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Leadership & Church Planting

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Welcome

Welcome to our Church Planting Leadership program! It's our desire that this course doesn't just give you knowledge, but changes the trajectory of your life forever!

The Holy Spirit has given Futures Church a vision and a mission to plant 200 campuses, train up 10,000 leaders, and see 100,000 souls won to Christ.

In order for this to be achieved, we have created a 'runway' for future generations of believers, leaders, and campus planters to be able to be a part of planting campuses, with the knowledge gained from those that have gone before them. It is imperative that the path forward be clear, can be repeated with confidence, rapidity, and yet flexible enough to adapt to diverse cultures and circumstances.

This runway combines the blueprint that the Holy Spirit gave to us with on the ground experience garnered from planting, acquiring, and adopting campuses over the last 20 years. It answers the questions of where, who, when, and how and outlines a Biblical, Apostolic roadmap to assure that the right people are given the right training and the right resource to fulfill this commission.

YOU are those people! Now strap in for an adventure in purpose, and let God's Word speak to you and change you!

Much love,

Ps Ashley and Jane

Course overview

The Futures College Church Planting Leadership program is designed for marketplace professionals, emerging church planters, and ministry leaders who want to grow in both their practical leadership capacity and depth of understanding in God's Word.

This course goes beyond academic knowledge—it's a transformational experience that equips students to lead with clarity, conviction, and character. Whether you're serving in a church or leading in business, the program emphasises real-world application, hands-on ministry training, and leadership development that prepares you to influence your environment with biblical wisdom and strategic insight.

Through a dynamic blend of theological courses, leadership teaching, and ministry placements, students will gain the tools to lead effectively, multiply impact, and build for the future.

This groundbreaking course has been thoughtfully crafted and enthusiastically endorsed by our Global Senior Pastors, Ps Ashley and Jane Evans. Every element has been intentionally designed to identify, equip, and release passionate leaders and pioneers who feel divinely called to expand the Church and spread the life-changing message of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

Study at Your Own Pace

The Church Planting Leadership awards are designed as a 1-year full-time course for the Diploma or a 2-year full-time course for the Associate Degree. However, you have the flexibility to study at your own pace and complete it part-time over up to 4 years. Full-time study involves 8 subjects per year. Each semester includes weekly lectures delivered in person, which are also available online, along with 2 separate intensives offered throughout the year. The ministry experience components of the course will be coordinated with your assigned ministry mentor.

Alphacrucis University College

Futures College is an accredited third-party provider of Alphacrucis University College, a leading Christian higher education institution in Australia. While all course content is taught and delivered entirely by Futures College, Alphacrucis ensures that academic standards, assessment quality, and curriculum requirements are met according to national higher education regulations. Graduates of our programs receive their qualification directly from Alphacrucis College.

There are different ways to study with us at Futures College

Each study option is based on The Diploma of Church Planting and can be completed either full-time or part-time. See below for details.

1. Diploma of Church Planting Leadership

The Diploma of Church Planting Leadership offers a comprehensive and immersive learning experience that empowers you to grow significantly in both your leadership skills and your understanding of Scripture. Through an intentionally designed curriculum, you will engage in practical, hands-on training combined with in-depth study of key areas such as theology, ministry practice, and leadership principles. This subject is created to equip you not only with solid biblical knowledge but also with the real-world tools and insights needed to effectively start, lead, and nurture new faith communities. Whether you are preparing for full-time ministry, want to grow in your personal leadership, or gain a greater biblical understanding, the Diploma will challenge and inspire you to lead with clarity and purpose.

2. Associate Degree of Church Planting Leadership

For those who want to go further, the Associate Degree takes everything you built in the Diploma and takes it deeper. This two-year program is designed for leaders who sense that God has more for them – more understanding, more capacity, more impact. Year 1 establishes your foundation through the Diploma subjects. Year 2 builds on that foundation with an advanced set of subjects focused on pastoral leadership, church strategy, organisational health, and ministry in the modern world. Together, the two years form a complete and powerful training pathway that doesn't just prepare you for ministry – it prepares you for the specific calling God has placed on your life. You'll move beyond the essentials into the deeper waters of pastoral care, strategic leadership, financial stewardship, and leading a church that multiplies – all while continuing to be shaped spiritually and

personally in the same hands-on, real-world environment that defines the Futures College experience.

3. Audit Stream (Non-Accredited)

The Audit Stream allows you to attend the same lectures and access the same online content as Academic Stream students, without completing assignments or receiving a formal award. It is ideal for ministry leaders, volunteers, or anyone pursuing personal and spiritual growth. Offered at a significantly reduced fee. The Audit Stream is available for both a 1 year or 2 year stream.

