



Graduate Diploma of Transformational Development

Mode: Online

Alumni, potential students and interested participants are welcomed to enrol as audit students.

2022 Foundations Module: November 7 – December 17

GDTD 3-0: Christian Thinking & Vocational Practice

Online Classes (4 weeks): Monday, Nov 7 to Sunday, Dec 4

Assignments Due: Saturday Dec 17, 11.59pm (Malaysia time)

This preliminary course is designed to enable leaders in transformational development to begin to reflect theologically on the nature of their ministry and the issues that arise out of their respective contexts. It brings together three strands: the nature of vocational work and ministry, approaches to reflecting critically and Christianly within that calling, and biblical hermeneutics as the foundation for thinking theologically. Considerations of the role of culture and worldview are included in this.

2023 Term 1: January 16 – March 31

GDTD 3-1: Theology of Integral Mission

Online Classes (8 weeks): Monday, Jan 16 to Sunday, March 12

Assignments Due: Friday March 31, 11.59pm (Malaysia time)

This module explores a biblical framework for transformational development. Selected biblical texts on the themes of poverty, wealth, justice, compassion and human flourishing are set within the context of the Bible's overarching narrative of the Kingdom of God. This will provide a framework within which students will explore Christian responses to the needs of marginalized people.

2023 Term 2: April 24 – July 7

GDTD 3-2: Community Development

Online Classes (8 weeks): Monday, April 24 to Sunday, June 18

Assignments Due: Friday July 7, 11.59pm (Malaysia time)

The principles behind international development theories are introduced in this module, and secular and biblical approaches compared. Students will be exposed to the emerging best practices, challenges and lessons learnt from academics and practitioners, and develop a theological framework for holistic and transformational development.

2023 Term 3: July 31 – October 13

GDTD 3-3: Partnerships for Development

Online Classes (8 weeks): Monday, July 31 to Sunday, Sep 24

Assignments Due: Friday Oct 13, 11.59pm (Malaysia time)

The many kinds of partnerships involved in transformational development are discussed, including partnerships with communities, government, business, other organizations and churches. Students will examine how healthy, effective partnerships can be established and nurtured, at local and district level as well as nationally and internationally.