



**YOUTH WITH A MISSION**

**INSTITUTE FOR THE  
NATIONS - AUSTRALIA  
PERTH CAMPUS**

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**Information for  
International Students**

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Welcome to this opportunity to get to know more about the training courses and services offered by Youth With A Mission (YWAM), Perth to international students.

YWAM was established in Perth in 1985 and since that time has gained a reputation for the quality of its graduates. Many are now involved in, or leading, missions and church ministries in various parts of the world. In 1999 we became a Registered Training Organisation with the Training Accreditation Council of Western Australia, an Australian government training recognition authority.

At YWAM Perth we can assist you to be equipped for ministry in Christian missions and your chosen field of operation by imparting skills and knowledge that will help fulfil your individual calling. There are numerous opportunities for participating in missions both within YWAM and with other organisations almost anywhere in the world. Our courses are widely accepted as excellent preparation for such a challenging and diverse vocation.

YWAM is committed to knowing God and making Him known. All our courses are aimed at equipping Christians to play a significant role in the fulfilment of Jesus' instruction in Mark 16:15 to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

At present most of the courses offered at YWAM Perth are accredited and recognised under the Australian Recognition Framework which is a joint government and industry initiative to ensure the quality and recognition of vocational training across Australia. YWAM in Australia, including Perth, are currently in the process of submitting our other existing courses for accreditation.

The following information is for international students and will provide you with details about YWAM Perth, its services, courses, admission requirements and application procedures.

# Training At Youth With A Mission, Perth

## Nationally Recognised Training

At present YWAM Perth offers nineteen courses which are recognised through the Australian Qualifications Framework. They are the:

- Advanced Community Counselling School (Diploma of Christian Counselling Ministry)
- Art Evangelist School (Certificate IV in Art Evangelism)
- Basic Leadership School (Diploma in Christian Missions Leadership)
- Bible School for the Nations (Certificate IV in Cross-Cultural Bible Training)
- Christian Missions School (Certificate IV in Christian Missions)
- English For Missions (Certificate II in English for Missions)
- English For Missions (Certificate IV in English for Missions)
- Discipleship Training School (Certificate III in Discipleship)
- Foundations for Counselling Ministry (Certificate IV in Christian Counselling)
- Foundations in Community Development School (Certificate IV in Community Development Ministry)
- Introduction to Primary Health Care (Certificate IV in Primary Health Care Missions [In developing nations])
- School of Biblical Studies Core Course (Certificate IV in Christian Ministry – Biblical Studies)
- School of Evangelism (Certificate IV in Evangelism)
- School of Frontier Media (Certificate IV in Frontier Media)
- School of Frontier Missions (Certificate IV in Frontier Missions)
- School of Worship (Certificate IV in Worship)
- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages - TESOL (six-week seminar), (Certificate IV in Teaching English To Speaking of Other Languages)
- Teaching English To Speakers of Other Languages – Internship (six-week intern.)
- Youth Ministry Training School (Certificate IV in Child and Youth Ministry)

If you are reading this information you have already shown interest in one of these courses and will be receiving details regarding that specific course.

International students accepted for these courses are eligible for student visas under the conditions explained in this information.

YWAM Perth also conducts several other courses which are currently in the process of being submitted for accreditation. They are the:

- Birth Attendant School
- Doctors Reaching School
- Transformation School

We are also regularly introducing new courses.

## **Australian Education System**

Australia has an education system that is highly valued and considered amongst the best in the world. Over 70,000 students per annum currently study in Australian tertiary institutions. Entry procedures for overseas students are relatively simple. The education system is based on the British model which consists of different levels of awards such as certificates, diplomas, advanced diplomas, Bachelor degrees and higher degrees. In recent years there has been a significant increase in demand for vocational education and training (VET) around the world. Development and restructuring of industries are creating a demand for new and different skills. Vocational education providers give a practical emphasis to the courses they conduct, giving participants a particular advantage when it comes to application of their training. All VET courses are designed in close cooperation with the industries that will employ their graduates. Many vocational educators are employed in the industry about which they teach, bringing current expertise to the classroom.

