

# SCD Professional Entry into Graduate Certificate in Arts (With a professional concentration)



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a) Students not possessing an undergraduate degree meeting the normal entry requirements may seek provisional admission into a Graduate Certificate in Arts (with a professional concentration) via Professional Entry.

This entry requires the student to:

- possess a minimum of 5 years relevant work experience in the **senior leadership role**, consistent with the Typical Progression Pathways outlines below or
- possess a minimum of 8 years relevant work experience in a range of leadership roles from **associate leader to senior team leader** or
- possess a minimum of 10 years relevant work experience in an **associate leader role** and be over the age of 30

All applications should be made on the Standard Admissions Form and include a current CV (with particular focus on professional activity and experience) of the student and be supported by testimonials from the applicant's professional peers, demonstrating recognition of the applicant's senior leadership capacities and responsibilities. The application is then evaluated by both the Member Institution Registrar and Academic Dean before submitting it to the SSAC, via the Academic Registrar, for approval.

If entry is approved, the student then enrolls in a single 8500 (entry) level Graduate Certificate unit – either B85XX or T85XX or another 8500 level unit if the student has completed the equivalent to those introductions – and if this unit is completed successfully at a credit level or above may be granted normal entry into the Graduate Certificate in Arts (with a professional concentration) following an interview with the Dean of Graduate Studies or the College Registrar. The unit completed is part of the student's Graduate Certificate in Arts program. The remaining three units must all be completed successfully. To progress to the MA all units must be passed and the completed Graduate Certificate in Arts must have a GPA of at least 2.0.

b) A completed MA that was entered via a professional entry Graduate Certificate is not a pathway to the MTh.

c) Students not studying full-time will normally be required to maintain some concurrent, ongoing involvement in a leadership position.

*Typical Progression Pathways:* Relevant work experience in a senior leadership role will be determined by the Student Support and Administration Committee (SSAC) of the SCD, and (subject to the above requirements) will include:

- i) Full-time church or para-church ministry in the senior leadership position.
- ii) Senior leadership experience in non-government, not-for-profit, community-based and related organisations which act to further the social and/or cultural out workings of the gospel.
- iii) Christian business people who are fulfilling positions of responsibility including team and industry leadership
- iv) Other relevant senior leadership experience consistent with, and deemed by SSAC to be equivalent to, the above

Please read the above SCD policy and should you meet the criteria request for a professional entry checklist. Submit the relevant admission documents for professional entry to the ACOM Registrar's office.

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