



# **Futures College AUS Prospectus**

Diploma of Leadership & Church Planting

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# Welcome

Welcome to our degree level certificate in Leadership and Church Planting! It's our desire that this course doesn't just give you knowledge, but changes the trajectory of your life forever!

The Holy Spirit has given Futures Church a vision and a mission to plant 200 campuses, train up 10,000 leaders, and see 100,000 souls won to Christ.

In order for this to be achieved, we have created a 'runway' for future generations of believers, leaders, and campus planters to be able to be a part of planting campuses, with the knowledge gained from those that have gone before them. It is imperative that the path forward be clear, can be repeated with confidence, rapidity, and yet flexible enough to adapt to diverse cultures and circumstances.

This runway combines the blueprint that the Holy Spirit gave to us with on the ground experience garnered from planting, acquiring, and adopting campuses over the last 20 years. It answers the questions of where, who, when, and how and outlines a Biblical, Apostolic roadmap to assure that the right people are given the right training and the right resource to fulfill this commission.

YOU are those people! Now strap in for an adventure in purpose, and let God's Word speak to you and change you!

Much love,

Ps Ashley and Jane

# Course overview

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The Futures College Leadership and Church Planting Certificate is designed for marketplace professionals, emerging church planters, and ministry leaders who want to grow in both their practical leadership capacity and depth of understanding in God's Word.

This course goes beyond academic knowledge—it's a transformational experience that equips students to lead with clarity, conviction, and character. Whether you're serving in a church or leading in business, the Certificate emphasises real-world application, hands-on ministry training, and leadership development that prepares you to influence your environment with biblical wisdom and strategic insight.

Through a dynamic blend of theological courses, leadership teaching, and ministry placements, students will gain the tools to lead effectively, multiply impact, and build for the future.

This groundbreaking course has been thoughtfully crafted and enthusiastically endorsed by our Global Senior Pastors, Ps Ashley and Jane Evans. Every element has been intentionally designed to identify, equip, and release passionate leaders and pioneers who feel divinely called to expand the Church and spread the life-changing message of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

## Study at Your Own Pace

The Diploma of Church Planting is designed as a 1-year full-time course, but you have the flexibility to study at your own pace and complete it part-time over up to 4 years. Full-time study involves 8 subjects per year. Each semester includes 3 weekly lectures delivered in person and online by Futures College, along with 2 separate intensives offered throughout the year. The ministry experience components of the course will be coordinated with your assigned ministry mentor.

## Alphacrucis College

Futures College is an accredited third-party provider of Alphacrucis College, a leading Christian higher education institution in Australia. While all course content is taught and delivered entirely by Futures College, Alphacrucis ensures that academic standards, assessment quality, and curriculum requirements are met according to national higher education regulations. Graduates of our programs receive their qualification directly from Alphacrucis College.

## There are three ways to study with us at Futures College

Each study option is based on The Diploma of Church Planting and can be completed either full-time or part-time. See below for details.

### 1. Diploma of Church Planting

The Diploma of Church Planting offers a comprehensive and immersive learning experience that empowers you to grow significantly in both your leadership skills and your understanding of Scripture. Through an intentionally designed curriculum, you will engage in practical, hands-on training combined with in-depth study of key areas such as theology, ministry practice, and leadership principles. This subject is created to equip you not only with solid biblical knowledge but also with the real-world tools and insights needed to effectively start, lead, and nurture new faith communities. Whether you are preparing for full-time ministry, want to grow in your personal leadership, or gain a greater biblical understanding, the Diploma will challenge and inspire you to lead with clarity and purpose.

### 2. Undergraduate Certificate of Church Planting

Studying the Undergraduate Certificate allows you to complete four of the core subjects from the Diploma, offering a strong foundation in key areas of theology, ministry, and leadership. Through study, you will gain practical knowledge and skills that support your growth in both biblical and spiritual understanding, as well as effective leadership.

