

## ACCREDITATION TRAINING: GENERAL PRINCIPLES

During the candidacy period, a candidate will be required to complete ministry training at Morling College in addition to their other Theological studies, as will be required by the Committee for the Ministry.

### ***Steps to Accreditation***

It is, highly recommended that students apply as early as possible to become an Accreditation candidate so that the best tailored formation pathway can be achieved as early as possible in their studies. See the steps to accreditation here: <http://www.morlingcollege.com/study-areas/bible-ministry-theology/accreditation-pastoral-training/> PDF files of this document and the Baptist Churches NSW/ACT Accreditation Guidelines are also available at that link.

### ***Individualised study plan for Accreditation***

A group consisting of representatives of the Committee for the Ministry, Ministry Support & Development, and Morling College, will work alongside the candidate to ensure that an individualised ministry and leadership development plan is in place. This will align with these key learning areas: character, call, doctrine, capacity, competence, training and capability (see Appendix 9 of the Baptist Churches NSW/ACT Accreditation Guidelines, 2015).

The plan may reflect deficits from pre-existing studies, or issues identified by the Committee for the Ministry as requiring special focus by the candidate.

The student's ministry context, geographical location, and ministry formation will be taken into account when this plan is constructed. Therefore, in consultation with Morling College and Ministry Support & Development (and with the written approval of the Principal of Morling College or his delegate), the candidate may elect to complete their studies: (1) as a residential / on-campus student of the College, or (2) through an approved local 'provider' (such as Greater West for Christ), or (3) via a combination of Online (distance) and on-site intensive programmes.

**Note:** Students who have not yet been accepted as an Accreditation candidate and desire to pursue Accreditation studies can use these guidelines as part of designing a study program. However, it is still important to speak with the Accreditation Adviser, who in consultation with Ministry Support & Development, can guide in the most appropriate pathway of study until this is ratified or adjusted by the Committee for the Ministry, as a result of accepted candidature.

### ***Involvement in Pastoral Ministry***

All students who are accepted candidates shall normally engage in pastoral ministry work in consultation with the Associate Director – Pastoral Development and the Principal of Morling College (or nominee), until the 1 February after accreditation. "Pastoral ministry work" includes: pastoral charge, associate pastoral responsibility, or other approved ministry settings.

**Typical Accreditation Pathways**

<b>Morling Graduates (&amp; other approved Baptist colleges)</b>	Undergraduate/ Graduate Award	+	5 Ministry Preparation Units	+	3 post-accreditation professional development Units
	Ministerial, psychological and theological formation designed by the Committee for the Ministry, Ministry Support & Development, and the College				

<b>Graduates of Non- Baptist Colleges</b>	Recognised Undergraduate/ Graduate Award	+	9 Ministry Preparation Units	+	3 post-accreditation professional development Units
	Ministerial, psychological and theological formation designed by the Committee for the Ministry, Ministry Support & Development, and the College				

**Want to know more?**

Candidates and prospective candidates who wish to know more details about their particular plan for Accreditation and Ministry Training must speak to the Accreditation Adviser. Further details can then be discussed.