

Course Information Handbook

Certificate III in Discipleship (52282) Discipleship Training School

This information handbook is to be provided to students prior to confirmed enrolment and again referred to during the orientation of the course. This may be electronically or in hard copy.

The DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING SCHOOL (DTS) is a prerequisite for all other YWAM schools, and is a requirement for becoming staff anywhere in YWAM.

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING SCHOOL COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Discipleship Training School (DTS) is an intensive Christian training course encompassing 11 or 12 week lecture/teaching with about 11-12 weeks practical field assignment. The DTS is designed to encourage students in personal character development, cultivating a living relationship with God and identifying their unique individual gifts and callings in God. Cross-cultural exposure and global awareness are special emphases throughout the course, preparing the students to reach current and future generations and answer the call to "Go into all the world and disciple all nations" Matthew 28:19.

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING SCHOOL FIELD ASSIGNMENT

As a second phase of the DTS, specially organized teams are sent out typically for twelve weeks (minimum eight) of evangelism in cross-cultural situations. The emphasis is on the application of principles taught in the DTS lecture phase coupled with teaching on evangelism concepts and practices equipping students to share their faith using a variety of means. Special assignments are given during this course.

THE PURPOSE OF THE DTS IS:

1. **To GATHER and CHALLENGE** people to worship, to listen to and obey God, releasing them (in the context of the DTS) to serve through evangelism, intercession, acts of compassion and other expressions of God's heart for the world, possibly even pioneering new ministries.
2. **To INSPIRE and CULTIVATE** growth in one's relationship with God resulting in Christ like character, which is based on a solid Biblical foundation, the work of the Holy Spirit and the personal application of Biblical truth, especially concerning God's Character, the Cross and empowering Grace.
3. **To SHARPEN** one's ability to relate to, learn from and work with people, including those of different cultures, personalities and perspectives.
4. **To further EQUIP** each one to serve God's purposes either in or outside of YWAM Family of Ministries, strengthening a commitment to reach the lost, especially the unreached, to care for the poor, and to influence all areas of society.
5. **To IMPART** the vision and foundational values of Youth With A Mission International as well as that of the host operating location and to provide information regarding a variety of opportunities for service.

THE DTS AIMS TO GRADUATE STUDENTS:

- With a growing understanding of the breadth and depth of God's character and ways
- Who are becoming more like Jesus in the way they relate to God and people
- Who increasingly cooperate with the empowering presence of the indwelling Holy Spirit
- Who listen to and obey God as the result of God's enabling Grace
- Who search the Scripture in such a way that transforms beliefs, values and behaviours
- With strengthened lifestyles of worship, intercession and spiritual warfare
- With a greater ability to work with others, especially those different to themselves
- Who can share the Gospel with the lost and have a life long commitment to do so

- With a commitment to continue to be involved in some way with God's work among the nations, including unreached people, the poor and needy and in spheres of society
- Who understand the calling and values of YWAM and are aware of a variety of opportunities available to them throughout YWAM
- With a clearer understanding of God's purposes for their life and a sense of their life direction
- Who either
 1. Go on to serve God in either a context familiar or foreign to them
 2. Pursue further training (in or outside of YWAM) to equip them for further service.

DTS COURSE OUTCOMES

Encounter God

- Respond to daily life through a growing understand of God and his ways, gained through relationship with Him
- Respond to God through worship
- Respond to God through prayer
- Hear and obey God in everyday decision making
- Study the scriptures and apply them to life

Seeing all of life from God's perspective

- Respect of human life
- Recognize the equal value, unique-ness, and significance to God, of individuals, peoples and nations.
- Make responsible choices through a biblical perspective
- Integrate the biblical principles of responsible stewardship into a lifestyle
- Relate to God, self and others in a manner that reflects Biblical principles
- Identify a personal response to God's intention that all cultures and societies reflect His glory in the way people relate and work
- Intercede in prayer for individuals, peoples, nations and spheres of society.

Recognizing Jesus as Lord (God's Redemption: Sin and Cross)

- Respond with increasing faith to the person and work of Jesus.
- Respond appropriately to the reality of Satan and His strategies.
- Practice spiritual warfare
- Walk in the fear of the Lord and resist sin.