### 3. Study with an Internship

Studying The Diploma of Church Planting with an Internship provides additional ministry experience and personal mentoring at Futures Church. As an intern, you will engage in real-life ministry opportunities under the supervision of a designated supervisor as well as attend Futures staff meetings, pastoral masterclasses and intern retreats. You will also have access to a mentor who will provide opportunities to reflect on your personal and spiritual growth. In short, Internship provides an immersive experience in the life and ministry of Futures Church.

## 4. Audit Stream

The Audit Stream is designed for those who want to grow through the teaching without the pressure of assessments. You'll be able to engage with the course content and learn alongside others, but you won't be required to complete graded assignments and the subject won't count toward an accredited qualification. It's an ideal option if you're looking for personal development, ministry formation, or leadership growth in a flexible, lower-commitment way.

## Course & Subjects at a Glance

The Diploma of Church Planting offers a powerful blend of deep theological foundations and practical, experience-based teaching on church planting essentials. This carefully crafted 8-subject certificate includes 7 core subjects plus 1 specialised elective that aligns with your unique calling and interests.

### This course is built around 4 transformative pillars:

1. **Strong Biblical Foundations** featuring two cornerstone subjects: Applied Theology and New Testament & the Birth of the Church. Applied Theology nurtures your personal theological understanding, while our New Testament exploration takes you deep into the origins of the Early Church.
2. **Leadership Development** through two dynamic subjects: Personal Leadership and Building High Performing Teams. These courses cultivate your leadership potential while equipping you to guide others effectively.
3. **Church Planting Focus** with specialised subjects: Church Planting Philosophy and Church Planting Strategy.
4. **Practical Ministry Training** through interest-led subjects including Professional Practice, Church Planting Execution, Kids Ministry, Worship Ministry, and Youth Ministry.

## Core Subjects

### **Applied Theology** - *Taught by Futures Church Campus Pastors*

Explore the universal core doctrines of Christian faith through a transformative lens. This subject equips you with foundational understanding of essential beliefs—including the Trinity,

Sin, Salvation, Baptism, Heaven, and Christ's Second Coming—all presented within today's context. While rooted in rich theological tradition, this subject delivers content in a way that will revolutionise your relationship with God. Discover practical approaches to timeless theology and uncover spiritual insights you may never have realised existed.

**Lecture topics include:**

- Hermeneutics
- Christology
- Holy Spirit
- Salvation

**New Testament Survey & The Birth of the Church** - *Taught by Futures Church Campus Pastors*

Experience Scripture as the living, life-giving foundation it was meant to be! This dynamic subject doesn't just teach the Bible—it imparts vision for the future of the Church through God's Word. Journey through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and explore the formative writings of the early church. Unlike traditional New Testament surveys, we'll linger in the book of Acts, examining themes of church governance and church planting through the powerful lens of the fivefold ministry gifts. This journey will illuminate the purpose, content, and message of each New Testament book, with special attention to historical and cultural contexts—revealing how this diverse collection of texts presents a remarkably unified and coherent message.

**Lecture topics include:**

- Introduction to the Gospels and life of Jesus
- The Global Mission and the Inclusion of the Gentiles
- Paul's Missionary Journeys
- The Pastoral Epistles

**Personal Leadership** - *Taught by Ps Jane Evans, Ps Sjhana Greenwood, and Futures Church Campus Pastors*

Strong communities thrive with strong leaders, but strong leadership teams flourish when the leader is strong. This transformative subject examines the individual leader, helping you discover who God has uniquely created you to be. Through thoughtful self-assessment, you'll develop powerful systems and structures, deepen your understanding of Biblical leadership principles, and build a foundation that will propel you further and higher in your leadership journey. You'll gain profound insights into how biblical and theological principles shape a leader's character. Exploring self-awareness and emotional intelligence, you'll discover how disciplined personal practices enhance both your effectiveness and impact as a leader.

**Lecture topics include:**

- Principles to lead your life
- Effective and potent prayer
- How to hear God's voice
- Organising self

**Building High-Performing Teams** - Taught by Ps Ashley Evans, Ps Russell Evans (Senior Pastor - Planetshakers Church), Ps Josh Greenwood & Futures Church Campus Pastors

The leadership journey begins with leading yourself, but its ultimate purpose is leading others. This dynamic subject guides you through proven leadership principles from a Biblical perspective under the Holy Spirit's guidance. As you embrace your identity as a leader—recognising we are all born to lead—you'll master the art of finding, developing, and releasing future leaders, creating a continuous cycle of leadership that sustains thriving ministries.

