



ARISE
Ministry
Academy

Prospectus



2021



Message from the Leaders of Arise

The Arise Ministry Academy is all about training and equipping those who feel a call to Christian ministry. We believe that there is great need within the Church in Aotearoa and beyond to raise up ministers for the local church and we want to be part of the answer!

In the Arise Ministry Academy you will receive teaching from our Arise pastors and teaching team; practical ministry experience; one-on-one mentorship; leadership, character and spiritual development as well as a solid theological foundation by completing courses and study through our partners, Laidlaw College.

We believe that after two years at the Arise Ministry Academy you will be ready to enter full-time ministry.

We are so excited to see what God does through the Arise Ministry Academy – if you feel a call to ministry, we'd love you to consider joining us!

Ben & Amy Kendrew

Senior Leaders of Arise Church



Message from the Head of Academy

The Arise Ministry Academy is about more than preparing you for ministry – it is about helping you become the person God has called you to be. Our heart is to create an environment where your relationship with Jesus is strengthened, your understanding of God’s Word is deepened, and your leadership is shaped through intentional discipleship, practical ministry, and authentic community.

We are committed to developing not only your knowledge and ministry skills, but also your character, spiritual maturity, and love for the local church. Whether your future leads you into church leadership, church planting, missions, business or another sphere, our desire is that you leave the Academy confident in your calling, grounded in biblical truth, and equipped to faithfully serve His Kingdom for years to come.

It is a privilege to walk alongside each student as they discover God’s purpose for their life, and we can’t wait to see all that He will do in and through our students.

Logan Craig

Head of Arise Ministry Academy

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Who Are We?

Arise began internship and Ministry School programmes in 2007, with a mission to equip and disciple the future ministers of New Zealand. By 2022, it became clear that our Ministry School needed revision. After much prayer and consultation (within and outside of Arise), we began in earnest to review and consider the future of our ministry training ground. This involved a significant revamping of our curriculum, policy, and structure to provide a development programme that created a healthy environment for our students to thrive. Our mandate is to raise ministers for the church of New Zealand and the world. We believe in developing a new generation of leaders who are equipped to go out and be who God has called them to be.



What does Arise Believe?

The Bible

We believe that God inspired the Bible, the Old and New Testaments, and that it guides our whole lives, directing all matters of belief and practice. It is trustworthy, authoritative, and applicable. The Bible, perfect as inspired by God, is still living and powerful in its entirety.



The One True God

We believe that humankind is loved by the one holy and eternal God who is the Creator of all things. He exists as the Godhead of three persons with distinct functions: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

Jesus – God the Son

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ, fully divine & fully human, was sent of the Father to reconcile us to Himself. Jesus, born of a virgin, lived a sinless and selfless life, took our place in death through the cross, and demonstrated His victory over sin and death when He rose again on the third day and is seated on the right hand of God on high.

The Holy Spirit – God the Spirit

We believe that God intends for us to be given a new relationship with Him and new life through the work of the Holy Spirit at the point of salvation and for us to live filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is sent by God, The Father and The Son, to equip us as the body of Christ with various spiritual gifts to glorify Jesus by transforming people, to convict of sin, and to help us live holy and fruitful lives in God’s redemptive plan.

We believe in the continuation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit and encourage believers to pray for these gifts to operate in their own lives and to use them in building up the Church.

Humanity

We believe that God created man and woman, His perfect design, with each person uniquely formed in His image and given a purpose as part of His redemptive plan for all creation. All humanity is united in its origin, in its wilful fall in sin and alienation from God's life. All humanity is united in the offer of God's redemption from the resulting physical and spiritual death. In God's redemptive love, all humanity then equally warrants love, forgiveness, and just treatment.



Salvation

We believe that God offers all people the gift of eternal life and redemption from our fallen state, from death, which is the result of our sin, and from suffering eternity separated from God.

We believe that people can enjoy this assurance of being saved, by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. This faith affirms the redemptive power of Jesus' blood shed on the cross and that those receiving His offered gift are born again, justified, restored, and adopted into the family of God to receive eternal life to come. To be forgiven of our fallen sinful state and take our place in God's new creation each of us must repent of our sins, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and submit to Him as Lord of our lives. The genuine result of a decision to follow Jesus Christ is a commitment to live a sanctified life of obedience to His Word.

