

PACIFIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE EDUCATION BY EXTENSION

<http://ptcee.ptc.ac.fj/>

PTCEE What is it?

PTCEE is the non-residential, distance-learning programme of PTC, serving the region since 1996. Nearly 1000 Christians from diverse backgrounds and many different churches have chosen to study with PTCEE since that time. We enable students across the region to learn at home, in their own environment and at their own speed, through accessible, achievable, accredited courses. So far, the courses have been print-based but we're planning to go online too. Keep checking for progress at <http://ptcee.ptc.ac.fj/>



We believe in Theology for All for Life

PTCEE Why do we need it?

If you want to expand your knowledge and wisdom about God, Church and World and can commit to regular, faithful study, PTCEE is for you. God calls **all** the faithful to mission and ministry, not only those who are ordained. Whether we are in the village or the town; at the workplace or with the family; listening to our politicians or our preachers; on the sports field or at choir practice; theological education is necessary and practical. PTCEE studies help us think about Christian responses to pressing realities affecting Church and society in Oceania such as climate justice, religious diversity, land and relocation issues, poverty and wealth, migration and globalisation. Theological Education helps us study the holy scriptures, examine the varied traditions we come from, use our God-given reason wisely and reflect on real-life experiences through the eyes of faith.

We believe in SCRIPTURE, TRADITION, REASON and EXPERIENCE



PTCEE Diploma and Certificate graduates 2017 from the Ekalesia Kelisiano Tuvalu, Methodist Church in Fiji and Rotuma and the Anglican Church of Melanesia, Solomon Islands.

PTCEE Who can study?

Certificate courses have open entry to anyone who can read, write, understand and express their ideas reasonably well in the English language. PTCEE students come from across a wide age spectrum and with different levels of formal education and life experience. All are welcome to enrol on the Certificate and test the waters. Why not? Many progress from the Certificate to the Diploma, and possibly to Bachelor Degree level. The standards, of course, gradually become more demanding. Nevertheless, PTCEE aims to be an 'open door' not a 'closed shop' for theological education. Contact us and be assured of a warm welcome and a listening ear as we talk about your needs.

PTCEE What can I study?

1 Individual courses

Students may enrol in courses for their own interest, not intending to complete a Certificate, Diploma or Degree. The work done is still valued, formally assessed and a course completion certificate issued, showing the grade achieved.

2 Certificate in Theological Studies

Students must complete 8 foundational courses, plus electives totalling 90 credits. To complete each course to a high standard, students need to read, study, think and write in a disciplined and careful way for about 100 'learning hours'.

Code	Course Title	Hours	Credits
C20RD01	Introduction to the Study of the Bible: part 1	100	10
C20RD02	Introduction to the Study of the Bible: part 2	100	10
C30RD01	Church History: up to the Reformation	100	10
C30RD02	Church History: Reformation to the Present	100	10
C40RD01	Introduction to Ministry	100	10
C40RD02	Introduction to Christian Education	100	10
C50RD01	Foundations of Theology	100	10
C50RD02	Foundations of Ethics	100	10
	1 or 2 electives	100	10

3 Diploma in Theological Studies

Students must complete courses including electives, totalling 180 credits. Although it is a qualification in its own right, the PTCEE Certificate (worth 90 credits) can be seen as a half-way stage towards the Diploma. It offers further theological education at a more advanced level and is especially useful for equipping lay people who have leadership roles in their congregations and communities. Again, to complete each course to a high standard, students

need to read, study, think and write in a disciplined and careful way for about 100 ‘learning hours’.

Code	Course title	Hours	Credits
D20RD01	Introduction to the New Testament	100	10
D20RD02	Introduction to the Old Testament	100	10
D30RD01	History of Pacific Christianity: 19 th century	100	10
D30RD02	History of Pacific Christianity: 20 th century	100	10
D40RD01	Introduction to Pastoral Care	100	10
D40RD02	Introduction to Christian Worship	100	10
D50RD01	Themes in Theology	100	10
D50RD02	Making Ethical Decisions	100	10
	1 or 2 electives	100	10

The elective courses for both Certificate and Diploma are:

Code	Elective Course title	Hours	Credits
D20ED01	Bible Study Methods	100	10
D40ED01	Introduction to Preaching	100	10
D40ED02	Ministry in a Social Context	100	10
D40ED03	Ministry to Children and Youth	100	10
D50ED01	Women and Theology	100	10

4 Brief Course Descriptions: Certificate and Diploma

C20RD01: Introduction to the Study of the Bible: parts 1 and 2

Developing skills in reading the Bible and understanding the world of the Old and New Testaments, this course helps you to study the Bible with insight and in greater depth, on your own or with others.

D20RD01: Introduction to the New Testament

Understanding what the New Testament writings are about and how we can best use them, this course explains what material is found there, the main themes, and where, why and for whom the books were written. You will learn how to ask questions to help you discover the main concerns of a Bible passage: what it meant in its own time and for today.

