

# LEADING THE MULTI- STAFF CHURCH

COHORT

*Graduate Certificate in Arts*

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*Are you called to lead  
a multi-staff church?*

*We can help you develop  
the critical knowledge,  
skills and character  
required for this role.*

### Graduate Certificate in Arts, with a special focus on Leading the Multi-Staff Church

This Graduate Certificate is designed as an 18 month leadership development experience both for people who are new to leading a multi-staff church and for experienced Senior Ministers who wish to sharpen their skills. 75% of the program is comprised of three core coursework units:

- / Leading the Larger Church
- / Working in a Team Ministry Setting
- / Administrative Leadership and Management for Ministry

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Church not only delivers high quality content, it also helps you process that content in the company of a cohort of leaders in similar contexts to your own, with mentoring from experienced Senior Ministers along the way.

### Mentors

One of the outstanding features of this program is the involvement of Senior Ministers of multi-staff churches from Churches of Christ around Australia.

ACOM is delighted to have this Graduate Certificate endorsed by the Churches of Christ Senior Ministers group. This group of experienced leaders are committed to 'passing the baton' to a new generation of church leaders. It was their vision that gave rise to this program.

## Application Process

Cohorts are limited in size (12-16 participants) to ensure the quality and integrity of the program.

While the intent is to draw participants from Churches of Christ, applications are warmly welcomed from ministers of all Christian denominations.

Each unit involves a 3-day intensive with your cohort and 2 Senior Ministers as facilitators / mentors.

Over the three intensives you will have contact with a number of Senior Ministers, establishing a high-quality network for your future ministry.

The remaining 25% of the program is completed by your choice of:

- / Participation in the Leadership 21\* field trip or equivalent and completion of an extended critical reflection, or
- / A research paper on a topic of particular interest to you, supervised by ACOM faculty, or
- / An additional ACOM MA course unit; either a standard unit or one specially created for you.

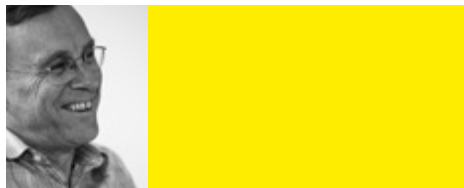
\* Leadership 21 is an initiative of Christian Projects. Candidates for this program are independantly assessed and selected.

If you wish to apply to join the next cohort contact the ACOM help desk [info@acom.edu.au](mailto:info@acom.edu.au) for more information.

## Further Studies

Students wishing to complete further study can continue into a Graduate Diploma or Master of Arts.

Contact your local Learning Support Manager for more details.



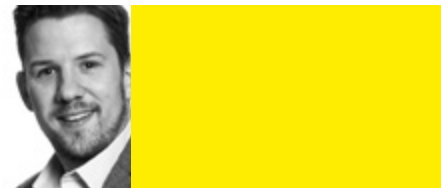
**DAVID RATTEN**  
*Senior Minister*  
*One Community Church, VIC*

This is the course of study I craved 15 years ago. Designed and delivered by Senior Ministers for Senior Ministers, I commend it to anyone who leads a church or aspires to.



**ANDREW RANUCCI**  
*Senior Pastor*  
*Coast Community Church, NSW*

This long-awaited Graduate Certificate provides the avenue to understand and develop the unique set of skills required to lead a larger multi-staffed church. A Senior Pastor's gifts, passions and depth of spirituality must be matched with practical leadership wisdom and experience if they are to succeed over the long term. This course delivers it in spades.



**SAM HADDON**  
*Senior Minister*  
*Northside Community Church, NSW*  
*(1st Cohort Participant)*

The leading the multi-staff church cohort was an essential and invaluable step for me into the Senior Leadership of a large church. The teaching from experienced practitioners, reading from wide sources and insights from classmates in similar situations, all combined to equip me with key tools to lead at the next level. If you are working in, or have a desire to operate within the multi-staff church context, this course is a must for your development as a leader.



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