4. Study with an Internship

Studying The Diploma of Church Planting with an Internship provides additional ministry experience and personal mentoring at Futures Church. As an intern, you will engage in real-life ministry opportunities under the supervision of a designated supervisor as well as attend Futures staff meetings, pastoral masterclasses and intern retreats. You will also have access to a spiritual mentor who will provide opportunities to reflect on your personal and spiritual growth. In short, Internship provides an immersive experience in the life and ministry of Futures Church.

Please Note: The internship is available as an optional add-on to either the Academic or Audit Stream. It is a 1-year commitment of approximately 15 hours per week. Application and interview is required for internship positions.

Course & Subjects at a Glance

The Church Planting Leadership award offers a powerful blend of deep theological foundations and practical, experience-based teaching on church planting essentials. For both our Diploma and Associate Degree awards there are 8 carefully crafted subjects each year including 7 core subjects plus 1 specialised elective that aligns with your unique calling and interests.

This course is built around 4 transformative pillars:

1. **Strong Biblical Foundations** featuring two cornerstone subjects: Applied Theology and New Testament & the Birth of the Church. Applied Theology nurtures your personal theological understanding, while our New Testament exploration takes you

deep into the origins of the Early Church.

2. **Leadership Development** through two dynamic subjects: Personal Leadership and Building High Performing Teams. These courses cultivate your leadership potential while equipping you to guide others effectively.
3. **Church Planting Focus** with specialised subjects: Church Planting Philosophy and Church Planting Strategy.
4. **Practical Ministry Training** through interest-led subjects including Professional Practice, Church Planting Execution, Kids Ministry, Worship Ministry, and Youth Ministry.

Diploma Core Subjects (or First Year of Associate Degree)

Applied Theology - *Taught by Futures Church Campus Pastors*

Explore the universal core doctrines of Christian faith through a transformative lens. This subject equips you with foundational understanding of essential beliefs—including the Trinity, Sin, Salvation, Baptism, Heaven, and Christ's Second Coming—all presented within today's context. While rooted in rich theological tradition, this subject delivers content in a way that will revolutionise your relationship with God. Discover practical approaches to timeless theology and uncover spiritual insights you may never have realised existed.

Lecture topics include:

- Hermeneutics
- Christology
- Holy Spirit
- Salvation

New Testament Survey & The Birth of the Church - *Taught by Futures Church Campus Pastors*

Experience Scripture as the living, life-giving foundation it was meant to be! This dynamic subject doesn't just teach the Bible—it imparts vision for the future of the Church through God's Word. Journey through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and explore the formative writings of the early church. Unlike traditional New Testament surveys, we'll linger in

the book of Acts, examining themes of church governance and church planting through the powerful lens of the fivefold ministry gifts. This journey will illuminate the purpose, content, and message of each New Testament book, with special attention to historical and cultural contexts—revealing how this diverse collection of texts presents a remarkably unified and coherent message.

Lecture topics include:

- Introduction to the Gospels and life of Jesus
- The Global Mission and the Inclusion of the Gentiles
- Paul's Missionary Journeys
- The Pastoral Epistles

Personal Leadership - *Taught by Ps Jane Evans, Ps Sjhana Greenwood, and Futures Church Campus Pastors*

Strong communities thrive with strong leaders, but strong leadership teams flourish when the leader is strong. This transformative subject examines the individual leader, helping you discover who God has uniquely created you to be. Through thoughtful self-assessment, you'll develop powerful systems and structures, deepen your understanding of Biblical leadership principles, and build a foundation that will propel you further and higher in your leadership journey. You'll gain profound insights into how biblical and theological principles shape a leader's character. Exploring self-awareness and emotional intelligence, you'll discover how disciplined personal practices enhance both your effectiveness and impact as a leader.

Lecture topics include:

- Principles to lead your life
- Effective and potent prayer
- How to hear God's voice
- Organising self

Church Growth Strategies 1 - *Taught by Ps Ashley Evans*

Most leaders build churches through addition — one person, one service, one campus at a time. But what if there's a better way? Church Growth Strategies 1 introduces the biblical and theological foundations of multiplication thinking, challenging the limits of addition-based

leadership and equipping you to see what becomes possible when multiplication becomes your model. You'll explore how multiplication principles apply to leadership development, team building, and creating environments where new churches don't just grow — they reproduce.