Rather than focusing on theoretical concepts, this subject provides hands-on opportunities to identify and cultivate your God-given leadership abilities through experiential learning that transforms theory into practice.

**Lecture topics include:**

- The Power of Teams
- Developing Kingdom Leaders for Global Impact
- God's Team Design
- Conflict, Confrontation and Resolution

**Church Planting - Philosophy** - Taught by Ps Ashley Evans

This transformative subject begins and ends with the essence of The Church—one of God's most profound gifts to humanity for reaching the lost and transforming lives. Just as Jesus Christ demonstrated His passionate love for the Church by sacrificing His life, this subject will guide you in developing an unshakable devotion to His Bride that will sustain you for a lifetime of ministry. Explore God's profound purpose for creating the Church and discover your personal connection to His mission. Uncover God's passionate desire for churches to form the spiritual heart of every community. This journey will reveal the faith required, the costs involved, the divine timing of planting, and the entrepreneurial mindset essential for breakthrough success.

**Lecture topics include:**

- The Bride and the Body
- Nourishing The Church
- Building through the gifts of the church
- Faith to plant beyond the ordinary

**Church Planting - Strategy** - *Taught by Ps Ashley Evans & Futures Church Campus Pastors*

Dive into the strategic preparation required for each phase of the church planting journey. This practical course equips you with both the spiritual insights and tactical knowledge needed to establish either a remote-site campus or a stand-alone church, while understanding the demands placed on your church planting team. From surveying potential locations to creating comprehensive inventory lists, you'll master both the spiritual discernment and practical requirements essential for successful church planting.

**Lecture topics include:**

- The Mindset of a Planter
- The Stages of Church Planting
- Creating Champion Culture
- Develop and Disciple Your Team

**Professional Practice** - *Taught by Futures Church Campus Pastors*

Ready to bridge classroom learning with real-world experience? Professional Practice makes this connection possible! This unique subject combines academic exploration of your Major Specialisation with hands-on placement opportunities. For Church Planting specializations, you'll typically serve at a newly planted church or under a pastor with extensive church planting experience. This immersive opportunity provides high-level leadership exposure, on-the-job discipleship, and organic conversations that deepen your understanding of the church planting

journey. Working alongside an experienced mentor, you'll complete a 100-hour placement throughout the semester, with flexible formats to match your calling. For example, if Youth Leadership captures your heart, you could dedicate 8 weekly hours at your local church's youth department.

**Lecture topics include:**

- The joy of personal administration
- Conflict resolution
- Mentoring and discipling
- Managing relationships

## Elective Subjects

Elective subjects are tailored to your specific calling and interests. If you're drawn to church planting in a lead pastor role, Church Planting Execution provides the perfect foundation. Alternatively, choose from three specialized ministry subjects—Kids Ministry, Worship Ministry, or Youth Ministry—each designed to equip you for leadership in that specific area within a church plant.

**Church Planting - Execution** - *Taught by Ps Josh Greenwood & Futures Church Campus Pastors*

This hands-on subject equips you with the essential skills and resources to launch a church and sustain momentum through your first critical year of ministry. You'll develop a strategic mindset guided by the Holy Spirit's discernment, gaining practical tools to confidently navigate each divinely-opened door of opportunity. Explore the art of message creation and effective communication—discovering your God-given message and how to share it powerfully in today's noisy world. Master project management fundamentals within a ministry context, enabling your church plant to thrive in its new environment. With execution as the central focus, you'll receive practical tools and comprehensive checklists to ensure every aspect of the planting process is confidently addressed.