YWAM internationally has always modelled this style of education with the emphasis on practical application rather than simply theory. Their experience in the field of missions has enabled them to develop specific training programmes which cater to the challenges of working in missions. YWAM Perth has been instrumental in developing a number of courses and also offers courses that were originally developed elsewhere in YWAM in response to training needs emerging from missions experience.

## **Competency Based Training**

Ever since its formation Youth With A Mission has adopted an educational model which focuses on training toward competence in specific tasks rather than training to deliver specified content. The desired learning outcomes become the guidelines for choosing curriculum and content. Assessment of all aspects of a student's achievement and competency reflect that model.

Assessment is undertaken continuously and consists of a range of approaches that are relevant to the learning outcomes sought. For instance, assessment may be a combination of written assignments coupled with a demonstration of skills and knowledge in a practical setting. Observation of the student's application of learning in field work is an essential element of assessment.

As these training programmes are preparing trainees for future involvement in Christian missions, an equally important component of both training and assessment is demonstration of appropriate Christian character.

## **The Live-Learn Process**

Intensive educational programmes based upon cooperation and sharing among the participants and immediate field application encourage accelerated development of the whole person and preparation for a life of service.

The live-learn concept means establishing community for the purposes of learning. Following Jesus' example and others from the Bible and throughout history, we work to establish a community of common values and learn together. We believe that learning takes place best in the context of relationships. The strong emphasis placed on relationships between students and staff and on small groups and student activities provides a secure atmosphere that optimizes the learning experience.

The 'classroom' becomes a lot more than the place where students sit down and take notes. Practical workshops and interaction; working together on a project; small group activities; communal worship, prayer, meals and social activities. Students find themselves learning from staff in the classroom, in the streets, in the kitchen, in the workshops and in many other situations that promote learning and personal development.

It is a community learning experience based on the scriptural principle of a body of believers who are one in spirit and working together as a team toward the same objectives. Teamwork implies a sharing of resources, ideas, talents and a working together in unity. The great variety of course related activities provide a rich medium for deep relationships.

Students live in accommodation arranged and supervised by Youth With A Mission. Staff also shares similar accommodation during the classroom phase and usually the same accommodation during the field assignment phase. Living and learning together provides staff with unique opportunities for assessing students in terms of achievement, character and attendance.

### **Character and behavioural development**

The Institute for the Nations believes that the development of Christian character is an integral part of our training and a central ongoing goal of our courses. Consequently, we expect that the conduct of students will be in keeping with Biblical standards. Any verified moral violation (including but not limited to sexual immorality, lying, dishonesty, theft, substance abuse, physical abuse or sexual abuse) will be considered grounds for disciplinary action including probation and possible dismissal from a course or training programme.

The same behavioural standards apply to all staff.

In the case of unacceptable behaviour we base our response on that expressed by Jesus in Matthew 18:15-17. The heart of this process is to bring a person into a place where they address their behaviour and remain in fellowship with the body. We are committed to working with students to develop Christian character and behaviour. However, repeated breaches or more serious breaches (as outlined above) may result in result in the student being dismissed from their course.

Where medical or mental health issues, and resultant behavioural difficulties, may be interfering with a student's ability to continue in their studies professional advice will be sought before any decision is taken regarding deferral or dismissal. The student offered any help with this issue that is within the capacity of I for N Perth staff and also referred to professional help where relevant.

In the case of overseas students, dismissal from your course may affect your student visa. Any refunds given will follow the standard course refund policies.

*Note:* Unacceptable Behaviour is determined by the course and/or base leader.

# The Application Process

Enclosed with this information is an application form, reference forms, etc and instructions for completing these forms. These must be returned to us along with proof of English proficiency (unless enrolling in the English For Missions course) and an AUS\$30 application fee.