Lecture topics include:

- Biblical and theological foundations of church multiplication
- The limitations of addition-based leadership and common growth ceilings
- Applying multiplication principles to team building and leadership development
- Building environments that cultivate and release new church expressions

Christian Living Fundamentals - *Taught by Ps Ashley Evans*

How you understand grace shapes everything about how you live and lead. Christian Living Fundamentals explores the biblical foundations of grace, identity, and the finished work of Christ — and contrasts these with the performance-based approaches that quietly undermine so many ministry leaders. Through study and reflection, you'll discover how your beliefs about who you are before God directly shape your capacity to lead well, love freely, and build a ministry culture that is both healthy and sustainable.

Lecture topics include:

- The biblical foundations of grace and the finished work of Christ
- Grace vs. performance: diagnosing your ministry culture
- Identity, acceptance, and how they shape your leadership
- Building sustainable, grace-centred ministry environments

Church Planting - Philosophy - *Taught by Ps Ashley Evans*

This transformative subject begins and ends with the essence of The Church—one of God's most profound gifts to humanity for reaching the lost and transforming lives. Just as Jesus Christ demonstrated His passionate love for the Church by sacrificing His life, this subject will guide you in developing an unshakable devotion to His Bride that will sustain you for a lifetime of ministry. Explore God's profound purpose for creating the Church and discover your personal connection to His mission. Uncover God's passionate desire for churches to form the spiritual heart of every community. This journey will reveal the faith required, the costs involved, the divine timing of planting, and the entrepreneurial mindset essential for breakthrough success.

Lecture topics include:

- The Bride and the Body
- Nourishing The Church
- Building through the gifts of the church
- Faith to plant beyond the ordinary

Professional Practice - *Taught by Futures Church Campus Pastors*

Ready to bridge classroom learning with real-world experience? Professional Practice makes this connection possible! This unique subject combines academic exploration of your Major Specialisation with hands-on placement opportunities. For Church Planting specializations, you'll typically serve at a newly planted church or under a pastor with extensive church planting experience. This immersive opportunity provides high-level leadership exposure, on-the-job discipleship, and organic conversations that deepen your understanding of the church planting journey. Working alongside an experienced mentor, you'll complete a 100-hour placement throughout the semester, with flexible formats to match your calling. For example, if Youth Leadership captures your heart, you could dedicate 8 weekly hours at your local church's youth department.

Lecture topics include:

- The joy of personal administration
- Conflict resolution
- Mentoring and discipling
- Managing relationships

Associate Degree Core Subjects (Second Year of Associate Degree)

Building High Performing Teams - *Taught by Ps Ashley Evans, Ps Russell Evans (Senior Pastor - Planetshakers Church), Ps Josh Greenwood & Futures Church Campus Pastors*

The leadership journey begins with leading yourself, but its ultimate purpose is leading others. This dynamic subject guides you through proven leadership principles from a Biblical perspective under the Holy Spirit's guidance. As you embrace your identity as a leader—recognising we are all born to lead—you'll master the art of finding, developing, and releasing future leaders, creating a continuous cycle of leadership that sustains thriving ministries.

Rather than focusing on theoretical concepts, this subject provides hands-on opportunities to identify and cultivate your God-given leadership abilities through experiential learning that transforms theory into practice.

Lecture topics include:

- The Power of Teams
- Developing Kingdom Leaders for Global Impact
- God's Team Design
- Conflict, Confrontation and Resolution

Church Planting - Strategy - *Taught by Ps Ashley Evans & Futures Church Campus Pastors*

Dive into the strategic preparation required for each phase of the church planting journey. This practical course equips you with both the spiritual insights and tactical knowledge needed to establish either a remote-site campus or a stand-alone church, while understanding the demands placed on your church planting team. From surveying potential locations to creating comprehensive inventory lists, you'll master both the spiritual discernment and practical requirements essential for successful church planting.

Lecture topics include:

- The Mindset of a Planter
- The Stages of Church Planting
- Creating Champion Culture
- Develop and Disciple Your Team

Pastoral Care Practice - *Taught by Ps Jane Evans*

The heart of ministry is people – and caring for them well is one of the most important skills a church leader can develop. Pastoral Care Practice grounds you in both the theology and the practice of pastoral care, equipping you to walk alongside the people God has entrusted to you through loss, conflict, crisis, or spiritual struggle.