D20RD02: Introduction to the Old Testament

Enabling us to see the importance of reading the Old Testament for our journey of faith, you will learn about the sorts of writings that make up the Old Testament, the historical situations that gave rise to them, and the experiences that they reflect. You will learn in ways that respect what it meant in its own time and can mean for us today.

C30RD01: Church History: to the Reformation

Tracing the growth of Christianity from the community of disciples until the time of the Reformation (16th century), this course discusses the formation of Church teachings and the changing relationship between them and our society as it has developed. We are encouraged to learn from the mistakes and successes of the past.

C30RD02: Church History: Reformation to the Present

Following on from C30RD02, this course discusses important events in the life of the Church, from the Reformation to the present day. It describes how Christianity in Europe grew into a rich and powerful organisation which some people felt had drifted away from its initial calling and how the church divided into the denominations we know today.

D30RD01: History of Pacific Christianity: 19th century

Telling the story of the beginnings of Christianity in the Pacific Islands, this course traces the history of the Christian gospel here through the 19th century. The two perspectives of 'translation' and 'discipling' are important in the course. You will read extensively and do some serious historical analysis.

D30RD02: History of Pacific Christianity: 20th century

Continuing the study of the Christian Church in the Pacific, this course discusses the 20th century, when most Pacific Islanders had adopted Christianity. It covers the emergence of Island Churches, the development of local ministries; theological education; the ecumenical movement; and issues and concerns since World War II. You will develop intellectual and technical skills, valuable not only in later history studies but also in other academic and vocational contexts.

C40RD01: Introduction to Ministry

Exploring different areas and types of church ministry, this course tries to attract your interest towards one or more particular ministries. It encourages you to use your knowledge and skills to help develop those ministries in your local church and community. It challenges you to a prophetic role among the people with whom you have contact.

D40RD01: Introduction to Pastoral Care

Deepening our understanding of pastoral care and the role of healing, guiding, sustaining and reconciling in pastoral care ministry, this course will help you to identify the needs of your own community and develop pastoral responses. You will identify the strengths of the traditional pastoral care offered by your island community and gain insight into your own gifts and limitations. You will practise and develop the basic skills used in pastoral care and counselling.

C40RD02: Introduction to Christian Education

Explaining how we learn, the difference between surface and depth learning, and what is meant by faith development and spiritual development, this course surveys various developmental theories which can help us in learning and teaching and various approaches to evaluating learning. It describes Jesus' approaches to teaching and shows how various symbols in the Bible can help us learn about God and Jesus. You will find out how to help small groups to learn well.

D40RD02: Introduction to Christian Worship

Investigating and exploring what is meant by Christian worship and how time and space can be used in worship, you will think about the significance of words and actions in worship and the importance of Christian rituals and sacraments

D20ED01: Bible Study Methods

Enabling you to teach basic biblical foundations of our Christian faith with confidence, this course offers a variety of creative ways to do that in your school, village and church community contexts. You are encouraged in this to

write some sessions, lead some sessions, experiment and think critically about the results.

D40ED01: Introduction to Preaching

Helping us to become better preachers and to listen to the preaching of others with knowledge and wisdom, the course explains the reason for preaching and what preaching is all about. Different types of sermons and different ways of presenting the gospel message will be discussed. You will learn how to prepare and preach sermons that communicate effectively.

D40ED02: Ministry in a Social Context

Introducing social analysis as a practical tool for linking issues of faith, justice, peace and development, the course explores the basis and history of Christian social teaching. You will learn how the ministry model called the 'Pastoral Cycle' helps you analyse social problems and develop appropriate ministry responses to them. The course focuses on designing strategies for pastoral action in Pacific Island social contexts.

D40ED03: Ministry with Children and Youth

Enabling us to minister effectively to young people of various ages, the course suggests ways of encouraging children and youth to participate in worship and prayer. It will help you prepare appropriate lessons for children and youth and develop skills in storytelling, singing, drama, memory work and activities. It will encourage you to think about yourself as a leader and the quality of your relationships with children and the rest of the church.

C50RD01: Foundations of Theology

Thinking about what is most real and important in your personal faith journey, this course covers the major subject areas of theology: God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and the Church. It helps you understand how church tradition, reason and experience affect your own theological thinking. You will become more aware of how your own personal history, cultural values and traditions affect your understanding of God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit and the church. It aims to provide new resources to help you live out your faith in your daily life.

C50RD02: Foundations of Ethics

Exploring ways of thinking about how to live a 'good life', this course aims to increase our understanding of what God wants us to be and do. It will introduce you to ways of approaching Christian ethics and to the elements of Christian ethics. You will learn ways to make ethical decisions and strengthen moral character.

D50RD01: Themes in Theology

Offering a framework of ideas to connect biblical teachings and a way to develop skills in thinking critically, this course offers guidance in expressing theological understanding both orally and in writing. You will be encouraged to apply what you have learned to your own situation. The course emphasises the importance of culture for theology, and encourages a new appreciation of Oceanic myths, biblical creation stories and the relationship between science and theology.

