



GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN TRANSFORMATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A biblically-informed online programme to equip development and Christian practitioners for effective ministry and mission

THE PROGRAMME



The Graduate Diploma in Transformational Development (GDTD) is a two-year programme specially designed for graduate-level Christian development and mission practitioners wishing to acquire and develop the skills necessary to reflect biblically and theologically on their work among the poor and oppressed.

In this programme, you will learn the difference between secular development and a biblically-informed approach as well as how to develop a framework for theological reflection to connect your faith and your work, strengthen your inner spiritual life, explore the practical aspects of creating and maintaining partnerships and learn skills to enable you to practice sustainable development and be equipped to work in culturally and religiously sensitive contexts.

PROGRAMME COMPONENTS

**2-Year
Course**

**1 Foundation
Module**

**6 Coursework
Modules**

**Fully
Online**

Foundations

Module 1

Module 2

Module 3

Module 4

Module 5

Module 6

Christian Thinking and Vocational Practice

A Theology of Integral Mission

Community Development

Partnerships for Development

Spiritual Formation and Leadership

Creation Care and Environmental Sustainability

Faith Engaging Conflict and Society

SERVING GOD, LOVING OTHERS



WHO IS IT FOR?

It is designed to help Christian practitioners who work in social welfare organisations or churches improve on advocacy and facilitate more effective aid and development through the following:

- Integrate theology and practice – earthed in participants' ongoing work/ministry settings
- Reflect on development issues, practices, and partnerships
- Gain a deeper understanding and appreciation of their vocation
- Be part of a supportive community of Christian practitioners in transformational development from around Asia

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for the GDTD need to meet these prerequisites:

- At least 3 years of experience in development work or missions.
- Successful completion of a Bachelor level degree or equivalent.
- English language proficiency: at least IELTS 6.0 or TOEFL 550 (Computer-based score 213; Internet-based score 80)
- Be commended for the GDTD programme by two reputable leaders (at least one Christian leader) who know you professionally, academically and personally.
- Competencies acquired through other life experiences and secular qualifications can be considered.



CONTACT

For more programme and intake details please visit:

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“Through GDTD, I have gained a new paradigm on how to serve God and people in a holistic manner as part of my work in integral mission.”

Nugie, Pijar Kasih Nusantara (PKN) Foundation, Indonesia

“This programme has helped me understand how God is transforming this world and what our role should be to help transform the world as instruments of God.”

Glorious Das, World Vision Bangladesh/Jordan

GDTD is jointly developed by AGST Alliance, Eastern College Australia, World Vision International (Asia Pacific), and graduates from the Masters of Transformational Development, Eastern College Australia (in collaboration with Malaysian Care and AGST Alliance).