

LIDLAW COLLEGE

Te Wananga Amorangi

921.715 Theology of Suffering & Hope Course Outline

NQF Level: 7
Credit Value: 15

DELIVERY MODE

Auckland and Christchurch

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course explores questions about human suffering and the God who engages with humans at the level of their despair. It engages with how the scriptures acknowledge human suffering, and looks at hope from a biblical, theological, anthropological and relational perspective.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. Critically explore a range of theological models that account for human suffering and the concept of God's goodness.
2. Creatively articulate the relevance, and demonstrate the application, of the Psalms for contemporary life situations and experience.
3. Reflect critically and personally on the nature of suffering as discussed in classic and contemporary literature and film with particular regard to implied assumptions.
4. Critically evaluate key elements of a theology of hope that engages with key biblical texts and both classic and contemporary theological works.