



CAREY
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Te Kareti Iriiri O Carey

The Carey Mission Track 2015

Aims

The Carey Mission Track aims to provide learning and formation that will shape and equip followers of Jesus to participate in God's mission in dependence on God's Spirit and in partnership with others.

While Carey's whole Applied Theology curriculum is intended to deepen the understanding of and resource participation in God's mission, the Mission Track offers additional intentional preparation and formation particularly for people who are or anticipate being involved in mission in cross-cultural and intercultural contexts.

Graduate profile

Graduates from the programme will:

- understand the place and character of mission in Christian faith and life;
- practice a missional spirituality of attentiveness to God, openness to others and bold obedience;
- value and pursue intercultural relationships and community;
- demonstrate a wide awareness of the world and the global church;
- be appreciative, humble and generous partners in the transnational mission workforce;
- live and work in a wide variety of roles, occupations and contexts, but always as agents of God's kingdom of justice, righteousness and peace;
- utilize the knowledge, understanding and skills that they have acquired to address missional challenges by bringing the resources of Christian faith, scripture and experience into engagement with contemporary realities.

Mission track content

The programme comprises a combination of Applied Theology courses, reflective praxis and intentional personal and spiritual formation. Students on the Mission Track also participate fully in the life, worship and service of the Carey community.

Missional Theology

Mission Track students are enrolled in one of Carey's programmes in Applied Theology (Bachelor's degree, Diploma, Certificate or Graduate Diploma), depending on factors such as how long they intend to study through Carey and what Carey and other study they have already done.

A normal full-time study load is made up of eight courses in one year (four in each semester). Mission Track students select courses in consultation with the Director of Mission Research and Training both to meet the requirements of the Applied Theology qualification and to serve the purposes of their mission preparation. These will usually include the *Mission of God* course which serves as an orientation to the whole Applied Theology programme, other core courses such as *Understanding and Interpreting the Bible* and *Understanding and Interrogating Culture*, together

with courses that have particular mission focus and content such as *Issues in Contemporary Mission*, *Acts: A Missional Reading*, *World Religions*, *Tentmaking*, etc. Mission Track students are not however restricted to courses that have “mission” in the title! Carey’s whole programme is intended to equip people for participation in God’s mission in the world and a thorough Biblical and theological grounding is a crucial part of that equipping.

Information about courses available in 2014 may be found at: <http://carey.ac.nz/study-at-carey/timetable/>

In addition to the courses taught at Carey it is often possible to cross-credit into the programme mission-related courses provided by other NZQA-accredited institutions such as Laidlaw College (www.laidlaw.ac.nz) or Eastwest College (www.eastwest.ac.nz)

Mission Track students study together with the whole Carey student body, but when they meet as a peer group they give particular consideration to how the various subjects they are studying are contributing to their understanding and practice of mission.

Missional Formation

In addition to their Applied Theology courses the Mission Track students meet every Tuesday morning (9.15-11.00am) as a **mission-oriented peer group**, with the Director of Mission Training and/or other Carey staff. They are often joined by mission practitioners and mission agency personnel. Some weeks the Mission Track students meet together with Pastoral Leadership and Youth Ministry students for input that is appropriate to them all. Students find this weekly gathering significant in their development in mission. Ideas, experiences and challenges are processed, support is given and received, and deep relationships are formed that will continue beyond their time at Carey.

Early in the year an **Intercultural Readiness Assessment** is undertaken and this identifies strengths and areas of challenge, setting the agenda for personal growth. For students completing the two year Diploma in Intercultural Practice programme a second assessment is carried out towards the end of their second year, to discover any changes that have taken place over the two years and set direction for on-going development.

Each student’s personal journey in mission is supported by a **mentor** (chosen in consultation with the student).

Progress in Missional Formation is assessed by means of the following:

- *Journal of your journey in mission* (entries of at least 200 words per week; submitted at the end of each half-semester).
- *A mission presentation* (such as might be given to a home church or group) either written up or videoed for assessment.
- *End of year reflection (2000 words)* summarizing the missional learning that has taken place through the year, integrating theological study, practical experience and personal growth.

Missional praxis

Opportunities will be taken to learn and grow through engaging in supervised mission-related practice. This can take various forms according to the student’s circumstances and commitments, but in some cases a placement may be combined with one of Carey’s Reflective Field Education courses for credit towards the Applied Theology qualification. Students are encouraged to plan and budget for at least one overseas experience during their time on Mission Track. They have the opportunity to join in a mission learning trip led by Carey staff with other mission partners.

Certificate/Diploma in Intercultural Practice

Summary of requirements

Students on Carey's Mission Track work towards the *Certificate* or *Diploma in Intercultural Practice* alongside their qualification in Applied Theology (Certificate, Diploma, Degree or Graduate Diploma).

Certificate

One year full-time on the programme would comprise:

- Missional Formation (assessed as described above).
- Missional Praxis (including at least one Reflective Field Education course or other experiential learning).
- Applied Theology study, comprising courses from Carey's undergraduate or postgraduate programmes.
- One year on the mission track leads to the award of the *Certificate in Intercultural Praxis*.

Diploma

Two years full-time on the programme would comprise:

- Missional Formation (with two rounds of assessment as described above).
- Missional Praxis (including at least two Reflective Field Education courses or other experiential learning).
- Applied Theology study, comprising courses from Carey's undergraduate or postgraduate programmes.
- Two years on the mission track would lead to the award of the *Diploma in Intercultural Praxis*.

Costs¹

Mission Track fee

The fee for one year's participation in the Mission Track is \$600.00.

Applied Theology study

The fee (domestic students) for each 15 credit course is \$670.00, so for a year of full-time study (eight courses) the cost is \$5,360.00.

Other costs

If your year is to include any mission trips (within NZ or overseas) there will be costs of travel, accommodation, etc. to be met. These will vary depending on destinations and other conditions, but as a guide, a two or three week overseas trip will often cost between \$2,000-3,000.

There are some other costs for students, e.g. ID card (\$20), student services fee for on-site courses (\$35 per course) and student association membership (\$25).

¹ Fees are liable to change. Please check the Carey website for current information.

Application process

If you decide to apply to join the Carey Mission Track – after considering it prayerfully and discussing with Christian leaders and other people you trust whether this could be the right next step in your journey of participation on God’s mission – this is the process:

1. You complete the Application Form and return it to Carey Baptist College together with a recent photograph.
2. Your application is considered by the Director of Mission Research and Training and referees are contacted.
3. If on the basis of the application form and the referees’ comments the decision is made to proceed, an interview is arranged.²
4. After the interview a recommendation is made to the Carey College principal, who makes the final decision.
5. Within two weeks of the interview you are informed whether or not you have been accepted onto the Mission Track.
6. If accepted, you begin, in collaboration with Carey, to put in place key components, including finding a mentor and organizing practical placements and any mission trips that you will participate in while on the Mission Track.

Information

For further information or to discuss whether the Carey Mission Track is the right next step in your mission journey, contact:

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² In the case of someone who is already a Carey student and has discussed joining Mission Track with the Director of Mission Training or other Carey staff a formal interview may be not be necessary.