

**LIDLAW COLLEGE**  
*Te Wananga Amorangi*  
*“kia mau pu ki te kupu o te ora”*

## 126.615 Wisdom Literature

NQF Level: 6  
Credit Value: 15

### DELIVERY MODE

Auckland

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Making choices and taking charge; enjoying the good life; wrestling with tragedy; addressing the sinful tendencies of human nature. This is the biblical quest for wisdom. It is found sharply focused in the texts of Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes and Song of Songs. This course explores the distinctive features of Old Testament wisdom and her texts, her key concerns, and her place in the life of faith, work and learning, ultimately to find that “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding” (Prov. 9:10).

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:** At the end of the course students should be able to:

- a) Demonstrate knowledge of the content of the main Old Testament wisdom texts.
- b) Describe key concepts relating to the structure and formation of Old Testament wisdom texts.
- c) Show awareness of the literary and cultural contexts of biblical wisdom literature.
- d) Demonstrate an understanding of exegetical procedure, especially as it applies to the interpretation of Old Testament wisdom literature.
- e) Reflect on contemporary life and ministry in the light of a reading of Old Testament wisdom texts.
- f) [Hebrew option: demonstrate ability in reading and translating Biblical Hebrew wisdom texts.]
- g) Show awareness of key themes in a biblical theology of wisdom.