



Global Disciples Melbourne

a Pioneers Discipleship Training Community



Missional discipleship training
for a life of loyal faith, loving
ministry, and compassionate
and courageous mission.

"I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another."

Romans 15:14

Growth & Formation

Global Disciples Melbourne (GDM), infused with Pioneers core values and DNA, brings together a number of elements that will contribute to your growth and formation as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Our prayer is to see you grow in goodness, knowledge and competent skills and abilities (Rom 15:14). These foundations will establish you well for God's calling on your life to be Christ-like in all your current and future spheres of life and influence, with a particular focus on preparing you for long term cross-cultural ministry on a multicultural team, either globally or here in Australia.

Our Training Model

includes four specific focuses integrated in three learning spaces:

Experience God - you will grow in your relationship with the Father, Son and Spirit through conversation with him and by engaging in spiritual practices individually and in community, grounding your wellbeing in him. You will need to put your faith in God into practice as you are stretched, challenged and refined.

Use the Bible - you will grow in Bible knowledge that we trust the Holy Spirit will use to transform your hearts and characters to be more Christlike, in holiness, humility, grace and truth.

Engage with Culture - you will participate in both a learning community and an outreach ministry. These communities will be ideally multicultural, allowing you to interact and grow with others from different cultures.

Relate to People - you will grow in your relational skills through participating in both the learning community and the outreach ministry. You will also participate in a mentoring relationship to help integrate discipleship growth through reflection and prayer.

Cross-cultural Ministry

Victoria and Melbourne are now home to many nations, languages and unreached people groups. Melbourne needs Jesus. Victoria needs Jesus. Pioneers has committed to partnering with the local church in reaching out to the diversity that is here in our city and State. You will join in this effort as you are trained and serve with a Pioneers team, or other church based outreach, in a cross-cultural diaspora context. Ideally, you will engage in Melbourne with your long term focus people group and begin to understand what is involved in reaching out to them.

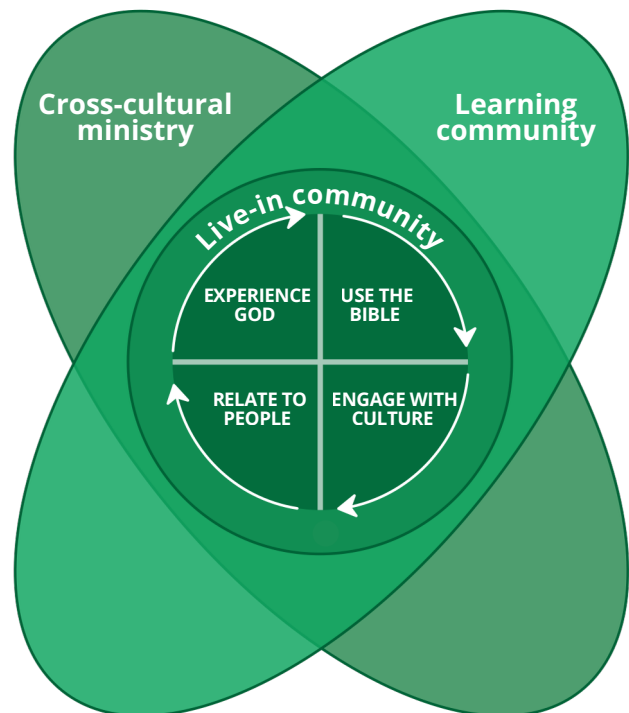
Our GDM Values

Spiritual & Character Formation, Intercultural Koinonia, Integrated Learning & Hands-On Mission, Discipleship Mentoring, Globally Accessible & Multilingual, Reproducible & Contextually Expressed.

Our Mission:

While we welcome applications from anyone on a discipleship journey with a heart to learn and serve, our specific mission aligns with that of a Pioneers Discipleship Training Community (see <https://pioneersdtdc.org>)

To grow and release well-formed disciple-makers into the global Pioneers family through hands-on mission and mentoring, within life-on-life, intercultural teams.



(Hibbert, Training Ms, 2016, adapted)

Learning Community

GDM incorporates a formal vocational qualification - delivered by Silas Training in partnership with Vocational Bible College RTO 41496. The following units of study will provide a solid biblical foundation for your life and ministry formation. Participants may choose between four different cohort lengths.

GDM3: 12 week cohort, 3 units (only available to overseas students on a tourist visa)

GDM4: 4 month cohort - semester 1, 4 units

GDM9: 9 month cohort - semester 1 & 2, 9 units

GDM4+: 4 month cohort - semester 1, 4 months online - semester 2, 9 units

All cohorts commence in mid February each year.

Semester 1

God's Story

While the Bible is made up of many books and letters, it holds themes that run right through which are very important to understanding God and His purposes for the world. This Unit traces the most important theme of salvation through the Old Testament and New Testament, while also exploring other important themes. This unit will help you begin to form a solid biblical theology.

(Text - Vaughan Roberts, *God's Big Picture*) NAT11237001 Apply knowledge of the Bible

Discipleship (A) - Spiritual Formation

Remaining in Christ is central to the life of a disciple. Reflection is given to personal Christian formation which considers and applies the spiritual practices of a faithful disciple, with a focus on emotional wellbeing and identity formation in Christ in a digital world.

(Text - Adele A Calhoun, *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook*) NAT11237008 Use Christian spiritual practices to support own personal development

Engaging with Scripture

Practical skills in how to use and interpret the Bible are acquired in this unit, including topics - where the Bible came from, the context and setting of the Bible, and how we apply it to today's cultures. A focus of this unit will be the study of the book of Philippians and the Psalms. You will learn how to prepare an effective Bible study.