His Church

We believe that, as recipients of God's grace and salvation, we are members of the body of Christ - His Church. As Jesus builds His Church we are to continue, as co-labourers, meeting together and encouraging each other in the love and good deeds He calls us to, including preaching the gospel, baptising those who believe, and remembering Jesus as we share communion. Each member of the Church is a minister who should use their gifts as part of God's plan in demonstrating His love to the world.



Our Mission

We believe that our mission is to demonstrate and proclaim the love of God, that has changed our lives, to the rest of humanity. We are to inspire all people that they and their cultures are to be reconciled to God and honour Him by living according to His Word. The church of Jesus Christ is to actively work at positively transforming the world, through to Jesus promised return, the resurrection of the dead, and eternity with Him as King of every tribe, nation, and tongue in His new heavens and new earth.

What is Arise Ministry Academy?

The Arise Academy will train and equip a new generation of disciples, pastors, and leaders in the Church who feel called to full-time ministry. Our goal is clear and simple: by the end of your two years at the Arise Academy, you will be ready to go into full-time ministry. In collaboration with our academic partners, Laidlaw College, the Arise Ministry Academy will provide the necessary tools and practical training experience to produce world-leading and world-changing ministers.

An academy is a place where you learn, develop, and grow in your calling so that you can walk out ready to achieve your God-given dreams. We are a place where people come with a dream and become someone who can achieve that dream. We offer a variety of courses that challenge students to grow in their spiritual gifts, operate with increased effectiveness in ministry, and deepen their understanding of the Bible. Whilst practical learning is a key focus for all students, an even greater importance is placed on spiritual input. An integral part of the programme is developing a deeper relationship with Jesus, which includes taking part in worship and receiving discipleship from Arise Pastors and leaders.

Academy – ‘a place of study or training in a special field.’



The Academy

(Full-time Programme)



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First Year

Locations

Wellington & Christchurch

Key things you will learn

- Practical skills for ministry
- Leadership and life skills
- Academic study through Laidlaw College in Bible, theology and formation (All first-year students must complete one of the Laidlaw study options)

Gain a broad understanding of all aspects of church life and build a firm foundation in your understanding of faith and the Bible.

