



Greenhouse Internships 2021 Information Pack



TRAINING + EQUIPPING CENTRE

OFFERING COURSES AS AN EXTERNAL LEARNING HUB OF CMC

GREENHOUSE INTERNSHIPS

Greenhouse Internships are for anyone wanting a blend of academic and practical training in ministry, based right here in the Illawarra! This ten month course is a unique opportunity to grow in leadership, professional and ministry skills that can be beneficial in many different spheres of life beyond your time in the internship. The Greenhouse facilitates study support amongst a community of other learners while you gain ministry experience in your local church. We're in this to support and encourage you to see you thrive within your calling, blessing your church and community in the way only you can!

A key requirement of the GH Internship is that successful applicants are required to also be enrolled in the Diploma of Ministry or Graduate Diploma of Ministry course delivered by Citipointe Ministry College. Students will complete this diploma with the support of the staff and students at the Greenhouse and CMC and will also gain over 200 hours of practical ministry and leadership experience with coaching and support from mentors. This internship involves full time, higher education study, as well as practical hours – it's a big commitment and it's not for everyone. This is for people who are willing to do the hard, fun, messy and fulfilling work of real-life ministry while they stir up the gifting of God on their life.

This is also a chance to be part of a great community! As our internship starts up, we will be gathering a great group of people with a passion for ministry. We will grow together, encourage each other and challenge one another. We're creating a community of people who love to laugh, drink coffee (or tea!) and have fun together.

We're not looking for people to make photocopies. We're looking for people to make a difference. Think that might be you? Read on...

PARTNERING WITH THE LOCAL CHURCH

Our heart is to partner with local churches across the Illawarra to raise up leaders. Many young people with a heart for ministry in our area have had to choose between moving away for study, or studying online alone which can be very difficult and not as effective. The Greenhouse offers a third option! Students can base their learning and ministry practice in their local church while still having access to study support, a classroom setting and a great community of people to learn with. We offer the opportunity for students to study with us and intern with their own church. We are very excited about partnering with local churches to raise up leaders and facilitate great ministry experience for the interns. We look forward to talking more with church leaders and pastors about how we can support any students from their congregation who chose to study with us.

STUDY

Study just like a college student, right here in the Illawarra.

A key component of a GH internship is study through Citipointe Ministry College. Students will complete a 10 month Diploma of Ministry which is equivalent to the first year of a bachelor's degree. Not only does this give you a formal qualification that can be used practically or launch you into further study, it greatly bolsters your learning through your internship, grounding your experience in the Word of God and great teaching on ministry. The Diploma of Ministry includes a great blend of Bible study, theology and practical training.

All lectures and assessments will be provided online by CMC and tutorials will be run through the Greenhouse.

Several CMC assessments require you to undertake practical ministry experience, meaning the time you invest in your internship is not only great experience and doesn't just help you grow, it also contributes to your qualification. The staff at the Greenhouse will offer support and encouragement as you study to help you succeed.

The study component of the internship is mostly online. This means interns will need to have computer and internet access to be able to study effectively.



ABOUT CITIPOINTE MINISTRY COLLEGE



Citipointe Ministry College (CMC) is one of Brisbane and Australia's leading bible colleges. Citipointe Ministry College has a long history of preparing people to influence their world for good and for God. Since 1978 over 4,000 people have graduated with awards from our College. CMC combines a dedication to Christian truth with a passion for Spirit-life and a commitment to academic excellence. CMC students are consistently found in positions of influence making a difference.

Citipointe Ministry College is a ministry of Citipointe Church and operates as the School of Ministries of Christian Heritage College. Their Diploma, Bachelor, Graduate Diploma and Master programs are accredited with Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA), and are awards of Christian Heritage College, which are recognised nationally and internationally.

All of their courses have a strong focus on ministry, not just theology. In all they teach, the primary focus is on ministry application. Their desire is to produce effective Christian workers and leaders to fulfil the call of God that is upon their lives.

For more information check CMC out at: <http://citipointechurch.com/cmc> <https://www.facebook.com/citipointeministrycollege/>

Citipointe Ministry College Entry Requirements

In order to enroll in a Diploma of Ministry, students must have completed Year 12 or equivalent. There are also personal suitability requirements, based on your sense of calling to ministry and your character. Suitability for the internship program will be determined upon application by both the Greenhouse, your church and Christian Heritage College/ Citipointe Ministry College.

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UNITS OF STUDY

SEMESTER ONE

- Biblical Interpretation and Application
- Biblical Studies in the New Testament
- Spiritual Transformation
- Communication for Ministry

SEMESTER TWO

- Biblical Studies in the Old Testament
- Theology of Ministry
- Introduction to Ministry Practice
- Leadership for Life and Ministry

For more information on course subjects head to <https://www.chc.edu.au/courses/ministries/diploma-of-ministry/>

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

Ministry involves an INCREDIBLY diverse set of roles which means you should have the chance to try out a bunch of different things during your internship! We will partner with your church to facilitate ministry training for you. Below is a description of some of the things interns at Shellharbour Community Church have completed, which might give you an idea of what you could be involved in at your church. We aim to make sure most of your work will be based on your specific giftings and interests. When you enroll we want to help you identify a couple of key interest areas within ministry, so we can allocate the right work to you. These could be...

Youth ministry

Kids ministry

Worship ministry

Administration

Production & media

Community (foodcare, bookstore, cityserve)

Pastoral & discipleship

Some specific projects our interns completed last year included:

- Launching, gathering a team for and leading an Alpha course
- Starting a connect group to teach biblical interpretation
- Doing discipleship training with our youth leaders
- Implementing a youth follow up process
- Setting up our new multimedia computer with our whole library of songs
- Writing cards to each member of the church to let them know we were praying for them during COVID
- Doing pastoral care calls to elderly church members
- Sharing communion in our church service
- Handing out gift packs to local small businesses to let them know we were praying for them during COVID
- Planning Friday nights at youth
- And lots more!

