



SU Qld Diploma of Youth Work

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why should I consider doing the SU Qld Diploma of Youth Work?

The SU Qld Diploma of Youth Work is nationally-recognised training delivered in a Christian context. The training is designed to equip practising Youth Workers with knowledge, skills and hands-on experience, while challenging them to grow spiritually and develop an understanding of their faith in the context of Youth Work and Community Services.

The Diploma course includes theory and practice in group work, community development work, pastoral care, crisis management etc, which are all important areas to be skilled in for effective ministry.

Although it is titled “Youth Work”, the course provides training for workers with children and teenagers.

How does SU Qld differ from other Youth Work training institutions?

Graduates receive nationally-accredited certification as a trained Youth Worker, just like many other institutions and TAFE colleges that offer Youth Work training. Additionally, SU Qld offers:

****An excellent Trainer-to-Student ratio** - This means more comprehensive student support. SU Qld trainers don't just deliver content and mark assessments. They are committed to actively supporting you throughout your studies.

****Hands-on industry experience** - We are passionate about effectively equipping you for Youth Ministry and we believe the most effective way to do this is to make you step out and get involved. You'll be challenged to apply your learnings to real situations, and be guided and supported as you do.

****Specialist presenters and guest lecturers** - The SU Qld Training Dept has extensive networks and sources leading specialists and high-calibre presenters to complement our own highly-trained staff. Our specialist and guest lecturers include leading doctors, psychologists, mental health experts, and government representatives, right through to international keynote speakers recognised by the World Health Organisation. We source leading experts to ensure you receive the most current and relevant training in each field.

****An interdenominational Christian learning environment**

2. What does the course look like?

The course involves a blend of face-to-face, online and trainer support with most of the content delivered online. An on-campus program, run every Tuesday afternoon from the SU Qld Brisbane office, complements the online materials.

There are 5 units of work each year, delivered from March to November. Each unit requires one major project assignment for assessment, as well as engagement with 5 online tutorials.

3. What does the course cost?

Full costs - The full costs of the Diploma (for someone starting from scratch with no RPL, credit or funding) are \$3000 per year for 2 years = total cost of \$6000. Monthly payment plans are available, along with payment options where LCCs or schools may contribute towards Chaplains' fees.

Apprenticeship Funding - Some Chaplains will be eligible for Govt Apprenticeship Funding. This funding may cover full or part payment of course fees.

RPL (Recognition of Prior Learning) - Gaining RPL will reduce course costs. RPL-approved units are only 60% of the standard unit price.

Individual units - Some Chaplains may be interested in doing specific units of the course, rather than the full course. Individual units will cost \$400 to \$600 per unit.

Note - The Diploma cost is set at \$6000, however the final cost to the individual may differ depending on circumstances, funding eligibility and previous training and experience for RPL or Credit Transfer.

4. I already have a qualification. What do I do?

Submit your Statement of Attainment along with an Application for Exemption Form to:
servicecentre@suqld.org.au

SU Qld will notify you whether your qualification meets SU Qld minimum requirements and whether or not you qualify for exemption.

NB: Qualifications need to be Nationally Accredited to satisfy SU Qld minimum requirements. Some non-accredited qualifications may provide evidence towards RPL.

5. I am currently studying. Do I have to do the SU Qld Diploma at the same time as my current course?

You will not be required to enrol in the SU Qld Diploma of Youth Work at the same time as another (recognised) qualification. Submit your proof of enrolment along with an Application for Exemption Form to the SU Qld Service Centre. We will notify you whether your current enrolment meets SU Qld minimum requirements and whether or not you qualify for exemption.

6. How much time will I need to dedicate to study each week?

Guidelines for hours which should be allocated for SU Qld Diploma of Youth Work requirements.

4 to 6 hours per week is the recommended minimum time a Chaplain should spend on Diploma work to achieve competency. (Times will of course vary from person to person.)

2 hours per week is the recommended time for a Chaplain to spend during his/her work time on Diploma work. Diploma work in addition to this should be in his/her own time.

An LCC is free to determine extra time on top of those two hours as suits their specific needs.

7. What if I have other questions?

Please submit queries to: servicecentre@suqld.org.au OR 07 3112 6470

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