LAIDLAW COLLEGE

Te Wananga Amorangi

907.515 Bicultural Relationships Course Outline

NQF Level: 5 Credit Value: 15

DELIVERY MODE

Henderson, Manukau and Christchurch

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

People of all cultures draw their own self-knowledge from their engagement with other people and the world. In the Aotearoa New Zealand context this means an honouring of the covenantal spirit of the Treaty of Waitangi and an awareness of its relational intent. This course introduces Tikanga Maori on the basis of understanding people in their contexts, and combines theological, theoretical and historical reflection with the development of practices drawn from an integration of these. The course includes regular oral activities aimed at developing fluency in the use of te reo and tikanga in a range of settings. The culmination of this oral learning is participation in the Noho Marae, where an overnight stay on a marae provides an integrated opportunity to engage with Maori culture beyond the classroom.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- 1. Demonstrate a theological understanding of justice as a background to engaging bi-cultural issues in Aotearoa New Zealand
- 2. Discuss the meanings, history and contemporary context of the Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi) and its significance in terms of wellbeing
- 3. Demonstrate a developing awareness of, and sensitive approach to, Tikanga Maori and Te Reo Maori.
- 4. Discuss key implications of biculturalism, colonisation and de-colonisation discourse for social practices in Aotearoa New Zealand.