



VOCATIONAL BIBLE COLLEGE

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TRAINING ORDINARY PEOPLE TO DO
EXTRAORDINARY THINGS

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Vocational Bible College (VBC) has been established to train ordinary, everyday people for the extraordinary work of spreading God's Kingdom.

In Acts 4:13 the religious leaders of the day described Peter and John as unschooled, *ordinary* men, and yet they were at the center of God's *extraordinary* plan to rescue people from every nation, tribe and tongue and bring them into His Kingdom. It is our prayer that many 'Peter and John' sorts of leaders will be raised up through our courses.

WHAT MAKES VOCATIONAL BIBLE COLLEGE DIFFERENT?

Much ministry training today is academic and suits those who've been to university. *Vocational Bible College is different.*

We've developed training that suits the gifts and abilities of people who love to learn practically and actively. The sorts of people who often go straight into the workforce from school.

Unlike many other Bible colleges, our qualifications are delivered through the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector where training focuses on *what you can do* rather than *what you have read and how many words you have written*.

As a result our courses are delivered through a blend of small discussion groups and a ministry placement in your local church. Assessments mimic ministry activities with presentations, simulations, reports and portfolios.

Jesus trained his disciples for ministry as they walked and talked and ministered with Jesus. We are attempting to reproduce this model of training at VBC.

THE OPPORTUNITY

74% of Australians don't have a University education.¹ They're 'everyday people'. Research into learning styles has shown many everyday people learn best on the job. **We aim to provide Christian ministry training that suits those who learn best on the job.**

THE NEED

Everyday people are significantly under represented in many Evangelical churches. We believe an important step to addressing this problem is to train everyday Christian leaders who can help God's people make disciples of everyday people and bring them into churches.

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

2 Corinthians 4:7

ESTABLISHED TRAINING CENTRES

Training Centres are currently located in:

- Fairfield (Sydney)
- Campbelltown (Sydney)
- Orange (NSW)
- Quakers Hill (NSW)
- Edinburgh (SCOTLAND)

VBC's mission is to equip churches to train the next generation of Everyday Christian Leaders.

If you would like to know more about what is involved in setting up a VBC Centre at your church email Andrew Beddoe at andrewbeddoe@vbc.edu.au

HOW WILL I BE TRAINED?

You'll be trained for ministry like an electrical apprentice trains to be a sparky and a hairdressing trainee trains to be a hairdresser.

Full-time Option

- 4 days a week on-the-job – the Learner will work in their chosen ministry area (church, TAFE, prison) under a trained gospel worker.
- 1 day a week in a small class environment – Bible and ministry training through the VBC in small groups with other Learners from the local area.

Over 3 years, Learners will obtain the following VET Sector qualifications:

- 1st year Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology (10742NAT)
- 2nd year Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology (10743NAT)
- 3rd year Advanced Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology (10744NAT)

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Part-time Option (1-2 Subjects a semester)

- 2 hours a week on the job training – the Learner will serve as a volunteer in their chosen ministry area (church, TAFE, prison) under a trained gospel worker.
- One evening a week – training through the Vocational Bible College in small groups with other Learners.



WHAT WILL I DEVELOP DURING TRAINING?

Learners will develop:

Convictions – strengthened on sound Biblical knowledge and understanding.

Character – under God, see Learners transformed more into the likeness of Jesus Christ to live loving sacrificial lives that serve the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of those around them.

Competencies – skills to make disciples and lead God's people.



THE END GOAL OF VOCATIONAL BIBLE COLLEGE TRAINING:

Everyday Christians making disciples

Everyday Christian leaders
who will become Pastors
and Ministers of churches

Many more everyday people
in our churches

INFORMATION FOR THE LEARNER

- **Mentor** – Learners must be supervised in their ministry area by a qualified ministry worker
- **Education** – minimum: School Certificate – preferred: Certificate III or Higher School Certificate

For more information about VBC courses see the Prospectus on our website.

INFORMATION FOR THE TRAINING CHURCH/MINISTRY

- The Church/ Ministry may employ a Learner on an apprentice/ trainee wage, but must meet minimum National Wage standards.
- The Church/ Ministry must provide a qualified ministry worker who will mentor the Learner. This includes:
 - > meeting weekly for 1 hour
 - > allowing the Learner to watch you in action
 - > observing the Learner ministering in action
 - > providing the Learner opportunity to complete assessment tasks

VOCATIONAL CHRISTIAN MINISTRY GRADUATES

“ Training with Vocational Bible College has helped me be a better disciple of Jesus. I now understand how the Bible fits together and can read the Old Testament for myself. It’s given me skills to lead Bible studies and help others follow Jesus. In the past I’ve not known what to do and been afraid of stuffing up. Now I have more confidence to talk to others about Jesus and lead groups. ”



IAN MU - FACTORY WORKER



“ I’m learning new things and looking at the Bible at a deeper level, and then I’m able to share what we’ve learnt in my own church. ”

AARON THORNE - FACTORY WORKER

“ I really enjoy training at Vocational Bible College. It has helped me dig deep into the Bible and understand who Jesus is. ”

It has helped me to serve more effectively in Church. ”



STEPHANIE TAY - OFFICE ADMINISTRATION



“ Hmmm ... I really like the company and atmosphere ... But most of all the conversations and teachings that clarify the truth of God... Cos every time I go on Mondays I learn sumthin’ new. ”

MICHAEL LEGASPI - FACTORY WORKER

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