Lecture topics include:

- The biblical basis and theology of pastoral ministry
- Practical frameworks for walking with people through life's challenges
- Caring for people in crisis, grief, conflict, and spiritual struggle
- Building a culture of pastoral care across your entire church

Pastoral Administration and Management (Finance: God's Business) - Taught by Ps

Ashley and Jane Evans

Leading a church means leading an organisation – and healthy churches are led by people who understand their numbers. This practical subject equips you with the financial literacy and governance skills needed to run a thriving ministry. From reading budgets and P&L statements to navigating board meetings and AGM reporting, this subject gives you the confidence to steward God's resources with clarity, accountability, and vision.

Lecture topics include:

- Reading and managing church budgets and P&L statements
- Understanding local and global ministry finance
- Planning and managing large-scale ministry projects
- Board meetings, AGM reporting, and governance best practice
- Building a culture of financial accountability and generosity

Church Growth Strategies 2 - Taught by Ps Ashley Evans

Building on the multiplication foundations of Year 1, this advanced subject moves from mindset to strategy. You'll examine biblical, theological, and organisational models of multiplication, learn to identify leadership bottlenecks and structural ceilings, and develop the systemic thinking needed to lead a multiplying movement.

Lecture topics include:

- Biblical and organisational models of multiplication
- Diagnosing leadership bottlenecks and structural growth ceilings
- Designing leadership development systems for sustainable multiplication
- Succession planning and governance for long-term movement health

Leadership in the Age of Intelligence - Taught by Ps Ashley and Jane Evans

The world your church exists in is changing faster than ever. This subject is divided into two halves: the first six weeks focus on artificial intelligence (how AI tools work, how to use them in ministry, and how to view AI through a Biblical worldview), and the second six weeks explore innovative leadership – equipping you to lead adaptively and keep your church growing in a rapidly shifting world.

Lecture topics include:

- Understanding AI: how it works and what it means for the church
- Practical AI tools for ministry: communication, admin, content, and discipleship
- Thinking Christianly about technology and digital culture
- Innovative leadership: leading through change and uncertainty
- Identifying emerging opportunities and leading your church into the future

Elective Subjects

Elective subjects are tailored to your specific calling and interests. If you're drawn to church planting in a lead pastor role, Church Planting Execution provides the perfect foundation. There is also a preaching elective for those wanting to grow in their gift of communication. Alternatively, choose from three specialized ministry subjects—Kids Ministry, Worship Ministry, or Youth Ministry—each designed to equip you for leadership in that specific area within a church plant.

Church Planting - Execution - *Taught by Ps Josh Greenwood & Futures Church Campus Pastors*

This hands-on subject equips you with the essential skills and resources to launch a church and sustain momentum through your first critical year of ministry. You'll develop a strategic mindset guided by the Holy Spirit's discernment, gaining practical tools to confidently navigate each divinely-opened door of opportunity. Explore the art of message creation and effective communication—discovering your God-given message and how to share it powerfully in today's noisy world. Master project management fundamentals within a ministry context, enabling your church plant to thrive in its new environment. With execution as the central focus, you'll receive practical tools and comprehensive checklists to ensure every aspect of the planting process is confidently addressed.

Lecture topics include:

- The first year of the plant
- Pastoral Care
- Setting Culture
- Assimilation

Kids Ministry - *Taught by Futures Church Kids Pastors & Ps Andy Kirk (National ACC Kids Director)*

This dynamic course transforms you into a confident children's ministry leader through real-world examples and ready-to-use content. Develop the skills to create engaging kids' environments, provide compassionate pastoral care for children and families, and implement a comprehensive vision and curriculum that sets children on a lifelong journey of faith and dependence on God.

Lecture topics include:

- Curriculum Development
- Team recruitment and training
- Discipleship and Faith Formation
- Vision, Alignment and Direction

Worship Ministry - *Taught by Ps Chloe Evans & Ps Ryan Rolls (Futures Music)*

Experience a powerful blend of theological foundations and practical skills, emphasizing contemporary worship approaches while maintaining biblical authenticity. With worship as the central theme, you'll master the practical skills needed to both lead the musical elements of a worship service and guide the team members involved:

- Production and tech - Mastering the technical elements that create a seamless Sunday experience
- Department roles and knowledge - Identifying and developing the right people to build a thriving worship ministry
- Spiritual and Biblical teaching - Gaining deeper insights into worship's essence and discerning your congregation's worship needs

Lecture topics include:

- Modern worship in contemporary church culture
- Service planning

- Launch strategy
- Foundations of Biblical Worship

Youth Ministry - *Taught by Nation Leading Youth Alive Directors*

The adolescent years are characterised by rapid growth, demanding schedules, developmental challenges, future-shaping decisions, and unparalleled excitement. Many churches struggle to establish thriving youth ministries that both attract and disciple young people effectively. This transformative subject provides a comprehensive perspective and cutting-edge insights into proven strategies that not only draw youth to your ministry but equip you with powerful tools to nurture their faith in Jesus Christ.

