

665.715 Vocation Work and Ministry
Course Outline

NQF Level: 7
Credit Value: 15

DELIVERY MODE

Christchurch

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course explores the biblical and theological concept of calling in the light of the centrality of Christ. It examines historical developments in the understandings of vocation, work and ministry and different approaches to vocational guidance related to work and ministry in the community of faith and the world. Students will examine their own sense of calling and seek to clarify the nature of that call. It will also look at the role of the church in resourcing Christians for ministry in daily life.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this course each student will have demonstrated their ability to:

1. demonstrate understanding of biblical perspectives on calling, mission and ministry.
2. critically evaluate the validity of different understandings of vocation, work and ministry as they have been developed in Christian history, including the role of the Protestant work ethic in shaping “the spirit of Capitalism”.
3. analyse different ways the guidance of God is understood and experienced and critically evaluate these.
4. identify personal skills, preferences, motivational patterns and values towards assembling a personal profile in order to evaluate current life roles, and to plan for future career/ministry choices.
5. analyse ways they can work towards the integration of work-family-self life cycles within their life of faith.
6. analyse and evaluate a variety of different ways in which communities of faith can play constructive role in offering vocational guidance and support to their members.
7. critically evaluate how approaches to the above issues might differ in other cultural settings.
8. examine the relationship between ministry in daily life, tentmaking, business as mission, and marketplace ministry and compare and contrast these approaches, evaluating their strengths and weaknesses.