

**521.715 Pioneering and Pastoral: Contemporary expressions
of Anglican Ministry
Course Outline**

NQF Level: 7
Credit Value: 15

DELIVERY MODE

Centre for Distance Learning

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course addresses the need to clarify the relationship between ministry by all the baptised and the specific responsibilities associated with each of the threefold Anglican modes of ordained ministry: deacons, presbyters (or priests), and bishops. Each of these ministry orders is reviewed from biblical, historical and theological perspectives, identifying distinctive characteristics and spheres of ministry focus or responsibilities. Recognition of the traditional Anglican quality of pastoral care in ministry is balanced by the need for leadership in pioneering ministry and initiatives. Changes in fundamental paradigms form ministry that come with a renewed focus on 'mission-shaped' ministry are considered with a view to fresh thinking on engagement with the wider community and gospel ministry, both within and beyond the community of faith. Questions of the parish model, alternative models of ministry, team ministry, and wider relationships of support, resourcing and accountability are all addressed.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the course students will have:

1. Developed a clearer understanding of the distinctive character and responsibilities of the three-fold Anglican orders of ordained ministry in relation to ministry by all the baptised.
2. Identified the distinctive roles of the three-fold ministry in the New Testament, the post-apostolic age, and Anglican traditions as developed and adapted over time.
3. Critically considered and applied this clarified and refocused understanding of Anglican modes of ministry to contemporary contexts.
4. Explored a range of paradigms for ministry, including traditional, emergent, and pioneering ministries within an Anglican context.