition to the above, must be 18 or older by the start date of the programme they are applying for and meet the minimum English language requirement.

English Language Requirements

International students must demonstrate English language proficiency. Typically this will be in the form of Academic IELTS test results (or equivalent). For a Level 5 qualification the minimum requirement is 5.5 with no band less than 5.0. For Level 6 qualification the minimum requirement is 6.0 with no band less than 5.5.

International students must hold a current student visa and meet all conditions of that visa.

HOW TO APPLY



HOW TO APPLY IF YOU ARE A NZ RESIDENT

Enrolment is completed online via the Pathways website. All students must also submit the application for police vetting which is a requirement for students enrolled in our programmes.

Current fee schedules are available on the Pathways website. If you are required to post any documents to the college, contact details are as follows:

Physical/Postal Address:
Pathways College, 7 Oak Lane, Judea,
Tauranga 3110
Phone: (+64) 7 571 6981
Email: enrolments@pathways.ac.nz

Offer of an Academic Place

On receipt of a complete application, the Academic Committee considers the application and the outcome. A letter to each applicant advises them of the outcome. An academic place is offered to successful applicants. At this point it is advisable to apply for student loans and allowances if you intend paying for tuition and accommodation using this option. This will help avoid delays in processing by StudyLink. Not all qualifications are eligible, so refer to the relevant fee schedule for more information.

FOR FEES, SCHOLARSHIPS & FUNDING VISIT OUR WEBSITE

NOTE: ALL INFORMATION IN THIS PROSPECTUS IS CORRECT AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION. REFER TO PATHWAYS.AC.NZ FOR LATEST INFORMATION.

Payment of Fees

The letter offering an academic place to successful applicants will include an invoice for the fees and costs due together with a personalised Public Trust Application form and details on paying fees direct to the Public Trust Student Fee Trust Account. Payment of Pathways College fees is through internet banking and should be made directly to the Public Trust using the information provided on the invoice.

Acceptance of the Offer of an Academic Place

In order to accept the offer of place, you must then

- Confirm in writing your acceptance of the offer of an academic place,
- Complete and return the Public Trust Application Form,
- Supply any other information requested in the Offer of Place letter.

Acceptance into Pathways College Programme

Upon completion of all the requirements for acceptance of the academic place listed above, you will be issued an acceptance letter.



MATTHEW WRIGHT

PATHWAYS COLLEGE GRADUATE OF 2022
SYDNEY MISSIONARY & BIBLE COLLEGE STUDENT IN 2023

*Matt's working out his faith
through further theological studies*

Matt interned at his local church helping with preaching, sports chaplaincy and young adults. He studied with Pathways College and recently graduated with a NZ Diploma in Christian Studies (Theological Studies) Level 5.

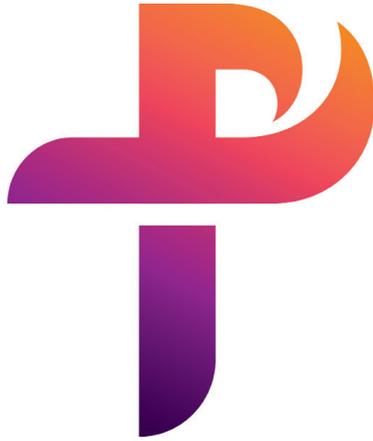
“Pathways has been a platform that has provided me with an introduction into the world of theological studies and has helped sustain and further engage my desire for future studies.

I have made beautiful friendships that are so encouraging for me as a Christ follower in today's society.”

Matt is now furthering his studies towards a Bachelor of Theology at Sydney Missionary and Bible College in Sydney, Australia.

Make
your
life count





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