**Lecture topics include:**

- The first year of the plant
- Pastoral Care
- Setting Culture
- Assimilation

**Kids Ministry** - *Taught by Futures Church Kids Pastors & Ps Andy Kirk (National ACC Kids Director)*

This dynamic course transforms you into a confident children's ministry leader through real-world examples and ready-to-use content. Develop the skills to create engaging kids' environments, provide compassionate pastoral care for children and families, and implement a comprehensive vision and curriculum that sets children on a lifelong journey of faith and dependence on God.

**Lecture topics include:**

- Curriculum Development
- Team recruitment and training
- Discipleship and Faith Formation
- Vision, Alignment and Direction

**Worship Ministry** - *Taught by Ps Chloe Evans & Ps Ryan Rolls (Futures Music)*

Experience a powerful blend of theological foundations and practical skills, emphasizing contemporary worship approaches while maintaining biblical authenticity. With worship as the central theme, you'll master the practical skills needed to both lead the musical elements of a worship service and guide the team members involved:

- Production and tech - Mastering the technical elements that create a seamless Sunday experience
- Department roles and knowledge - Identifying and developing the right people to build a thriving worship ministry
- Spiritual and Biblical teaching - Gaining deeper insights into worship's essence and discerning your congregation's worship needs

**Lecture topics include:**

- Modern worship in contemporary church culture
- Service planning
- Launch strategy
- Foundations of Biblical Worship

**Youth Ministry** - *Taught by Nation Leading Youth Alive Directors*

The adolescent years are characterised by rapid growth, demanding schedules, developmental challenges, future-shaping decisions, and unparalleled excitement. Many churches struggle to establish thriving youth ministries that both attract and disciple young people effectively. This transformative subject provides a comprehensive perspective and cutting-edge insights into proven strategies that not only draw youth to your ministry but equip you with powerful tools to nurture their faith in Jesus Christ.

**Lecture topics include:**

- Pastoral Care in a Youth Context
- Developing Youth Leadership Teams
- Understanding the Holy Spirit's Role in Youth Ministry
- Executing a Youth Ministry Program

For additional information on each subject, please visit the Diploma of Church Planting section on the Alphacrucis website.

## Internship

The Futures Church internship program offers a life-changing journey for Christians of any age seeking deeper faith and practical ministry skills. This two-day-per-week immersive experience combines hands-on ministry work, theological education, and personal mentorship—creating a complete pathway for emerging church leaders.

Internship includes our in-person study option plus extraordinary exposure to real-world ministry situations. Interns serve across diverse ministry departments—from worship and youth to pastoral care and children's ministry—discovering their unique spiritual gifts while gaining invaluable experience. Weekly teaching and coaching sessions with our pastoral team provide biblical foundations, while one-on-one mentoring ensures personalised guidance for your spiritual formation. Internship fosters a supportive community where interns grow together through shared experiences, group prayer, community building, and collective reflection. Participants consistently report profound spiritual transformation, enhanced leadership capabilities, and clearer vocational direction upon completion.

This isn't just about learning church operations—it's about transformation from the inside out. You'll be challenged to apply your faith practically, develop Christ-centered character, and embrace your calling with confidence.

## Fees & Support

### **Diploma of Church Planting**

8 subjects (7 core + 1 elective)

\$1,200 per subject (Futures College Scholarship Rate)

Total: approx. \$9,600 (FEE-HELP Available)

### **Undergraduate Certificate of Church Planting**

4 core subjects

\$2,300 per subject

Total: approx. \$9,200 (FEE-HELP Available)

### **Internship (Optional)**

Available alongside Diploma or Undergraduate Certificate

Internship Fee: \$500 (in addition to your course fees)

*Internship fee is not covered by FEE-HELP, however, a payment plan can be arranged with Futures College.*

### **Missions Trip – Indonesia (Optional)**

Estimated Cost: \$2,500–\$2,900 (Includes flights, insurance, accommodation, meals, transport, and admin)

*Missions Trip cost is not covered by FEE-HELP.*

### **FEE-HELP**

Domestic students may be eligible to use FEE-HELP, a government loan program that assists with paying tuition fees. This option allows you to defer your course fees and repay the loan through the tax system once your income reaches a certain level. More information and eligibility details can be obtained through the Australian Government's study assistance services.