This information provides the basis for selection of students. Should we require any more information we will contact you.

After scrutiny of your application you will be informed of either your acceptance for the course or reasons for non-acceptance. Should you be accepted you will be sent an 'Offer of Place.' The Australian Immigration Authorities require certain nationals to go through a 'pre-visa approval' process (see the section on Information Regarding Student Visas which can be found towards the end of this document). If this is the case we will also provide you with a letter of invitation to assist you with this.

Once you have your 'pre-visa approval' or if you are from a nation that is not required to go through this process, we will send you an 'Acceptance of Place' form. Your next step will then be to sign the 'Acceptance of Place' form and return it to us to indicate that you have contracted to attend the course and agree to the conditions stated.

It is also a requirement of the course that you send us a \$100 per person non-refundable enrolment deposit. This money is required to ensure that you have a place on the course and is a deposit that will be taken off your total course fee. (You may choose to pay the entire school fee instead of a deposit).

Under the Australian Government International Education Policy, we are unable to issue a 'Confirmation of Enrolment' until such time as the enrolment deposit and Overseas Student Health Cover has been paid.

It is also a condition of your student visa that you have Overseas Student Health Cover with an Australian health insurance company. The Australian Government has designated Medibank Private as the supplier of this health cover. Your confirmation of enrolment form must include confirmation of this cover, so you need to send the fee for this at the same time as you return your *Acceptance of Place* and enrolment deposit.

The current schedule of fees for Overseas Student Health Cover are (this is subject to change):

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| • Three months    | AU\$107.25 (student only) | AU\$214.50 (student and family) |
| • Seven months    | \$250.25                  | \$500.50                        |
| • Ten months      | \$357.50                  | \$715.00                        |
| • Thirteen months | \$436.87                  | \$873.73                        |

Further information about the Overseas Student Health Cover is available from the Medibank website on:

<http://www.medibank.com.au/productandservices/overseas/students/intro.asp>

Once we have received your 'Acceptance of Place', \$100 enrolment fee and health cover fee we will send you the 'Confirmation of Enrolment'. This confirmation is the document necessary to get your student visa. The visa process is further explained below.

We will be available for advice at all stages of this process.

## **Student Selection Procedures**

Applicants to the school must supply the following information as per the application form:

- educational background
- employment history
- evidence of English proficiency
- personal statement relevant to the particular course
- additional evidence of their capabilities, depending on the course requirements
- references as specified in the application forms

Following receipt of the above, the information will be reviewed and prayed over by qualified staff in reference to your readiness for training (sufficient prior experience, education and/or English proficiency) and suitability for the missions field for which the course prepares people. In addition the staff will be seeking a sense of where God may be leading you in relation to this specific training course or program. It is important both for you as a student and for us as a training location to be in agreement concerning God's leading for you for this course.

## **Fee Payment and Refund Policy**

Fees for courses vary and are detailed in the course information. The timetable of payments for each six month course is as follows:

- upon receipt of application - AUS\$30 application fee (non-refundable)
- upon receipt of 'Acceptance of Place' form - AUS\$100 enrolment deposit and Overseas Student Health Cover fee.
- balance of fees for the classroom phase must be paid by the end of week one of the course
- full fees for the field work (outreach) phase must be paid before the commencement of that phase.

By accepting an offer of a place at Youth With A Mission Perth, a student is entering into an agreement that is stipulated in the Letter of Offer and Acceptance of Place. Payment of tuition fees in full or in part indicates that such an agreement exists between the student and the school. Should circumstances change after receiving an offer, fees will only be refunded in accordance with the refund policy below.

1. Prior to commencement of the course.

- Where the course is cancelled the school will refund the fees in full.