Practical experience

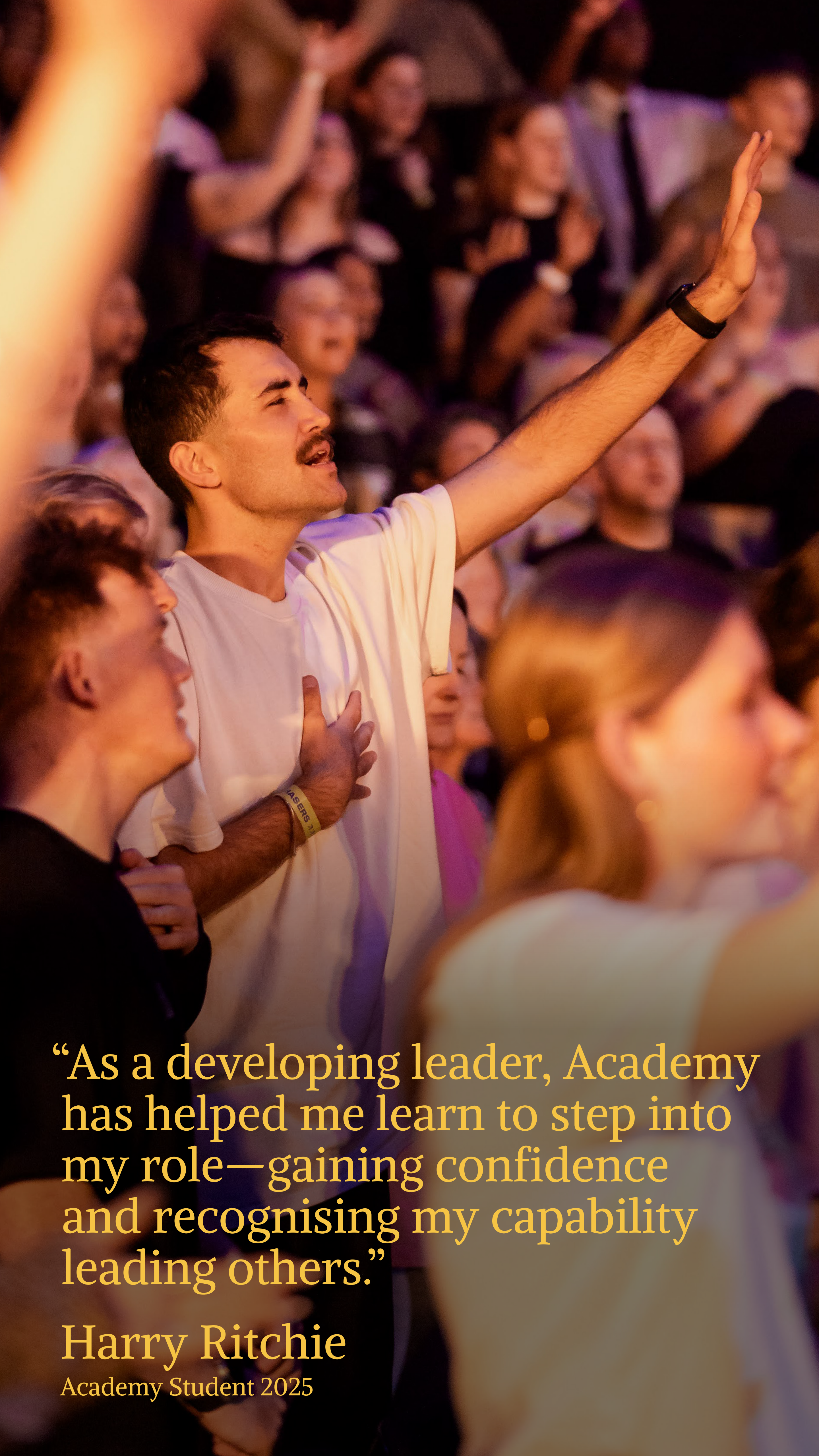
Students will rotate through four areas of practical ministry across the year:

- Welcome & Teams
- Life Groups & Pastoral Care
- Outreach
- Creative & Services

What will you come out with

- A qualification from Laidlaw College: either a Certificate in Christian Ministry – Internship (CertCM) or a Diploma in Christian Studies (Christian Leadership)
- The Arise Academy 1st Year Certificate





“As a developing leader, Academy has helped me learn to step into my role—gaining confidence and recognising my capability leading others.”

Harry Ritchie

Academy Student 2025

Second Year

Locations

All Campuses

Key things you will learn

- Practical ministry skills
- Laidlaw study (optional)
- Practical experience.

Students will choose a stream (Pastoral, Outreach, or Creative) and be assigned to a supervisor.

Spend time in your chosen stream developing skills and knowledge in this area.

What you will come out with

- Arise Academy 2nd Year Certificate
- A qualification from Laidlaw College (if applicable)
- Built CV, ready to work in ministry.



Students need a solid foundation to be prepared for ministry. 1st Year develops students with life skills and theological study via Laidlaw College. Students will walk into the 2nd Year equipped for a full year of practical ministry. Students will come out of the 2nd Year understanding how to run and work in ministry environments.

Streams

Outreach	Under Arise Care, students will learn about and experience ministry outside the four walls of the church. Students will learn from Arise Care staff about how Arise meets the needs and plans the responses to the areas of the sick, poor, refugees, the imprisoned and vulnerable women and children. There will also be the opportunity to engage in courses and training that equip and empower you to work in the varied spaces of the community; chaplaincy training, youth work training, emotional support and restoration training. Students in this stream will also have the opportunity to go on a mission trip with one of the organisations we partner with. (The mission trip will be at an extra cost).
Pastoral	This stream runs within our pastoral teams (Kids, Intermediates, Youth, Young Adults, Adults and Families). Students will gain experience in running ministry areas through life groups, age group events, and training in pastoral care. Students can enrol in either the DipCS (Christian Leadership) or optional papers at Laidlaw College relevant to the stream in a bespoke study programme such as a Bachelor of Theology. Students in this stream will have the opportunity to attend a Pastoral Care 101 training day and supervision sessions with Mind Health).
Creative	Under the creative and services departments, students will grow their creative giftings. Areas include worship, production, design, videography, and photography. Students can enrol in either the DipCS (Christian Leadership) or optional papers at Laidlaw College relevant to the stream in a bespoke study programme such as a Bachelor of Theology. Students in this stream will have the opportunity to attend one relevant workshop or conference during the year to enhance learning.



