

PCA Candidate Course of Training with Cross-Credits – 2021

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Recognition is given for equivalent courses and units successfully completed at other theological colleges of the Presbyterian Church of Australia. Credit for individual units may be granted upon application on the basis of equivalent units or recognised prior learning (RPL). The following table provides a guideline as the exemptions which students from other ACT institutions and Moore College might expect to be granted. Supporting documentation must be supplied by the candidate for non-ACT studies (transcripts in all cases, and unit descriptions where requested by QTC).

QTC Candidates Course	Cross Credit from other ACT Colleges	Cross Credit from Moore College	EXEMPTION? Y/N
Old Testament / Hebrew			
OT001 OT Foundations	OT001	OT1	
OT002 OT Prophets & Writings	OT002	OT1	
LA003 & LA004 Biblical Hebrew ¹	LA003 & LA004	Hebrew 1A	
OT009 Pentateuch (Heb) ²	OT009	OT2 (Heb)	
OT014 Exilic Prophets (Heb) ²	One of: OT014, OT023, OT025, OT029	OT3 (Heb)	
OT021 Psalter (Heb) ²	OT021	OT3 (Heb)	
OT011 Former Prophets (Heb) ²	OT011	OT2 (Heb)	
New Testament / Greek			
NT001 Jesus & the Gospels	NT001	NT1	
NT002 Early NT Church	NT002	NT1	
LA004 NT Greek A&B (2 semesters)	LA005 & LA006	Greek 1	
NT009 Synoptic Gospels (Grk) ³	NT009	NT3	
NT017 Fourth Gospel (Gk) ³	NT017 or NT028	NT2	
NT027 Romans (Gk) ³	NT027 or NT019	NT3	
NT025 Other Writings (Gk) ³	NT025, or NT013, or NT0218	NT2	
Theology			
TH022 Foundations of Systematic Theology (6cps)	One of: TH005, TH006, TH022, TH040, TH023, or completion of a suitable BTh, BD or MDiv	Doctrine 1	
TH101 Knowledge & Doctrine of God	TH001, or TH101 & TH102	Doctrine 2	
TH102 Creation & Fall, Person & Work of Christ	TH002, or TH017, or TH101 & TH102	Doctrine 2	
TH103 Grace and Eschatology	TH003 or TH103	Doctrine 3	
TH027 Corporate Dimensions ⁶	TH004, ⁶ or TH027, ⁶ or TH104 ⁶	Doctrine 3 ⁶	
Westminster Confession ⁵	TH010 or CH012 completed at a PCA College		
Philosophy/Ethics			
PE008 Philosophy	PE008 or PE013	Philosophy 2, & either: Philosophy 1 or Theol. Responses to Philos.	
PE007 Christian Apologetics	One of: PE007, PE015, PE020, PE010, PE016	Contemporary Apologetics	
PE002 Theological Ethics	PE001 or PE002	Christian Ethics	
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Church History			
CH005 Early Church History	CH005 or CH001	Church History 1	
CH010 The Reformation	CH006, or CH010 or CH008	Church History 2	
CH011 History of Evangelicalism	CH011 or CH002		
CH009 Australian Church Hist ⁴	One of CH009, CH017, CH013, or CH0014 in a PCA College ⁴	Church History 4 ⁴	
Practical/Pastoral			
PC003 Pastoral Skills & Methods	PC003, or PC002, or PC006	Advanced Pastoral Ministry	
PC004 Christian Worship	PC004 or PC025 completed in a PCA college		
PC127 Expository Preaching in Practice (6cps)	Any Preaching Unit	Ministry & Mission 1, 2 & 3	
Presbyterian Polity ⁵			
PC105 Ministry in Practice A ^{5,7}			
PC106 Ministry in Practice B ^{5,7}			
FES: Minimum 6 Semesters	Supervised experienced based units, student minister placement, or full-time ministry post-college	Student Minister Position or full-time ministry post-college	Min 2 Semesters while at QTC, placement allocated by QTC Faculty

Notes: Important – Please Read!

1. Exemption for Biblical Hebrew A & B can be applied for on the basis of age (45 years and over).
2. Credit may instead be granted for any other ACT Level 6-9 Hebrew exegesis (biblical books) unit, provided that across all units taken students have taken units on the four major divisions of the OT: Pentateuch, Former Prophets, Latter Prophets, Writings. Students who have taken equivalent level units in English rather than Hebrew may be permitted to take the original language exegesis components of these subjects only (without themes/theology).
3. Credit may instead be granted for any other ACT Level 6-9 Greek exegesis (biblical books) unit, provided across all units taken, students have taken at least one Gospels exegesis unit and one Romans exegesis unit. Students who have taken equivalent level units in English rather than Greek may be permitted to take the original language exegesis components of these subjects only (without themes/theology).
4. Students who did not take this subject within an Australian Presbyterian college may be asked to complete additional exercises to ensure that they are sufficiently familiar with the history of Australian Presbyterianism.
5. These Semester-length units are internal to QTC and not normally available for ACT credit. Ministry & Practice A & B requires three hours of class contact per week, and Presbyterian Polity and Westminster Confession two hours per week. NB: even though not taken for ACT credit, these units all have set assessment exercises and readings which need to be completed to be awarded credit towards the candidates' course. Students are required to attend classes and complete any assessments at least to Bachelor's degree standard (ACT Level 5 or higher).
6. Students who have taken these units in a non-Presbyterian context may be asked to complete additional exercises to ensure that they are sufficiently familiar with a Presbyterian and Reformed perspective on the doctrines covered.

7. Students with five or more years of full-time experience in pastoral ministry (or part-time equivalent) may in some cases be exempted from part or all of Ministry in Practice, at the discretion of the QTC Faculty.

At least 50% of the candidates course must be completed in weekly classroom mode, and at least 85% of the candidates course must be taken in face-to-face modes (i.e. not online or by other forms of external study).

Where a student has completed ACT units prior to 2020 which are direct equivalents of the ACT units listed above (and listed as such on the Register held for this purpose by the ACT), they may be granted credit for the relevant units in question.

Where a student enters the candidates course having already completed a qualification for which they are eligible to be granted credit into the candidates course, credit equivalent to no more than 50% of the candidates course in total shall be granted for any studies completed online/externally and/or in intensive mode. Whatever the amount of credit that is granted, at least 50% of the student's total four-year course (credit granted + further studies at QTC), is to be completed in weekly-attendance (classroom) mode (i.e. at least two years full-time, or part-time equivalent).

Prospective applicants for PCA candidacy should note that this checklist is reviewed and approved annually by the GAA College Committee (normally in May of each year), and that as a result its content may change from year to year. The requirements applying to candidates shall be those in force at the point at which a student's application for candidacy is confirmed as accepted by the PCQ Committee on Ministries Training (CTM). Applicants should note that the above represents the exemptions that applicants may be granted by the QTC Faculty. The Faculty is unable to grant exemptions beyond those listed without receiving permission from the GAA College Committee or its Grading Subcommittee. The Faculty reserves the right to request that individual candidates complete studies beyond what may be indicated by the above table, if in its view or on the advice of the Presbytery and/or the CTM, additional studies are required to ensure that the candidate is fully prepared for the challenges and gospel opportunities of ordained ministry.