- When the Australian government authorities refuse to grant a visa, the school will refund all fees paid less the application fee. The letter of refusal document must be sent to the school and must provide proof of refusal by the Australian government. Only originals will be accepted.
- Where the school receives written notice of withdrawal 28 days or more prior to the commencement date of the course, the school will refund all fees paid less the application fee.
- Where the school receives written notice of withdrawal less than 28 days prior to commencement date of the course, the school will refund all fees paid less the \$30 non-refundable application fee and \$100 enrolment deposit.

## 2. After commencement of a six-month course.

- When the student withdraws from the course during week one, the school will refund 90% of the total classroom phase fees, including accommodation - less \$100 administrative expenses.
- When the student withdraws from the course during week two, the school will refund 60% of the total classroom phase fees, including accommodation - less \$100 administrative expenses.
- When the student withdraws from the course during the third or fourth week, the school will refund 30% of the total classroom phase fees, including accommodation - less \$100 administrative expenses.
- When the student withdraws from the course after the end of the fourth week no refund will be given.

## 3. Field Assignment Phase – second phase of a six month course.

Final costs of the field assignment phase will be announced during the classroom phase and must be paid before commencement of the field assignment.

Field assignment costs are non-refundable except under special circumstances (ill health, etc.) where the amount refunded will be determined according to the circumstance.

NOTE: Students enrolling in further courses or packages comprising more than one course (e.g. Diploma in Christian Ministry) – the fee payment schedule and refund policy applies to each individual course.

Refunds will be paid to the person who originally paid the course fees. This agreement does not remove the student's right to take further action under Australia's consumer laws.

## **Living Expenses**

Accommodation is provided as part of the fees. This includes all meals and total accommodation costs with the exception of telephone and personal toiletries.

You will have a bed during lecture phase, but you will need your own bedding (pillows, sheets, blankets, duva/quilt etc) as none will be provided. Please bring this with you unless you prefer to buy it when you get to Perth. There will be a lot of times on outreach where you may not have a bed and will be sleeping on the ground, you may

therefore want to bring a sleeping bag and suitable air mattress/mat/therma-rest with you, though these can also be readily purchased in Perth. Below is an approximate price list:

Pillow:	\$20+	Sheets:	\$25+
Pillow case:	\$15+	Blanket or doona:	\$50+
Sleeping bag:	\$60+	Air mattress:	\$50+

**Other:** (These can all be purchased easily in Perth)

- Knife, fork, spoon and tea-towel (for use in your accommodation and on outreach)
- Toiletries, Towel & face washer (wash cloth), Laundry detergent
- Stationery & Bible for lectures
- Plastic cup, plate & bowl (for outreach)
- Torch (flashlight)
- Sunscreen & hat (important protection against skin cancer since the UV rays are very intense here in the summer)

Please contact us to talk about specific arrangements.

### **Living Conditions in Perth**

Perth is a beautiful city situated on the western coast of Australia along the banks of the Swan River. Known widely for its openness, cleanliness and welcoming heart for visitors, it is a growing destination for many tourists. YWAM Perth is located close to the city. Nearby parks, gardens and pleasant walks along the river can be found. Short train trips take you to Fremantle and any one of a number of fantastic beaches.

Students live in residences within walking distance of our premises. Meals are taken as a community at our main premises. The needs of larger families are assessed on an individual basis and suitable accommodation is arranged.

The base provides a bed for you but you will need to bring your own pillow, sheets, and blankets. In summer, you may only need a sheet but it does get cold at night and so blankets or equivalent are necessary.

Storage space is limited both on the base and in the flats. We are unable to provide storage for bulkier items outside of your flat. There is a space allocated for bikes at the base but it is not undercover. Some staff chain their bikes up outside their flats which provides undercover storage for them.

With regards to clothing and personal items, please bring whatever articles of clothing, etc. that you like; **bear in mind that storage is limited and you will also need to be able to carry everything with you when you do your field placement.**

**There is no storage space on base for your things while you are on outreach.** You will have some space under your bed, 2-3 shelves in a cupboard and a small amount of wardrobe space. Toiletry items can not be kept in the bathroom.

