

BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY OR IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

A DEGREE LEVEL AND CONTINUATION STUDIES DEPARTMENT

OF

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HISTORY OF THE SHEPHERD'S ACADEMY (TSA)

FROM A NEED, TO AN IDEA, TO A REALITY

- Global Institute for Leadership Development (GILD) March 2018 Colombo, Sri Lanka
 - Listening to South Asian leaders Need Expressed Grass-root theological training.
- GILD Conference October 2018, Bangkok
 - Idea Shared about The Shepherd's Academy
- March August 2019
 - India, Africa and Asia Conference Need Expressed for TSA (over 2 million untrained pastors in the global south)
- Global Pre Launch 10th February 2021
- Start of the Programme I Ith June 2021



PHILOSOPHY OF THE SHEPHERD'S ACADEMY

Understanding

• The Bible, Church, Culture and Context.

Leading

• Towards Mentoring, Modelling, Instructing, Prophetic Engagement, Discipline, Character and Virtue, and Humility.

Providing

• With Spiritual Nourishment, and Biblical Applied Knowledge.

Caring

• for Holistic Development and Transformation.

Protecting

• Tools to discern from Internal and External Challenges.

Multiplying

• Through Discipleship, Evangelism and Mission Contextually

Training with life skills

• To Engage in Church, Society and Nation building.



DISTINCTIVENESS OUR CONSTITUENCY - MOSTLY THOSE IN MINISTRY?

Untrained pastors and leaders of Christian organisations unable to 'afford' fulltime theological education.

Church lay leaders and elders active in their local church and cannot be away from their church ministry.

Missionaries and Evangelists who would like to enhance their learning while in ministry.

New converts and ordinands who have little access to education in many regions.



DISTINCTIVENESS OUR METHOD – **HOW IT WILL BE DELIVERED?**

Taking Theological
Education to the Learner.
Beyond the existing
Institutional framework

Creating Regional and Local **Study Centres and** halt

"brain drain" to the Urban and the West.

Local church and home based learning.

Blended Learning - Online courses (Asynchronised) alongside Tutorials (Synchronised) to discuss and apply the learning.



COURSE CLUSTERS

Bible, Culture and Context

Christian Theology and Ethics

Christian History and Missions

Religions, Ideologies and Persecution

Christian Ministry and Management



OUR PEDAGOGY

EXCELLENT ONLINE COURSE MATERIALS, WEEKLY TUTORIALS AND CONTEXT BASED REFLECTION AND ACTION

 Engaging with Learner's existing knowledge, experience and practices.

Adult Learning

Action/Reflection/Action

 Providing tools to employ critical and appropriate reflective action Enabling learners to reflect on and provide answers to the local and global needs/contexts.

Context Based learning

Peer Group Learning

 Learning Community (Learner, Tutor, Mentor and Cohort) facilitates mutual growth and support



FORMATION FOCUS DURING THE PROGRAMME





PARTNERING WITH YOU





PROGRAMMES AND DURATION OF STUDY

- Certificate in Theology/Christian Ministry: I to 2 years
- Diploma in Theology/Christian Ministry: 2 to 4 years
- Bachelor in Theology/Christian Ministry: 3 to 6 years.
- Upgrade in Bachelor in Theology/Christian Ministry: 2- 4 years



FEE STRUCTURE (WORKING)

Certificate Level* : 40 credits

Diploma Level* :80 credits

Bachelor Level* : 120 Credits

Cost per Credit: \$7

Residential School Fee: Extra

*Deserving candidates can request for part scholarship



ELIGIBILITY - WHO CAN DOTHIS PROGRAMME?

Certificate in Theology/ Christian Ministry:

Able to read and write in the language of instruction.

Completed at least 10 years of school learning

For those who are 18 years old or above; if the applicant has not completed 10 years of schooling, he/she must pass the mature candidate's exam.

Minimum 2 years of ministry experience.

Recommendation by the local pastor.

Personal testimony and reflection (why this course) in about 750 words.

Diploma in Theology/Christian Ministry

Able to read and write in the language of instruction.

Passed the Certificate in Christian Ministry

At least 10th pass or passed 10 years of school learning.

For those who are 20 years old or above; if the applicant has not completed 10 years of schooling, he/she must pass the mature candidate's exam.

Minimum 2 years of ministry experience.

Recommendation by the local pastor.

Personal testimony and reflection (why this course) in about 750 words

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ELIGIBILITY - WHO CAN DOTHIS PROGRAMME?

Bachelor in Theology/ Christian Ministry:

Higher-Secondary or at least 12 years of school learning, or mature candidates

Mature candidates (25 years old, completed 10th standard, have three ministry experience, must pass the mature candidates entrance examination).

Minimum 2 years of ministry experience.

Recommendation by the local pastor

Personal testimony and reflection (why this course) in about 750 words.

Upgradation to the Bachelor in Theology/ Christian Ministry:

Recognised Certificate in Christian Ministry

Recognised Diploma in Theology or Christian Ministry, Diploma in Christian Studies, Diploma in Clinical Pastoral Counselling, Diploma in Bible Translation, Diploma in Worship and Music.

Minimum 2 years of ministry experience.

Recommendation by the local pastor

Personal testimony and reflection (why this course) in about 750 words.

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