Becoming more like Jesus

- Cooperate with the work of the person and the work of indwelling of the Holy Spirit
- Relate to God as His child
- Developing Christ-like attitudes and actions
- Reflect Christ in relationships
- Participate within a group of believers in a way that benefits the group as well as those it serves.

Doing the works of Jesus

- Respond to the Biblical call from God for all believers to be active in proclaiming the gospel
- Respond to the need of peoples and nations that have little or no gospel witness
- Seek out and respond to people who do not have a relationship with Christ
- Respond to the poor and needy.
- Explore and clarify personal life direction and purpose.
- Participate in a cross-cultural missions experience in a team context.

Orientate to YWAM

- Explore the history, vision and foundation values of YWAM.
- Explore the history, purpose and function of YWAM's calling to training
- Explore the history, purpose and function of YWAM's calling to mercy ministries.
- Explore the history, purpose and function of YWAM's calling to evangelism.

DELIVERY OF TRAINING

The DTS will be delivered in a variety of ways to suit a variety of learning styles. There will be classroom lectures, guided group discussions, Bible studies and research projects, video, workshops and field training (which incorporates local and overseas ministry and outreach).

Besides lectures throughout the week, there will also be intercession and prayer, worship, morning devotions, small group discussion groups, individual mentoring times, general housekeeping responsibilities, personal studies and possibly some local outreach in the community. There will be some

free time off every week. Weekends are normally free except for some minor duties and possible local ministry. All scheduled activities are a part of the DTS training so all participants are expected to be a part of all activities.

WHO ARE THE TEACHERS?

Resident staff, local pastors and ministers and visiting lecturers from different parts of the world, will provide teaching. Training videos of reputable, international speakers are used as well. All our visiting lecturers are experienced in their field of ministry.

WHAT HAPPENS ON OUTREACH?

The outreach phase will last for 8-12 weeks and will involve teams working in Australia and also abroad. It provides a practical follow-up to the teachings given during the lecture phase, and it is an opportunity for students to experience first hand God working through them and giving them a glimpse of missions. Not everyone is called to be an evangelist, but we are all called to do the work of an evangelist, which essentially means sharing our faith with someone else. Some examples of outreach opportunities are: drama, music, church work, work with children or the elderly, literature distribution, open air and friendship evangelism, house/prayer visitation, youth work, practical helps, etc.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Assessment takes place throughout the duration of the course rather than at any one point. The Course staff will evaluate your growth in the various outcomes of the course. Some methods we use to evaluate what how you're learning include: written assignments, oral assignments, group and one-on-one discussions, demonstration of certain skills, observation of your character, etc. Further details of actual assignments will be given during orientation.

COMPLETION OF THE COURSE

At the successful completion of the course students will obtain a Certificate III in Discipleship which is a recognized qualification within Australia. You will also receive 19-24 credits towards a degree with the University of the Nations (UofN)- YWAM's international training body. Students may then go on to any other course within the IforN / UofN or may apply for a staff position with YWAM worldwide.

RESOURCES

Resources you will be required to bring yourself include a notebook and a Bible for study and assignments. We will provide you with the necessary books for book reports, access to the internet and other reference books and computer access with appropriate software for assignments. Classrooms, study rooms and equipment will vary depending on the week and topic of teaching. For example there may be use of class rooms, study rooms, data projectors and video machines, white boards, overhead projectors, teaching tools provided by the resources trainers, etc. Please speak with the Registrar for any other specific things you must bring for the course or for your living arrangements.

OTHER TRAINING LOCATIONS

The DTS is run in a number of locations around Australia and around the world. The accredited Certificate III in Discipleship (52282) is a course offered by Institute for the Nations, Australia and delivered through partnerships in most Youth With Mission centres across Australia. These courses are seen with mutual recognition, meaning if you take the course in one location, it is also recognized in another YWAM base as the same course.