‘The more you grow like this,
the more productive and
useful you will be in your
knowledge of our Lord Jesus
Christ.’

2 Peter 1:8 NLT

How does a week work in the Arise Academy?

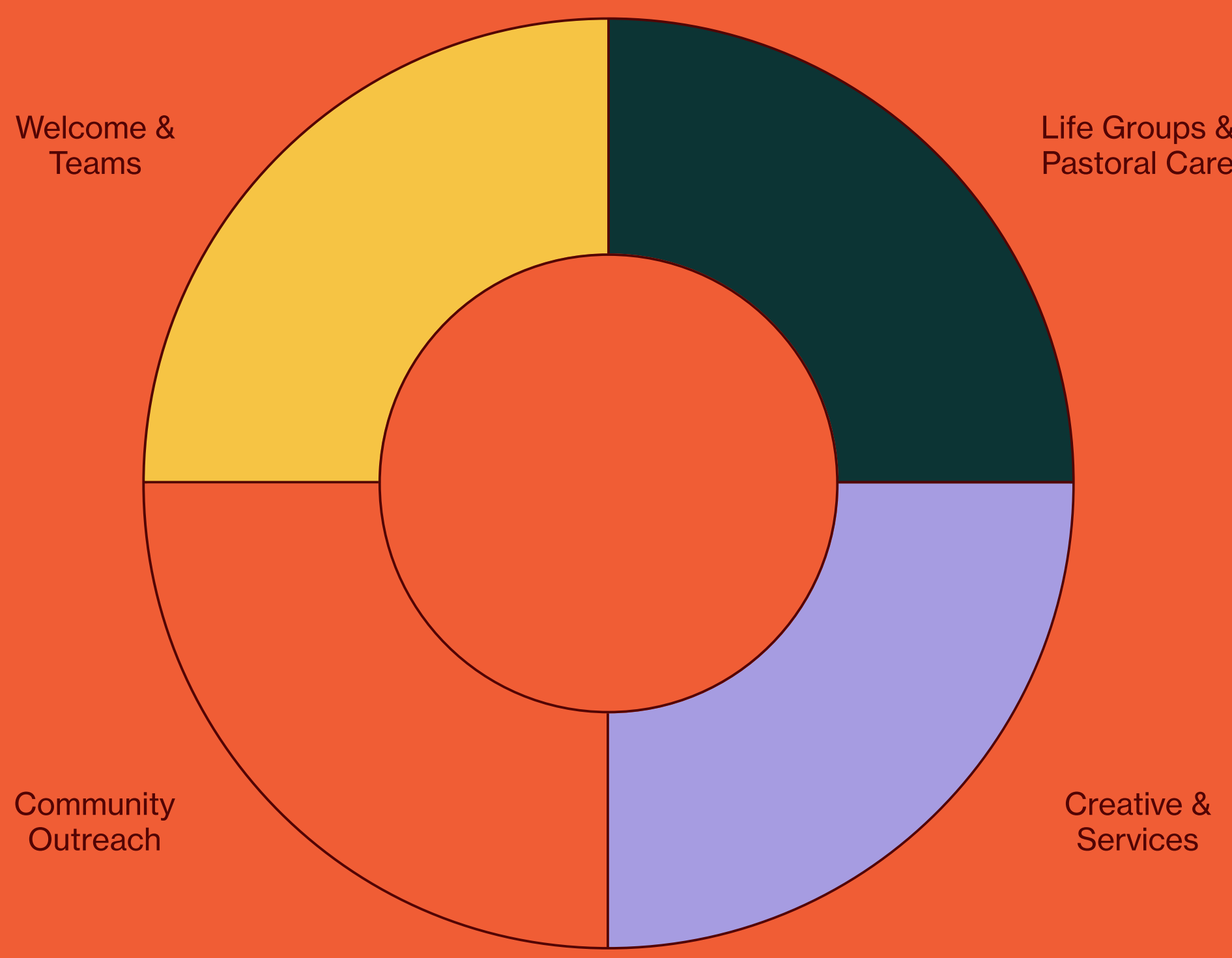
Year 1

Tuesday	▪ Prayer with the office team or Team Chapel ▪ “Build His Church” Training sessions with the Arise Teaching team ▪ Project time – Work on the project associated with the “Build His Church” module ▪ Join in with campus team meetings, engaging and learning in real time how ministry works and operates from a vibrant campus.
Wednesday	▪ Full study day with Laidlaw College (Study area provided for full day)
Thursday	▪ Student prayer ▪ “Build His Church” Training sessions with the Arise Teaching team ▪ Fortnightly Practical Ministry Training sessions (PMT) ▪ Development Course ▪ Project time – Work on the project associated with the “Build His Church” module
Sunday	▪ Practical service (one service serving, one service not serving).

*The hours you are in the office with the Arise Academy and the Sunday hours accumulate to the hours needed for your practical Ministry internship paper with Laidlaw College. These hours are needed to pass this paper.

Rotation of Build His Church.

Students are assigned one area per term, covering all four experiences during the year (Welcome & Teams; Life Groups & Pastoral Care; Creative & Services; Outreach).



Build His Church Experiences

Welcome & Teams

- Teaching and training with the Welcome and Teams pastors around Arise
- Alpha training
- Planted training
- Help someone join a team
- Training on how to build teams and disciple people
- How to run a Baptism Service
- How to run a Communion Service
- Learn the First Steps process
- Learn the Next Steps process
- How to disciple a new believer
- Communion – Theology
- Baptism – Theology
- Be part of the Welcome teams on a Sunday!

Creative & Services

- Teaching and training with the Services Pastors around Arise
- Gain experience & training in what makes a Sunday Service happen
- Production – learn about key elements
- Worship – learn about worship essentials
- Photography – learn about key elements
- Videography – learn about key elements
- Design – learn about key elements
- Gain experience in the creative elements that make church happen
