CREDIT FOR CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION POLICY

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PLEASE NOTE

This Policy applies only to students who were admitted to an award of the University prior to 1 January 2015 and who completed a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education prior to 1 January 2015. From 1 January 2015 students may only include Clinical Pastoral Education in a course of study at the University by enrolment in either DP8273S Clinical Pastoral Education or DP9273S Clinical Pastoral Education.

1. Background

The University recognises the Association for Supervised Pastoral Education in Australia (ASPEA, www.aspea.org.au) as the guiding body for Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). The University grants credit within the discipline of Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies for two levels of ASPEA CPE accreditation:

a) Level 1; and

b) Advanced.

It is assumed that a student who has completed an Advanced unit will have completed at least one Level 1 unit.

2. Principles governing credit for CPE

2.1 Undergraduate level

a) More than 30 points of credit may be granted for CPE in Ministry programs with a duration of three full-time years

b) The Ministry Praxis submajor in the Bachelor of Ministry may be satisfied entirely by completion of two units of CPE, each attracting 30 points of credit

c) A maximum of 30 points of credit may be granted for CPE in programs of less than three years.

2.2 Postgraduate level

a) A maximum of 30 points of credit may be granted for CPE in programs with a duration of three full-time years

b) A maximum of 15 points of credit may be granted for CPE in programs of less than three years, except those with a pastoral specialisation.
3. **Specific credit provisions for CPE at the University of Divinity**

3.1 For the Bachelor of Theology, Diplomas in Ministry and Diplomas in Theology, the University grants a maximum of 30 points credit for a Level 1 unit of CPE.

3.2 For the Bachelor of Ministry the University grants 30 points credit for a Level 1 unit of CPE, plus a further 30 points for a second unit of Level 1 or Advanced CPE.

3.3 For the Master of Divinity the University grants a maximum of 30 points of credit at postgraduate elective level for a Level 1 unit of CPE.

3.4 For the Graduate Certificate in Theology (General and Specialised) the University grants a maximum of 15 points of credit for a Level 1 unit of CPE.

3.5 For the Graduate Diploma in Theology (General and Specialised) except the Graduate Diploma in Pastoral Care the University grants a maximum of 15 points of credit at postgraduate elective level for a Level 1 unit of CPE.

3.6 For the Graduate Diploma in Pastoral Care the University grants a maximum of 15 points of credit at postgraduate elective level for a Level 1 unit of CPE plus a further 15 points at postgraduate elective level for a second Level 1 or Advanced level unit of CPE.

3.7 For the Master of Arts (Research and Coursework) except the Master of Arts (Pastoral Care) the University grants a maximum of 15 points of credit at postgraduate elective level for a Level 1 unit of CPE.

3.8 For the Master of Arts (Pastoral Care) the University grants a maximum of 15 points of credit at postgraduate elective level for a Level 1 unit of CPE, plus a further 15 points at postgraduate elective level for an Advanced unit of CPE.

3.9 For the Master of Theological Studies the University grants a maximum of 15 points at postgraduate elective level for a Level 1 unit of CPE.

4. **Time limit for CPE credit**

Credit for CPE studies taken prior to enrolment in a University award is subject to a limit of five years. Applications for credit beyond this limit must be presented to the Learning and Teaching Committee for decision.