COURSE EXPECTATIONS

It is expected that students will uphold the requirements of the course, including the following expectations. If any issues arise we would prefer to address them casually and relationally. Under some circumstances, it is a requirement that we notify the department of Immigration if any behaviour goes uncorrected. Students will:

- Finish with at least 11 weeks of lectures and 8 weeks of outreach
- Meet academic course requirements (including all assignments)
- Maintain Godly conduct in character and behaviour (see Code of Conduct)
- Meet attendance requirements- The DTS is a full-time, live-in course. One week is made up of up to 50 hours of activities. Full attendance is required for the completion of this course. This includes all scheduled activities during lecture phase, as well as local and overseas outreach.
- Meet at least 80% attendance
- Meet participation requirements- We expect that each student will participate in all activities, not just with their presence but by contributing to the learning experience. This includes being a part of group discussions, completing assignments, discussing what God is doing in their life with their staff, etc. This is to take full advantage of the training and the learning environment.

FEE SCHEDULE

All fees are in Australian dollars (AUD) – You will be notified of any changes to this pay schedule prior to arrival.

Fee Payment to YWAM Newcastle:		Payment due:
1. <u>Registration Fee:</u>	\$40	Upon receipt of application. Application cannot be processed without it.
2. <u>Course Enrolment Deposit:</u>	\$100	Within three weeks of receiving your Letter of Offer
3. <u>Medical Insurance Cover:</u>	\$214.50 (for 6 months)	Within three weeks of receiving your Letter of Offer <i>(not necessary for Australian, New Zealanders or Norwegians)</i>
All students studying in Australia on a student visa are required to obtain Overseas Students Health Cover (OSHC) (price current Jan 2011). Those travelling on another visa must purchase their own health insurance unless covered by the reciprocal health agreement. See www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/public/migrants/visitors/		
4. <u>Course Costs:</u>		The full course cost due on or before course commencement.
DTS – April, July, Compassion DTS Schools	\$3950	
Summer Classic & January DTS'	\$4150	
SOE & SOIYM	\$3950	
The Course cost includes the enrolment deposit and covers: Tuition Fees, Room and Board, and the Resource Fee		
5. <u>Outreach Fees:</u>	Approx. \$2500-\$4500*	Due week 6 of course after outreach locations and costs have been finalised. Students will not be permitted to go on outreach if all fees are not paid. Students are encouraged to arrive with as much of their fees as possible for outreach.
The Outreach cost will be set during the lecture phase and will fluctuate from school to school depending on outreach locations, airfares and other factors subject to change.		
This cost covers a two-month outreach that includes: airfares, accommodation, food, bus/train tickets, immunizations, any extra visas required and overseas outreach insurance.		
*Most outreaches will be on the lower end of the scale, but higher prices do occur from time to time due to increasing airfares or expensive locations.		
Students will not be able to begin their course unless they are able to make these payments. However, if you contact the school director and explain your financial situation, another payment schedule may be arranged.		
Other non-tuition costs:		
(a) Health Insurance - ALL students MUST have health insurance before arriving onto the course. YWAM's Overseas Outreach Insurance provides coverage for general health, hospitalisation and emergency return flights if necessary while on overseas outreach. You may like to have travel insurance while travelling to and from the DTS, or a more comprehensive medical policy.		
(b) Phone costs, laundry needs and personal spending money.		

Our refund policies are outlined in the Student Handbook under appeals and grievances. This agreement does not remove the right to take further action under Australia's consumer protection laws.

YWAM NEWCASTLE FACILITIES

Newcastle: The Newcastle housing and offices are based out of two properties in the Newcastle suburb, Mayfield. They are known as Lewis House, and “Youth Street” also referred to as “the warehouse”. Youth Street is our recently purchased property under development and contains all of our departments (accounts, training, creative, youth street and the director’s office) as well as our library. It is a 10-15 minute walk from Lewis House. Lewis House, our main accommodation facility, contains our bedrooms, the kitchen and dining room, computer room, lounge room, our base director’s house, and hall used for lectures, commissioning, and various other events.

Additional Costs: It is recommended that you budget between \$10 and \$15 AUD per week for additional living costs. Laundry costs \$1 per load. Additional money is also recommended for any toiletries, extra food, recreational costs (e.g. movie hire, public transport, etc), souvenirs and communication expenses.