(Text - Duvall & Hays, *Journey into God's Word*) NAT11237002 Interpret biblical texts

Culture and Teams (A & B)

Through selected readings from the book of Acts, this unit helps students to identify and develop skills for learning about and working with people from other cultures. We consider the idea of Cultural Intelligence. We also discover what is involved in being a great team member working on a multicultural team.

(Texts - David A Livermore, *Cultural Intelligence: Improving your CQ to engage our multicultural world* & Duane Elmer, *Cross-Cultural Connections*) NAT11237004 Discuss a topic from a Christian perspective & MSMSUP106 Work in a team

Mid-Year Mission Trip: During the mid-year break in July participants will be encouraged to join Pioneers Orientation Week and / or visit a Pioneers team in Australia or head overseas on a short term trip or visit a Pioneers team on a survey trip.

Semester 2

Discipleship (B) - Discipling Others

Our most important call is to follow Jesus. This unit helps you to apply the teachings of Jesus to life and ministry through a study of the Gospel of Mark. Students will also consider what is involved in discipling another disciple and begin to put that in to practice.

(Text - Mark Dever, *Discipling: How to help others follow Jesus*, Ajith Fernando, *Discipling in a Multicultural World*, Hibbert, *Walking Together on the Jesus Road*) NAT11238014 Lead a process of Christian Discipleship

Knowing God

This unit introduces participants to the foundational beliefs of the Christian faith and to systematic theology. Topics include, God, Creation, the Trinity, the person and work of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Church and the Spiritual world.

(Text - Various readings) NAT11237003 Develop and apply knowledge of key Christian beliefs

Mission & Evangelism

This unit will help you grow in skills of sharing God's story and our story both in our context and cross-culturally. Different tools will be practiced, including a consideration of the 3D gospel - Guilt/Innocence, Honour/Shame, Fear/Power. Expect to have divine conversations with others as God works through us. This class will grow your confidence, compassion and courage.

(Texts - Sam Chan, *Evangelism in a Sceptical World*, and *Lausanne.org*) NAT11237006 Explain Christian beliefs to a non-Christian audience

Small Groups & Family

The important role of singles, families and small groups in growing healthy churches and community as an expression of loving one another will be explored and practised. We will also consider multiplying small groups with the use of Discovery Bible Studies (DBS).

(Text - Colin Marshall, *Growth Groups*) NAT11237010 Plan and lead ministry activities



Team Leader Stephen has served with Pioneers for over 20 years. He will lead a team that will walk with you in your GDM experience. He says: "I long to see healthy churches in Melbourne, Victoria and the world display the glory of the gospel of Jesus Christ in compelling ways. We are looking for disciples who share and wish to grow in this vision. Join us for some of your training journey. We'd love to be a part of what God is preparing you for."

11237NAT Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology

Silas Training, in partnership with Vocational Bible College RTO 41496, will deliver this nationally accredited 11237NAT Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology which is embedded into the GDM. Approved GDM applicants will also sign up as VBC students.

- 3 core units, 6 electives (pre-set)
- No exams or long essays!
- Recognition of prior learning (RPL) will be considered.
- Speak with us about potential integration with a Higher Ed course.

Entry Requirements

- No formal entry requirements.
- A pre-training interview will take place as part of the application process.
- Overseas students - English language at IELTS general 5.5 overall or equivalent (some exemptions may apply)

Course Length

- When taken as the GDM9 option it is considered as a one year full-time equivalent program. GDM4 students will only complete half of the qualification and will be issued with a list of units completed. A GDM4 student may complete the qualification online real time as a GDM4+ student.
- A typical week will allow some time for part-time language studies and/or part-time work.
- Participants may take this course without the full GDM experience as either full time, part-time, day and/or evening students.

Fees

We operate with a dynamic fee structure, which takes into consideration the context you are coming from. Fees will be confirmed during the application process.

- Additional costs for optional mission experiences and survey trips.
- Australian students may be eligible for Youth Allowance or Austudy.
- Payment plans available.

Outcomes and Pathways

Training suitable for disciples, small group leaders, youth group leaders, evangelists, elders, deacons, particularly in discipling and small group ministry.

- Employment in church, para-church and mission contexts
- Join a church planting team in a traditional or micro-church context and see a church begin!
- Continue your training at MST, Ridley, RTC, PTC, SMBC or other AUT colleges (<https://aut.edu.au>), receiving 4 units of credit for this accredited training into courses such as the Bachelor of Ministry or Bachelor of Theology

11238NAT Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology

GDM participants may continue their training with the 11238NAT Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology, which will include further Bible and practical training in missional discipleship, with a focus on growing leadership skills, church planting, preaching, pastoral care, work and business as mission, and engaging with world religions.

Live-in Community - Accommodation

- GDM3 & GDM4 are a live-in community experience, at the wonderful facilities at Wycliffe, Kangaroo Ground - to be confirmed. (See <https://wycliffe.org.au>)
- GDM9 begins with the GDM4 live-in community, but then allows participants the option to move to their church planting context for Semester 2
- GDM4+ allows for Semester 2 online real-time option, from anywhere in the world.

HOW TO APPLY

To express your interest or find out more information visit:

<https://pioneersdtdc.org> or
email gdm@pioneersdtdc.org



"The starting point for any Christian leader is discipleship."

- James Lawrence, Growing Leaders, 2004, 2016