

BUILDING YOUR MPC

12 units required

Four foundational units — one unit of Theology, two in Biblical Studies and one in Pastoral Care. Previous theological study may be recognised.

Four to seven further units in Pastoral Care (or other disciplines — minimum four in pastoral care). You can include one or two units of **Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) or Supervised Ministry Practice**.

A **Capstone Unit** in Pastoral Care (6,000 word integrative paper) focuses on a project or topic in consultation with a supervisor. A **12,000 word Research Paper (2 units)** may qualify you for admission to Higher Degrees by Research.

Units from the **Graduate Certificate in Ageing** from Catholic Theological College or the **Graduate Certificate in Supervision** (overleaf) can become a part of your Masters.

If you have no prior degree but lots of relevant experience and acknowledged, refereed skills, talk to us about commencing with a Graduate Certificate.

Inviting you to a Community of Learning

Each semester Stirling will offer two half day seminars responding to pastoral issues, research and practice. The 'Stirling Seminar' will be low cost and open to all. Research seminars relevant to pastoral studies are also open to you.

Fees per unit

Units can be taken for Audit (attend but no assessment)

Undergraduate

Postgraduate

See the 'Fees and Fee Help' page on the Stirling web site

Australian citizens are eligible for FEE-HELP, the Australian Government's student loan scheme.



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The Master of Pastoral Care is offered by Stirling Theological College, *one of the 11* colleges of the University of Divinity.

Community life is welcoming and our teaching partnerships with all University colleges offer a wide diversity of learning experiences.

Students in other Masters awards can also study pastoral units: leadership, transition and change; community development, mission and preaching.

Information and contacts for Pastoral Studies at Stirling

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Master of Pastoral Care

Pastoral studies at Stirling are designed to enable participants to develop insights and skills for reflective and critical engagement with: human experience; faith traditions; contemporary culture and society; and ministry or practice contexts. Lecturers have academic and practice skills, are specialists in their fields and represent the ecumenical diversity of the University. Partnerships that are focused on pastoral care in Church, healthcare and community settings, complement and inform course development.

"Discerning pathways for your formation in Spiritual Care, Pastoral Care or Pastoral Ministry is facilitated through diverse subject offerings and the support of faculty. Nurture your vocation ..."

Dr Chris Turner - Lecturer in Pastoral Theology and Spiritual Care.



Students form professional, ecumenical and stimulating cohorts and can choose from Stirling pastoral units to accompany foundational units in other disciplines, or units at some of the other 11 Colleges of the University. When you enrol at one College ... it's YOUR University."

Dr Alan Niven - Director of Research and Professional Development



A Creative Response

Our focus on the discipline of Pastoral and Spiritual Care has developed relevant learning opportunities for effective pastoral and spiritual care, ministry and practice. Our ethos embraces ecumenical and inter-faith care. Current students come from, or prepare for, a diversity of Church traditions, emerging ministries, healthcare chaplaincies and pastoral care positions.

Partnership

Stirling has a teaching/research partnership with Spiritual Health Victoria. Dr Heather Tan, Director of Education and Research teaches two 'Palliative and End-of-Life Care' units. Sr Ros Cairns, former Manager, Mental Health, teaches: 'Mental Health Issues and Spiritual Care.' The 'Multi-Faith' unit is a joint project.



Spiritual Health Victoria
formerly the Healthcare Chaplaincy Council of Victoria Inc. (HCCVI)

General Subjects in Pastoral Care

- Introduction: Pastoral Care & Counselling Skills
- Advanced Pastoral Care/Counselling (2 Semesters)
- Pastoral Care of the Family: Enriching the Lifecycle
- Pastoral Care In Worship and Ritual
- Pastoral Care in Loss

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Specialist Issues in Pastoral Care

- Pastoral Care in Situations of Abuse and Violence
- Pastoral Care with People with Disabilities
- Chaplaincy & Pastoral Care: Education, Healthcare & Community
- The Nurture and Spiritual Guidance of Children
- Pastoral Care with Children: Trauma & Transition
- Pastoral Responses to Mental Health Issues
- Pastoral and Theological Issues in Ageing
- Dementia, Palliative and End-of-Life Care: Integration and Reflection: Advanced Practice
- Pastoral Care at End-of-life: An Introduction
- Pastoral Care at End-of-life: Adv. Theory & Practice
- Sustainable Ministry: A Spirituality for Ethical, Careful Practice
- Engaging Diversity: Reflection, Discernment, Formation
- Pastoral and Spiritual Care in Multi-Faith Settings: Reflecting, respecting, practicing.

Practice and Reflection

- Introduction to Reflective Practice
- Theological Reflection on Ministry (double unit)
- Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) (double unit)
- Exploring Ministry: Case Studies Method (double unit)
- Supervised Theological Field Education (double unit)

Supervision

When pastoral teams grow, carers and volunteers are encouraged to practice self-care, self-evaluation and theological reflection, which supports excellent and safe pastoral care — the need for ongoing supervision is vital. So too the need for educated and formed supervisors.

Stirling offers training for supervisors in congregational ministry, healthcare and community settings, and the Jesuit College of Spirituality offers a specialist course for supervisors of spiritual direction.

Graduate Certificate of Supervision

2 core units

The Art of Supervisory Practice (parts A and B)
Stirling

1 elective unit

Supervision: Spiritual Care & Critical Reflection
Stirling

Supervision: The Discernment of Spirits
Jesuit College of Spirituality

* Marcel Koper, a Catholic lay supervisor and counsellor and Rev Joan Wright-Howie, a Uniting Church minister and Spiritual Director teach the two core units. Dr Fiona Gardner, is a Quaker lecturing in Social Work at LaTrobe.