- Gain Experience in what makes a “Big Day” happen, e.g. Easter, Christmas, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Children’s Sunday, etc.
- Learn what makes a Kids service happen
- Learn what makes a Wave Night Youth service happen
- Attend an MC/Preaching workshop





Life Groups & Pastoral Care

- Teaching and training from the Life Group Pastors around Arise
- Learn why Life Groups are an important part of our Christian expression
- Learn how to run a Life Group
- Help run a Life Group Leadership training session
- Learn how to pastor and disciple different ages and stages from Kids, Youth, Young Adults, Families and Adults
- Learn how to promote Life Groups in your campus and connect newcomers to community
- Familiarise yourself with the Resources Page (Life Group training and Life Group study modules)
- Receive training on “Everyday Pastoral Care”: births, deaths, marriages, etc.
- Understand our Pastoral Care Policy



Outreach

- Learn how to create an effective outreach initiative in the community
- Learn the foundation of becoming a missionary local and international
- Apply theological and academic learnings in real outreach environments
- Create and lead a Serve Day project
- Learn a key role in large events
- Learn about the biblical foundation and modern-day response to the 6 areas of care.
- Learn about ministering in diverse environments such as Prisons, Rest homes, Hospitals
- Understanding and engaging in international aid and missions
- Evangelism and utilising the diverse gifts God has given to impact our world for the better
- Training in the 6 areas of care, both the needs and responses.

Projects

Each module has 3 projects that are directly linked with the module students are learning. These projects are not marked but are designed to help students practically out work what they have been learning during the module lessons.

Students will complete

- Development plan (each term)
- Signed copy of the handbook
- Police vetting form
- Reflection Report (Each term)
- Any policy or trainings required to complete course

Arise will Provide

- Yearly retreat
- Hands-on Ministry experience
- Mentor
- Office space to study
- Pastoral care
- IT support
- Office supplies when in Arise offices

Location

Arise Centre, Wellington Campus. 3 Pito-one Road, Korokoro, Lower Hutt and Christchurch Campus.



