This sample unit outline is provided by CHC for prospective and current students to assist with unit selection.

Elements of this outline which may change with subsequent offerings of the unit include Content, Required Texts, Recommended Readings and details of the Assessment Tasks.

Students who are currently enrolled in this unit should obtain the outline for the relevant semester from the unit lecturer.
Unit Name: Practicum 1

Unit Code: JC251

Awards: Diploma of Ministry - Social Justice
Bachelor of Ministry

Core/Elective: Core

Pre/co-requisites: Nil

Modes: Internal and External

Delivery/Contact hrs: The student will work in an approved ministry placement for 140 hours within the semester of enrolment. This will normally involve six hours of ministry engagement (including a one hour meeting with Supervisor) together with two hours of class/group work and two hours of written work, each week, for 14 weeks, or a block practicum over a four week period involving up to 35 hours per week in total.

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Teaching Staff: Ps Marika Kaloutsis
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Unit Rationale: Practicum provides opportunity for the integration of ministry theory and practice. Students will engage in supervised practical experience in various ministry contexts. This unit consequently offers opportunity for observation, reflection, evaluation and ministry practice.

The reflective process is vital to the practicum experience and involves faculty, supervisor, and peers. It is designed to lead students to an integration of personal and professional identity, and academic and practical proficiency. The process also develops the student’s ability to articulate faith within life experiences and the changing dynamics of today’s world.

Each student will be supervised by a suitably qualified and approved supervisor. On-campus workshop/tutorial sessions and responsibilities supplement off-campus field education. Specific ministry contexts and skills will be developed within the Learning Agreements that each student, in consultation with the practicum supervisor, submits.

The Practicums are offered to ensure that students have sufficient exposure to a specific ministry context or are able to choose a different ministry context.

Contribution to Course Outcomes:

Practicum enables students to synthesise their learning in a holistic way. Personal as well as professional learning will be integrated, while simultaneously an area of ministry involvement will be practised. Practicum units integrate with coursework units in the application of their studies to supervised ministry. Students will observe and demonstrate ministry and mission in the context of biblically informed and theologically applied study.

Learning Outcomes:

On completion of this unit, students will have provided evidence that they have:

1. Researched and critically reflected on ministry issues;
2. Examined relationships between the theoretical knowledge acquired and practical applications in ministry;
3. Identified and evaluated personal ministry strengths and weaknesses;
4. Developed and nurtured gifts, resources and skills for effective ministry by working with others in a professional ministry capacity;
5. Illustrated the value of ongoing supervision and professional development including the presentation of well written reflections related to the practice of ministry;
6. Led ministry in a range of different settings;
7. Written at an appropriate tertiary standard (with special attention to correct grammar, punctuation, spelling, vocabulary, usage, sentence structure, logical relations, style, referencing and presentation).
Content:

Topics

- Overview
- Introduction to Action Reflection Learning
- Learning agreements or covenants
- Ministry Skills
- Working in small groups
- Reporting
- Supervision

Set Text Requirements:

The set texts will correlate with the practicum area selected by the student.

Recommended readings:


Assessment:

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NB: Students must complete all assessment tasks and parts thereof successfully to achieve a passing grade for this unit.