

Study Pathways at Eastwest College for the NZ Diploma in Intercultural Studies Levels 5 & 6

Strategic purpose: The purpose of our Diploma in Intercultural Studies programmes is to provide churches and Christian agencies with people who are able to deliver Christian ministry programmes in the cross-cultural settings both in New Zealand and overseas in not-for-profit organisations. The programmes are intended to give a broad understanding of Christian Theology, the Christian Bible from cross-cultural perspectives and intercultural skills in the following areas: language learning, cultural anthropology, pastoral care, leadership, interpersonal skills or communication and competencies.

Entry requirements: Students enrolling in these diploma programmes would be expected to have a personal Christian faith that will enable them to engage in a real way with the spiritual dimensions of the course contents. Overseas students who are non-native speakers of English are required to have IELTS 5.5 (Academic) or NZCEL Level 4 (Academic) English or their internationally recognised equivalents.

Education pathway: The NZ Diploma in Intercultural Studies (Level 5) programme leads to the NZ Diploma in Intercultural Studies (Level 6) and/or cross-credits towards undergraduate degrees in Theology or Christian Ministries. The NZ Diploma in Intercultural Studies (Level 6) leads to cross credits towards undergraduate degrees in Theology or Christian Ministries.

Employment pathway: Graduates in these programmes would be appropriately employed in a variety of occupations in church leadership and not-for-profit organisations in salaried or volunteer capacity, in faith communities and all types of cross-cultural Christian ministry settings both in New Zealand and overseas. Since 2006, over 70% of the graduates of Eastwest College have entered cross-cultural Christian ministry in over 44 different countries.

Students who already hold professional qualifications, accreditations, training and skills of all kinds will be at an advantage in their employment pathways. These two programmes provide training which will equip graduates to use their professional skills and aptitudes, and thus enhance their work, in cross-cultural Christian ministry settings.