D50RD02: Making Ethical Decisions

Leading us to a deeper understanding of what is involved in the important decisions we make in life, this is a course about 'doing' and 'living' ethics, offering a broader awareness of how Christians can be disciples of Christ in a complex and rapidly changing world. It focuses on the responsible choices Christians have to make before God as they deal with issues facing the Pacific today.

D50ED01: Women and Theology

Pacific Christians of the 21st century are a long way from the world of ancient Pacific Islanders, the first Christians and the writers of the scriptures. In the journey from then to now something important has been lost. This course explores the forgotten female dimension of the Christian experience of God and faith. In this course, women of faith who have written about their own journeys help us to return to our Christian origins to recover inclusive visions of God, the Church and Christian ministry.

5 Accreditation of Previous Experience and Learning (APEL)

PTCEE is respectful of previous learning and experience. Cross-crediting of courses already completed through PTC or another learning provider may be possible but should not be assumed. It is the PTCEE student's responsibility to supply previous academic transcripts with evidence of courses taken and grades achieved, plus full details of the learning provider who issued the award. Prior work must be of equivalent quality and conform to SPATS Accreditation Standards and Guidelines within the Pacific Qualifications Framework.

6 Bachelor of Divinity



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BD (Hons) 2015

Students must complete 28 new courses of 100 learning hours, totalling 280 credits. Most BD by Extension students will use successful PTCEE Diploma completion (180 credits) as their entry point. Those wishing to enrol based on prior theological credits earned elsewhere need to apply with their academic transcripts for consideration by the admissions committee.

Asena Senimoli
BD 2015



The BD by Extension is far more detailed and demanding but still achievable by those who do committed and determined work. Students develop vital theological competencies and critical thinking for mission and ministry in the contemporary Pacific, particularly for those who are not able to attend a full-time residential theological programme. PTCEE Courses are constantly under development and revision to meet changing educational frameworks and contemporary needs in Oceania, so the list below is subject to change. Please contact the office with any BD queries not covered here. Foundations courses (F) are taken first and then the sequence of courses is optional.

Code	Course title	Hours	Credits
B20ND00	Introduction to the Bible <i>Admission requirement if student has no previous theological education</i>	100	0
B10FD01	Academic Skills 1 (F)	100	10
B10FD02	Academic Skills 2 (F)	100	10
B20FD01	Introduction to Exegesis (F)	100	10
B20BD01	Introduction to the Study of Torah	100	10
B20BD02	Introduction to the Study of the Synoptic Gospels and Acts	100	10
B20BD03	Introduction to the Study of the Prophets	100	10
B20BD04	Introduction to the Study of the Letters attributed to Paul	100	10
B20BD05	Introduction to the Study of the Writings	100	10
B20BD06	Introduction to the Study of John, James and Revelation	100	10
B30FD01	Early Church (First 500 Years) (F)	100	10
B30BD01	19 th Century Mission in the Pacific	100	10
B30BD02	Medieval and Reformation Church History	100	10
B30BD03	Modern Church History	100	10
B30BD04	20 th Century Pacific Church History	100	10
B40FD01	Foundations of Ministry (F)	100	10
B40BD01	Social Analysis: Ministry in Social Context	100	10
B40BD02	Worship and Liturgy	100	10
B40BD03	Introduction to Pastoral Counselling	100	10
B40BD04	Global Mission and the Pacific Today	100	10
B40BD05	Fundamentals of Christian Education	100	10
B50FD01	Methods in Contextual Theology (F)	100	10
B50BD01	Christology	100	10
B50BD02	Trinity	100	10
B50BD03	Spirit, Church and Sacraments	100	10
B50BD04	Explorations in Ecumenism	100	10
B50BD05	Ethical Principles	100	10
B50BD06	Theology and Science	100	10
B50BD06	Introduction to World Religions	100	10

6 Enrolment

If you are interested in enrolling for the Certificate, Diploma or BD, complete the relevant application form available from the PTCEE office or downloadable from the website <http://ptcee.ptc.ac.fj/>

A BD applicant wishing to study entirely through extension is subject to the same admission procedures as a BD student in residence or studying part-time. Feel free to contact the PTCEE office with any queries.

7 Fees

One-time Registration Fee	FJ\$50
Certificate/Diploma courses	FJ\$200 (including postage) FJ\$150 (if collected)
Bachelor of Divinity courses	FJ\$600 (extension only)

Course materials are only issued on receipt of payment.

8 Recognition and encouragement

When a student has successfully completed 3 courses at Certificate level s/he earns one 'free' course. This can be claimed at any time: it does not have to be the fourth course. This also applies after successful completion of 3 Diploma courses.

When a student has successfully completed 9 BD by Extension courses, s/he earns one 'free' course, and similarly after successful completion of 19 courses. In practice, this means that the 10th and 20th courses are free of charge.

PTCEE offers this recognition and encouragement across the board, without discrimination. However, we encourage students whose financial circumstances are stronger to offer their 'free' course to others rather than claiming it for themselves. The PTCEE office receives requests for subsidies and financial support and this is one way we can help to meet them.

9 Contact us! We look forward to hearing from you.

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