TransFormation

A great opportunity to spend time in serious learning and share fellowship with like-minded people as you seek to follow Christ and serve in Churches in Australia’s multicultural society. The TransFormation program provides training for Church leaders from all denominations of non-English speaking backgrounds. It combines study, spiritual growth, worship and community experience which are essential in the formation of Christian leaders. It is designed to help people overcome the obstacles of time, money and language that have previously prevented them from attending existing courses of college study.

We welcome your questions and enquiries.

Enrolments for TransFormation Saturday program and the Diploma of Theology will be conducted on the first session, 27 February 2016. First year students will need to bring a letter of endorsement from your church. Please confirm your interest in enrolling in 2016 via email to the Coordinator (rmallaby@whitley.unimelb.edu.au) or by phone to the college. Diploma students will also need proof of Citizenship, Tax File Number and other ID so please contact the coordinator before the first session to discuss your plans for study at Diploma level.

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What is the TransFormation program?

The TransFormation program involves:
Sessions on 10 Saturdays per year for 3 years at Whitley College. Sessions run from 9.30am – 4.00pm.
The program is taught in English but allows time for questions and sharing in your own language groups where possible. The program is open to women and men from a non-English speaking background, from all denominations, who have their Church’s support and encouragement.

The TransFormation program has a variety of assessment tasks and includes study in the following areas: Theology, Spiritual Growth, Old Testament, New Testament, Evangelism & Mission, Church History, Worship & Preaching, Baptist Principles & Practice, Pastoral Care, Church Leadership & Administration.

TransFormation 2016 will be offered on the following Saturdays:
27 Feb, 19 March, 16 April, 14 May, 4 June, 23 July, 20 Aug, 10 Sep, 8 Oct and 5 Nov.

9.30 Gather to share stories over coffee and tea
9.45 Worship
10.00 Morning Session (3 hours)
1.00 Lunch (provided)
2.00 Afternoon Session (2 hours)
4.00 End of teaching sessions

Sessions will include time for lots of questions with the opportunity for discussion and sharing ideas and talking through issues. Each Saturday a sponsoring church provides an authentic meal from their tradition. There are breaks for tea and coffee which offer opportunities to meet with people and share your common story of Faith and effective church mission.

Bring also a Bible, along with pen and paper for taking notes.

Costs

The TransFormation program costs for 2016 are $360 per person. We encourage your church to help you pay for your fees. You can apply for scholarships that may be available for all or part of these fees. If you require financial assistance, you need to apply for this in your application form.

Pathway and Further study

Some TransFormation students choose to enrol part-time in the Diploma of Theology offered by the University of Divinity. Saturday sessions provide the lecture material, and with extra readings and tutorials, students are graded on essays and other submitted assessments. Several successful Diploma students have continued their studies to complete Bachelor and Masters degrees in Theology. Further information is available on fees, Fee-Help eligibility and the structure of the course.

If you are interested in the Diploma please contact the Coordinator, Richard Mallaby on rmallaby@whitley.unimelb.edu.au for information on eligibility and what to bring to enrol at the first session.

Ordination

The program provides an alternative pathway for those seeking Ordination and Accreditation by the Baptist Union of Victoria. There are additional steps that will be necessary for those wanting to do this.