There's always more work to do for the Kingdom of God and your support will help the Body of Christ reach, help and love more people than we ever could without you.

THE GREENHOUSE SHELLHARBOUR

STUDY SCHEDULE



The internship program will involve one day on site at the Greenhouse and one day in your local church. Mondays at the Greenhouse will be focused on tutorials and teaching and the other will be focused on practical ministry work. The second day will be worked out with your local church. For interns at Shellharbour Community Church this will be Tuesdays. This is an example of what the schedule might be like...

Monday – Study Day

9:00am – Chapel with an Intern getting to share a message
9:30am - Church History Teaching and a short break
10:00am – Tutorial for Subject One
11:00am – Coffee Break
11:15am – Tutorial for Subject Two
12:15pm – Lunch Break
1:00pm – Tutorial for Subject Three
2:00pm – Afternoon Tea Break
2:15pm – Tutorial for Subject Four
3:30pm – End of Day

Day Two – Practical Day

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9:00am – Arrive for the day and start practical ministry work
10:30am – Communications Meeting with Staff
12:00pm – Lunch
12:30pm – Practical Ministry Work
3:30pm – End of Day

This day is very flexible and can be modified or shortened based on your serving hours at other times.

THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK

The study component of the Internship is university level, meaning it requires significant time commitment OUTSIDE of the hours spent on site. It is a full time study load.

Throughout the rest of the week, students will need to make time to:

- Listen to or Watch Online Lectures

These lectures are 2 to 2.5 hours per unit per week. Some people are able to listen to the lectures podcast style while they drive, do dishes, workout etc. but this depends on you and your learning style. It is important that you are taking the content in. For visual learners, the lectures are available in video form. There are study notes provided which you can refer to, or read to broaden your understanding. Some interns may plan to meet together before study days to watch the class videos together.

- Read Textbooks

Each subject will have one or two required reading books. These books will be useful for assessments and will form the basis for some of our discussion in tutorials.



- Complete Assessments

Most subjects have two or three assessments which have to be completed over the semester. These assessments require careful research, writing and editing. Many of them also require practical experience, which will be easy for you as an intern! Our Greenhouse staff will be available for study support, as well as the staff at CMC which you will be able to access online. You will have access to WIFI and our small library of reference books while onsite at the Greenhouse. There are no exams in this course, only written assessments.

WHAT WILL 'TUTORIALS' LOOK LIKE?

Tutorials are a chance to gather and discuss the content of the lectures and apply it to our own ministry context. These one hour group sessions will be your chance to ask questions, bounce ideas off fellow students and wrestle with the tough issues of ministry. We will also discuss the text book readings, talk about assessments and cheer one another on as we study hard together!

COST

Enrolling in the GH Internship costs \$200 per semester which needs to be paid by the beginning of each semester. This is an investment which gives you access to tutorials, facilities, resources (including study resources), activities and amenities such as tea and coffee.

Students will also be able to apply for Austudy or Youth Allowance. Eligible students will be able to receive support from the Government to study in this program.

For more information on Austudy go to <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/austudy>

For more information on Youth Allowance go to <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/youth-allowance>

The Diploma of Ministry is accredited Higher Education Diploma, meaning eligible Australian and New Zealand students are able to access Fee Help from the Government. This will give you access to a low interest student loan without having to pay anything up front to CMC. For more information on Fee Help go to <https://www.studyassist.gov.au/help-loans/fee-help>

There is also an application fee through the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Center of \$182 which you will need to pay to apply for the Diploma or Graduate Diploma with Citipointe Ministry College.

You will also need to buy textbooks for each class. We will have the textbooks onsite at the Greenhouse, but if you wish to read at home, which will make life much easier for you, we recommend purchasing them yourself. There are lots of online options for buying textbooks cheaper and we will help you source them at the start of the semester.





DATES



The internship will run from February to November. Final dates to be advised at the beginning of the year. Between these dates, the timetable will line up with the school terms, and interns will have school holidays off.

Each semester contains 13 weeks of content from CMC, plus an orientation week and a ministry development week.



GOT SOME QUESTIONS?

Are Part Time Internships Available?

Yes, we offer part time internship to people who wish to enroll in less than four subjects for the semester. Please get in touch with the Greenhouse organisers to discuss this option further. We would love to chat about how we can make this option work for you!

Am I able to start my internship mid-year?

Yes! The second semester starts in July each year. Please let us know if you are interested in this option.

Will I be offered a job at the end of my internship?

Interns are not automatically offered a job at the end of their internship. However, the internship may open doors for leadership, ministry and employment opportunities.

Got another question?

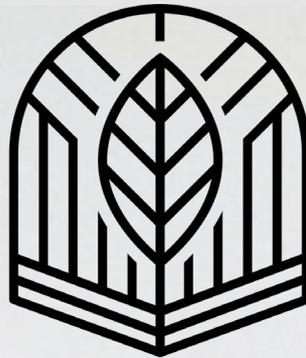
You can call us at 4297 3549 or email us at thegreenhouse@shellharbourcc.org.au. We would love to talk!

NEXT STEPS

Sound like a GH Internship is right for you? We would love to hear from you! Fill out and hand in an expression of interest form at the info counter or shoot us an email. Let us know your name, your current level of education and the area of ministry you would like to intern in. We will get back to you soon with more information!

Email us at thegreenhouse@shellharbourcc.org.au

Please get your expression of interest to us by Sunday the 8th of November 2020.



THE GREENHOUSE

