REGULATION 65  GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

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65.1  Admission and Enrolment

65.1.1  A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction if he or she:

a)  has obtained or is qualified to obtain a Bachelor degree from the University of Divinity or from a university or college recognised by the Academic Board; or

b)  has obtained a Graduate Certificate from the University of Divinity.

65.1.2  Notwithstanding any other provision in this Regulation, the Academic Board may require an applicant to demonstrate fitness for admission by carrying out such work and sitting for such examinations or meeting such other standards as the Academic Board may determine.

65.1.3  An applicant who meets the requirements of the Academic Board may be admitted as a candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction in a College of the University.

65.1.4  Every candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction must be enrolled during the period of candidature at a College of the University, and must comply with the requirements of that College and of the University. Candidates may study units offered at other Colleges of the University.

65.1.5  The Academic Board may discontinue the candidature of any person whom it deems to have made unsatisfactory progress.

65.2  Course Structure

65.2.1  The standard full-time duration of the Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction is one year. The Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction must be completed in not less than one year and not more than three years from the date on which the course is commenced, not including any approved periods of leave of absence, unless the Academic Board determines otherwise.

65.2.2  Every course of study for the Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction must consist of 90 points.

65.2.3  The Academic Board must determine course outcomes for the Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction.
65.2.4 The Academic Board must determine the number and type of units required to complete the course of study and to meet the course outcomes for the Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction.

65.2.5 No candidate for the Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction may enrol in more than 45 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board determines otherwise.

65.3 Credit

65.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 45 points towards the Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction. The Academic Board may determine specific credit arrangements for the Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction is reduced accordingly.

65.4 Award

65.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction, the Academic Board may recommend that the award be made to the candidate. A candidate to whom such an award has been made is entitled to use the letters ‘GDSD’ as a suffix to his or her name.
65.2 Course Structure

65.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes

The Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction provides formation for the ministry of spiritual direction. Students explore the dynamics of Christian spirituality through reflection on their personal experience and integration of this with insights from the literature. Graduates are equipped for the ministry of spiritual direction in the particular tradition.

Graduates of the Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction:

1. have knowledge of the history, theory, content and dynamics of the Christian spirituality;
2. have knowledge of the art of spiritual direction, including the necessary dispositions of the spiritual director and key skills required;
3. apply skills of spiritual direction under supervision;
4. apply skills of spiritual direction within a range of contexts including retreats.

65.2.4 The Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Direction consists of 90 points comprised of one of the following programs:

65.2.4.1 Program 1: Wellspring

Candidates must complete the units:

a) DS9201W Art of Contemplative Practice
b) DD8202W Art of Spiritual Direction I
c) DD8203W Art of Spiritual Direction II
d) A further 15 points.

65.2.4.2 Program 2: Ignatian

Candidates must complete the units:

a) Either DS8051J/DS8059J My Experience of the Spiritual Exercises or DS9061J/DS9069J Relational Psychodynamics
b) DD8221J/DD8229J Spiritual Exercises: Theory 1
c) DD8231J/DD8239J Spiritual Exercises: Theory 2
d) DD8241J Spiritual Exercises: Practice A
e) DD8251J Spiritual Exercises: Practice B
f) A further 15 points of elective study

65.2.4.3 Program 3: Siloam

Candidates must complete the units:

a) Either DD8701Y: Religious Experience and the Christian Spiritual Tradition I (Full-time) or DD8711Y: Religious Experience and the Christian Spiritual Tradition I (Part-time)

b) Either DD8703Y: Personal Awareness and Human Development I (Full-time) or DD8713Y: Personal Awareness and Human Development I (Part-time)

c) Either DD8705Y: Spiritual Direction Practicum I (Full-time) or DD8715Y: Spiritual Direction Practicum I (Part-time)

The three units above must be completed concurrently.

d) Either DD8702Y: Religious Experience and the Christian Spiritual Tradition II (Full-time) or DD8712Y: Religious Experience and the Christian Spiritual Tradition II (Part-time)

e) Either DD8704Y: Personal Awareness and Human Development II (Full-time) or DD8714Y: Personal Awareness and Human Development II (Part-time)

f) Either DD8706Y: Spiritual Direction Practicum II (Full-time) or DD8716Y: Spiritual Direction Practicum I (Part-time)

The three units above must be completed concurrently.

65.3 Credit

65.3.1 General provisions relating to credit are determined by the Academic Board in accordance with Regulation 2.