



YOUTH WITH A MISSION

**INSTITUTE FOR THE
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PERTH CAMPUS**

Registered Training Number 51825

**Information for Australian/
New Zealand Students**

Welcome to this opportunity to get to know more about the training courses and services offered by Youth With A Mission (YWAM), Perth to Australian/New Zealand 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 fulfillment 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 Australian/New Zealand 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 sixteen courses which are recognised through the Australian Qualifications Framework. They are the:

- Advanced Community Counselling School (Diploma of Christian Community Counselling Ministry)
- Art Evangelist School (Certificate IV in Art Evangelism)
- Bible School for the Nations (Certificate IV in Cross-Cultural Bible Training)
- Biblical Core Course (Certificate IV in Christian Ministry – Biblical Studies)
- Discipleship Training School (Certificate III in Discipleship)
- English for Missions (Certificate II in English for Missions, Certificate IV in English for Missions)
- Foundations in Community Development (Certificate IV in Community Development Ministry)
- Foundations for Counselling Ministry (Certificate IV in Christian Counselling)
- Introduction to Primary Health Care (Certificate IV in Primary Health Care)
- 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 Music in Missions (Certificate IV in Music in 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)
- 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
- Children at Risk 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. 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 modeled 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 provides a rich medium for deep relationships.

Students live in accommodation arranged and supervised by Youth With A Mission. Staff also share 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.

The Application Process

Enclosed with this information is an application form, reference forms, and instructions for completing these forms. These must be returned to us along with 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 reviewing 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 a 'Letter of Offer' and 'Acceptance of Place' form.

Your next step will then be to complete the 'Acceptance of Place' form 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).

Once we have received your 'Acceptance of Place' and \$100 enrolment fee we will send you the 'Confirmation of Enrolment'.

Student Selection Procedures

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

- educational background
- employment history
- 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 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
- 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.

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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.

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.

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 regard to clothing and personal items, please bring whatever articles of clothing, etc. that you need, limiting it to **one large backpack or suitcase**. **Our 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.

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.

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.

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.