

Regulation 15 Graduate Diploma in Ministry (GradDipMin)

Regulation 15.1 - Interpretation

In this Regulation -

- (a) the term "the Board" means "the Academic Board" established as a committee of the College under Regulation 2.1.

Regulation 15.2 - Admission and Enrolment

- 1 Subject to the provisions of Clauses 4 and 5 hereof - a person who has obtained, or is qualified to obtain, the Degree of Bachelor of Divinity or the Degree of Bachelor of Theology of the College may seek permission of the Board to enrol as a candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Ministry. The Board in each case may impose such terms and conditions as it may deem necessary or desirable before permitting enrolment.
- 2 The Board may recommend to the Council that certain awards in appropriate disciplines of other tertiary institutions or in exceptional cases completion of a minimum of 3 years of full-time theological education or its equivalent at another institution be recognised by the College as "equivalent qualifications" for the purposes of this clause, and upon such recognition, either in general terms or in relation to particular applications, the Board may proceed as if the applicant fell within the terms of Regulation 6.2.1.
- 3 *Provisional Enrolment:* in special circumstances where the requirements of neither clause 1 nor clause 2 are met, the Board may recommend to the College that a person be permitted to enrol provisionally as a candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Ministry.

Candidates admitted provisionally shall be required to undertake a course of theological study, including the disciplines of biblical studies and systematic theology, as determined by the Board. Satisfactory completion of such course shall, subject to the provisions of Sections 4 and 5 hereof, entitle a person to proceed as a candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Ministry but shall not be credited towards the diploma.

- 4 Every enrolment shall be conditional upon the candidate having been involved in the practice of ministry for at least two years, to the satisfaction of the Board.
- 5 Without limiting its discretion in the matter, the Board shall grant permission to enrol only if it is satisfied that the candidate will
 - (a) have adequate supervision and access to adequate libraries; and
 - (b) be able to participate fully in the Residential School and Collegium Group.

Regulation 15.3 - Structure

- 1 The degree consists of three Sections:

Section A - Subjects by examination

Candidates are required to take three units at a level and standard approved by the Board. This requirement may not be met by taking units previously taken for degree credit or other purposes, but the Board may agree to grant a candidate exemption from the requirements for some or all of Section A.

The Board may grant a candidate permission to take one or more of these units at another tertiary institution.

Credit for this Section will be given upon certification to the Board that each unit concerned has been passed at the approved standard.

NB: Candidates intending to proceed to the degree of Master of Ministry are advised to include an approved research methodology unit in Section A.

Section B - Residential School

Candidates shall attend a Residential School of forty hours in one week, as prescribed by the Board. Each School shall deal both with current issues relating to the practice of ministry, and with recent developments in at least one of the major theological disciplines.

The Board shall determine the manner and level of assessment of work produced for the purpose of the Residential School.

Credit for this Section will be given when the Director of Ministry Studies certifies that these requirements have been met.

Section C - Reflective Practice

Candidates shall take part in

(a) A Collegium Group, in either extensive or intensive mode, on the theme of Theology and Ministry; and

(b) *Either*

A second Collegium Group, in either extensive or intensive mode, on the theme of Ministry and Culture,

Or

A postgraduate unit in practical theology, at a standard approved by the Board.

A Collegium Group shall consist of not less than six and not more than ten candidates, and shall explore issues relating to the theology and practice of ministry, with particular attention to the ministries in which group members are currently engaged.

In extensive mode, the group shall meet under approved supervision for forty hours, normally in ten sessions of four hours each. In intensive mode, the group shall meet under approved supervision for five consecutive days.

Credit for a Collegium Group will be given upon certification by the supervisor to the Board that a candidate has participated satisfactorily in the work of the Group for the specified period.

Credit for a postgraduate unit in practical theology shall be given upon certification to the Board that the unit concerned has been passed to the approved standard.

- 2 Unless the Board otherwise determines, candidates must complete the diploma in not less than one and not more than three years.
- 3 Normally, no credits towards, or exemptions from, the requirements of the diploma will be granted on the basis of studies completed prior to enrolment.

Regulation 15.4 - Award of Diploma

After considering the written reports on each Section, the Board shall decide whether or not to recommend to the Council that the Diploma be awarded.

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