Power points in Australia operate at 240 Watts and plugs have 2-3 prongs.

The weather in Perth gets very hot in summer (35-40°C) and so many have on fans to help during the hot nights.

## Information Regarding Student Visas

### Visa Application Process

You need to think about the likelihood of obtaining a student visa and the procedures you will need to follow to obtain a student visa. The Australian diplomatic mission in your home country can give you up to date information on detailed procedures and on the associated 'Country Assessment Level' for your home nation. This 'assessment level' (which has been allocated by the Australian Immigration Authorities) determines how you should go about applying for a student visa.

**Once you are accepted to the school, we will give you full instructions on how to go about applying for your visa.** All international students must obtain an '*Application for a student (temporary) visa*' (form 157A). You can also get form 1160i '*Applying for a student visa*', which gives you further information.

Whilst you are legally permitted to work up to 20 hours per week whilst studying, the school does not guarantee or acquire work on your behalf and that the course schedule limits time available for work.

### Students from Assessment Level 1 & 2 Countries

We will guide you through the process of paying your enrolment fee and overseas student health cover (compulsory health insurance for your student visa). We will also require you to sign an 'Acceptance of Place form'. Once we have these, we will send you a '*Confirmation of Enrolment*' which you will need to include with your student visa application form. The Australian diplomatic mission will notify you of any further requirements – for example they may require you to have an x-ray and medical.

It can take anywhere from 2 to 4 or more weeks to get your visa.

### Students from Assessment Level 3, 4 and 5 Countries

People from countries with assessment levels 3 or higher have been identified as being at risk of over-staying their visas. Not necessarily you personally but many who have entered Australia from such countries in the past. Thus stricter rules are used to assess their visa applications. Applicants must demonstrate that they are genuine students, can support themselves and have reasons to return home after their studies.

If you are from an assessment level 3 (or higher) country you will need to submit your completed form 157A at the Australian diplomatic mission for a *Preliminary Visa Assessment* before accepting the Offer of Place at YWAM Perth and before paying any course fees. Usually an English test is required. See our website FAQ section for details on the IELTS test. Once you successfully pass the test and send it to the Australian High Commission, they will issue a *Pre-Visa Approval*. After receipt of the *Pre-visa Approval* from the Australian diplomatic mission we are then able to complete your enrolment, sending you an official 'Acceptance of Place' form and arranging for payment of your enrolment deposit and student health cover (mandatory for your student visa). We will then send you a 'Confirmation of Enrolment' which you will need to complete your student visa application.

This entire process will take several months. The final visa application itself may take six to eight weeks to process. In order to allow for this we recommend that you send your completed application and references a minimum of six months prior to the commencement date of the course. This also means having your finances secured well ahead of time in order to provide adequate proof when applying for *Pre-visa Approval*. Student visa costs should be obtained from the Australian Government website: <http://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/Sia/en/Home.htm>

## **English Proficiency**

All courses at Youth With A Mission, Perth, are conducted in English. International students for whom English is not their first language will need to be proficient in English to a level sufficient to participate in tertiary education. In addition the Australian Immigration Authorities require people from specific nations to pass the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test at 5.5 or higher in order to get a student visa to study one of our courses or IELTS score 4.5 to study our English for Missions course (please see below).

With your application form you may need to supply documentary proof of English proficiency in the following areas:

- comprehension and expression of spoken English
- comprehension and expression of written English

Acceptable forms of documentary proof may be any one of the following:

- Test Of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) test
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS) test

Youth With A Mission, Perth, offers a programme of English language training for those interested in doing training here in Perth and who do not have a sufficient standard of English to participate in a course.

This course is a full English language program for speakers of other languages. In addition the course offers specific training in terminology commonly used in missions work or in missions training programs. Hence it's title, "English For Missions".

This course is offered either as a preliminary to training with Youth With A Mission, Perth, or to students wishing to work in missions or train at other locations.