Lecture topics include:

- Pastoral Care in a Youth Context
- Developing Youth Leadership Teams
- Understanding the Holy Spirit's Role in Youth Ministry
- Executing a Youth Ministry Program

Internship

The Futures Church internship program offers a life-changing journey for Christians of any age seeking deeper faith and practical ministry skills. This two-day-per-week immersive experience combines hands-on ministry work, theological education, and personal mentorship—creating a complete pathway for emerging church leaders.

Internship includes our in-person study option plus extraordinary exposure to real-world ministry situations. Interns serve across diverse ministry departments—from worship and youth to pastoral care and children's ministry—discovering their unique spiritual gifts while gaining invaluable experience. Weekly teaching and coaching sessions with our pastoral team provide biblical foundations, while one-on-one mentoring ensures personalised guidance for your spiritual formation. Internship fosters a supportive community where interns grow together through shared experiences, group prayer, community building, and collective reflection. Participants consistently report profound spiritual transformation, enhanced leadership capabilities, and clearer vocational direction upon completion.

This isn't just about learning church operations—it's about transformation from the inside out. You'll be challenged to apply your faith practically, develop Christ-centered character, and embrace your calling with confidence.

Fees & Support

Diploma of Church Planting Leadership

8 subjects (7 core + 1 elective)

\$800 per subject

Total: approx. \$6,000

Associate Degree of Church Planting Leadership

TBC

Audit Stream (non-assessed)

8 subjects available

\$200 per subject

Total: \$1,400

Internship (Optional)

Available alongside Diploma, Associate Degree or Audit Stream

Internship Fee: \$1200 (in addition to your course fees)

Withdrawal from College

If for any reason, you need to withdraw from the Diploma of Church Planting, this must be completed before the Census Date through Alphacrucis College.

If you have received, or are receiving support payments from Centrelink, you need to let Centrelink know of the date that you withdrew.

Refund of fees

Student fees - Please refer to Alphacrucis College refund policy.

Internship fees - Futures College will provide a pro-rata refund for withdrawals made before the census date.

No refunds will be provided for withdrawals after the census date.

Weekly Schedule

All lectures, as well as any components that are a key part of studying with an internship take place on a Tuesday. Each week follows a consistent structure, as shown below:

Study-Only

6:30 PM	Lecture 1
7:30PM	Lecture 2
8:30 PM	Lecture 3
9:30 PM	Finish

With an Internship

11:00 AM	Staff Meeting/Pastoral Masterclass
1:30 PM	Intern Workshops
6:30 PM	Lecture 1
7:30 PM	Lecture 2
8:30 PM	Lecture 3
9:30 PM	Finish

Note: Students enrolled in the Internship should plan for two days of ministry involvement each week. One day takes place on-site every Monday, as outlined above. The second day is flexible and arranged directly with the department in which the student is interning (e.g., Youth, Kids, Creative). This day will involve hands-on ministry experience and may vary based on the rhythms and needs of that specific ministry team.

Intensives

Each year, we offer three three-day intensives designed to help you complete subjects in a focused, immersive environment. The first intensive takes place before Semester 1 begins, and the second runs at the beginning of second semester. The final intensive is at the end of second semester. Each intensive covers the full content of one subject, providing a dynamic and engaging way to progress through your studies.

Student Support

We want your study experience to be as fruitful and rewarding as possible and as such we provide the following student support in addition to the support mechanisms provided by Alphacrucis College.

Ministry Experience Mentor

All students will participate in ministry experience as part of the course. Those enrolled in an Internship will be assigned a Ministry Experience Mentor by the College, while study-only students are encouraged to nominate their own mentor. Mentors will meet with you weekly to guide, supervise, and support you through your ministry involvement.

Academic Tutor

Futures College provides an Academic Tutor to support you with the academic aspects of your study. This resource is available to help you navigate assignments, study skills, and course content. We encourage you to book appointments as needed to make the most of this support.

Spiritual Mentor

Internship students will be assigned a Spiritual Mentor by Futures College to support their spiritual growth throughout the year. We encourage regular catch-ups to reflect on your development and overall journey. Study-only students are also welcome to speak with College staff about the possibility of arranging a Spiritual Mentor for additional support.

Futures College Staff

In addition to the support roles outlined above, students are welcome to reach out to Futures College Staff if they have concerns or require further guidance. While staff are not always immediately available, they are committed to supporting you and will do their best to respond when appropriate.



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