### **Centrelink Support**

Centrelink student support payments may be available to those enrolled in full-time study, subject to meeting Centrelink's eligibility requirements and successfully lodging a claim. To apply, you will need a letter of acceptance from Alphacrucis College confirming your full-time enrolment, which will typically be provided by Alphacrucis upon acceptance. If you receive support through Centrelink, you must maintain full-time attendance at the College.

### **Withdrawal from College**

If for any reason, you need to withdraw from the Diploma of Church Planting, this must be completed before the Census Date through Alphacrucis College.

If you have received, or are receiving support payments from Centrelink, you need to let Centrelink know of the date that you withdrew.

### **Refund of fees**

**Student fees** - Please refer to Alphacrucis College refund policy.

**Internship fees** - Futures College will provide a pro-rata refund for withdrawals made before the census date.

No refunds will be provided for withdrawals after the census date.

## Weekly Schedule

All lectures, as well as any components that are a key part of studying with an internship take place on a Tuesday. Each week follows a consistent structure, as shown below:

### Study-Only

4:00 PM	Lecture 1
7:00 PM	Lecture 2
8:00 PM	Lecture 3
9:00 PM	Finish

### With an Internship

1:00 PM	Staff Meeting
2:30 PM	Time with Intern Oversight
4:00 PM	Lecture 1
5:00 PM	Dinner Break
7:00 PM	Lecture 2
8:00 PM	Lecture 3
9:00 PM	Finish

*Note: Students enrolled in the Internship should plan for two days of ministry involvement each week. One day takes place on-site every Tuesday, as outlined above. The second day is flexible and arranged directly with the department in which the student is interning (e.g., Youth, Kids, Creative). This day will involve hands-on ministry experience and may vary based on the rhythms and needs of that specific ministry team.*

### Intensives

Each year, we offer two one-week intensives designed to help you complete subjects in a focused, immersive environment. The first intensive takes place before Semester 1 begins, and the second runs during the mid-year break. Each intensive covers the full content of one subject, providing a dynamic and engaging way to progress through your studies.

## Optional Missions Trip

During this life-changing year of study, you'll have the extraordinary opportunity to travel to Indonesia for an overseas mission trip. This is a powerful opportunity to step into cross-cultural ministry, serve the global Church, and grow in your calling.

You'll be involved in a range of ministry experiences, including preaching, leading youth events, and community outreach. A key part of the trip will be helping run "Spirituality Week"—a three-day conference at the Solo Bible College, as well as ministry opportunities across our Futures campuses in Indonesia.

You'll receive training to prepare you for the experience, both spiritually and practically. Whether you're speaking, serving, or simply showing up with a heart to learn, this trip will stretch and inspire you in new ways.

Estimated cost: \$2500–\$2900 (includes flights, insurance, accommodation, meals, transport, and admin) – Final pricing will be confirmed after bookings are made.

## Student Support

We want your study experience to be as fruitful and rewarding as possible and as such we provide the following student support in addition to the support mechanisms provided by Alphacrucis College.

### **Ministry Experience Mentor**

All students will participate in ministry experience as part of the course. Those enrolled in an Internship will be assigned a Ministry Experience Mentor by the College, while study-only students are encouraged to nominate their own mentor. Mentors will meet with you weekly to guide, supervise, and support you through your ministry involvement.

### **Academic Tutor**

Futures College provides an Academic Tutor to support you with the academic aspects of your study. This resource is available to help you navigate assignments, study skills, and course content. We encourage you to book appointments as needed to make the most of this support.

### **Spiritual Mentor**

Internship students will be assigned a Spiritual Mentor by Futures College to support their spiritual growth throughout the year. We encourage regular catch-ups to reflect on your development and overall journey. Study-only students are also welcome to speak with College staff about the possibility of arranging a Spiritual Mentor for additional support.

### **Futures College Staff**

In addition to the support roles outlined above, students are welcome to reach out to Futures College Staff if they have concerns or require further guidance. While staff are not always immediately available, they are committed to supporting you and will do their best to respond when appropriate.



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