## **Deferment of study by a student**

Once a student has begun a course, they may only defer their course involvement on compassionate or compelling circumstances. In such cases the student may only complete any uncompleted course study and requirements at a time after the schedule of the original course. Due to the intensity of the programme of Institute for the Nations courses, it is not possible (or permissible) to make up any missed weeks/units whilst also completing other weeks/units of the course.

When a student applies for a deferment, they will be informed of the above. They will also be informed that deferment of their course may affect their student visa.

Once a deferment has been agreed it will be recorded on the student's record and Institute for the Nations Perth will inform the Secretary of DEST via PRISMS.

## **Recognition of Prior Learning**

Recognition of prior learning is a means by which we can acknowledge previous learning or experience that may be relevant to some of the specific learning outcomes of your course. It would be necessary to show evidence of these and their relevance to the course. Those who have RPL in a particular area are asked to contribute to the team dynamic and help to maximise the learning experience of the whole training group. The granting of RPL is at the discretion of the school leader.

## **Assessment of Course Progress**

Satisfactory student progress toward attainment of competency is a requirement for continuation of a student visa.

Courses of the Institute for the Nations – Australia, Perth Campus, usually consist of two or more 12 week phases. The exception to this is the two-year internship program, the Certificate IV in Christian Missions Leadership (Basic Leadership School). Evaluation of progress in this course will occur at the end of each three month period.

Staff will monitor your progress on a continuous basis and help you to reach the goals for each phase/period. You will also be evaluated at the end of each phase to ensure you have attained at least 50% of the requirements for that phase.

If a student demonstrates unsatisfactory course progress in two consecutive phase (or three month periods), this could lead to being reported to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) and their student visa being cancelled, subject to appeals procedures.

## **Schooling for Children of International Students**

Dependent children of international students (entering Australia on student visas), other than dependents of post-graduate international students undertaking a Masters or Doctorate at one of the five recognised Universities, may attend a government school. They may also enrol in a non-government school which has been registered to admit the dependents of international students. Annual fees range from \$4000 for primary education up to \$5,800 for secondary education; both subject to principals' approval and availability of space in the school..

### **Change of Address**

If a student withdraws, defers or is dismissed from a course and leaves the student accommodation that has been provided but stays in Australia, that student must inform I for N Perth of their new address.

### **Shared Information**

If there is any suspected breach of your visa conditions, I for N Perth is obliged to share relevant information with the Australian government and it's designated authorities and, if relevant, our Tuition Assurance Scheme and the ESOS Assurance Fund Manager.

Such information may include:

- Personal and contact details
- Course enrolment details and changes

A copy of the *DEST-DIAC Course Progress Policy and Procedures* is available on the web at [http://aei.dest.gov.au/AEI/ESOS/QuickInfo/DIAC\\_Course\\_pdf.htm](http://aei.dest.gov.au/AEI/ESOS/QuickInfo/DIAC_Course_pdf.htm) . A copy will also be provided for you on commencement of your course, or on request.

The Institute for the Nations is registered with education authorities and complies with national education standards, the Australian Quality Training Framework. In regard to international students we also meet the government guidelines expressed in the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act. An easy guide to the ESOS framework can be found at:

[http://aei.gov.au/AEI/ESOS/EasyGuide\\_ESOS.htm](http://aei.gov.au/AEI/ESOS/EasyGuide_ESOS.htm)

# Code of Practice

The Code of Practice outlines some important aspects of training with YWAM Perth including the support and commitment we make to you as a student. You can view the Code of Practice on our website at [www.ywamperth.org.au](http://www.ywamperth.org.au).

Go to the home page and click on “Training” and then click on “Code of Practice.”

If you don't have access to the internet you can request a copy of the Code of Practice and we will mail one to you.

**Information provided by the student may be available to Commonwealth and State agencies and the fund manager of the ESOS Assurance fund.**