“The Arise Ministry Academy has increased my hunger for the Lord and fuelled my desire to extend God’s love to those around me.”

Bonnie Aitchison

Academy Student 2025

Year 2

Streams

- Pastoral – Kids, Youth, Young Adults, Welcome & Teams, Life Groups
- Creative – Production, Worship, Design, Videography, Photography
- Outreach – Arise Care (6 areas of Arise Care)

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| Tuesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Stream Practical Session▪ Leadership Practical Session▪ Prayer with the office team▪ Workshops (termly – Days can change depending on what type of workshop it is)▪ Join in with campus team meetings, engaging and learning in real time how ministry works and operates from a vibrant campus.▪ Project time – Work on the project associated with the stream you are studying |
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| Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Full study day with Laidlaw College if the student is studying▪ If not study this time is dedicated to their projects▪ Meet with your supervisor |
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| Thursday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Student prayer▪ Practical Ministry Training sessions (PMT)▪ Development Course▪ Project time – Work on the project associated with the stream you are studying |
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| Sunday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Practical service (one service serving, one service not serving) |
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*The hours you are in the office with the Arise Academy and the Sunday hours accumulate to the hours needed for your practical Ministry internship paper with Laidlaw College. These hours are needed to pass this paper.



Students will complete

- Development plan (each semester with their supervisor)
- Signed copy of the handbook
- Police vetting form
- Reflection reports
- Any policy or training required to complete the course

Arise will provide

- Yearly retreat
- Hands-on Ministry experience
- Supervisor
- Mentor
- Office space to study
- Pastoral care
- IT support
- Office supplies when in the Arise offices

Location:

All locations of Arise.

Note not all campuses are available every year due to the capacity of the campus team.

Laidlaw Academic Options



Certificate in Christian Ministry (Internship)*

The Certificate is an entry-level programme for those who haven't studied at a tertiary level and/or who would like to start with the basics of the Bible and faith.

This course includes a Practical Ministry Internship and four taught courses: Discipleship; Encountering the Bible; Basics of Christian belief; and Faith in action. You will develop knowledge, skills and experience by connecting your own reflection the Christian faith with real-life practical contexts the Christian faith with real-life practical contexts, equipping you for service in the church.

Your core taught courses will be taught in block courses in Wellington through semester one and two. Weekly online tutorials will support you as you move through the semester and complete your assessments.

Course Details

- Full time for one year
- NCEA Level 4
- 3 days per week and serving in a Friday or a Sunday team
- Run in partnership with Laidlaw College
- Theological study, discipleship, leadership training & practical ministry experience

Admission Requirements

- NCEA Level 2 or equivalent, or satisfactory entry assessment
- Interview
- Satisfactory police clearance

Course Fees

\$5,056 inc. GST**

Student loans are allowances available to eligible students.



** Fees subject to change. Additional Student Services Fee of \$504 per year.
Course material provided in partnership with Laidlaw College, spaces are limited.

* Leads to the New Zealand Certificate in Christian Ministry with a strand in Internship.



Diploma in Christian Studies (Christian Leadership)*

The Diploma is designed to take students deeper into developing their biblical and theological understanding, their discipleship and their practical leadership. This course included a Practical Leadership Internship and four taught courses: Reading the Bible, Engaging theology, Formation, and Christian leadership and mission.

This course can form the first year of a full Bachelor of Theology with Laidlaw College or staircase into other study pathways.

Your core taught courses will be taught by distance learning, including the option to attend lectures either via Zoom or at a Laidlaw campus in Christchurch or Auckland. Regular online tutorials will support you as you move through the semester and complete your assessments.

Course Details

- Full time for one year
- NCEA Level 5
- 3 days a week and serving in a Friday or a Sunday team
- Run in partnership with Laidlaw College
- Theological study, discipleship, leadership training & practical ministry experience

Admission Requirements

- NCEA Level 3 or equivalent, or satisfactory entry assessment
- Interview
- Satisfactory police clearance

Course Fees

\$7,129 inc. GST**

Student loans are allowances available to eligible students.



** Fees subject to change. Additional Student Services Fee of \$126 per year. Course material provided in partnership with Laidlaw College, spaces are limited.

* Leads to the New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies with a strand in Christian Leadership.

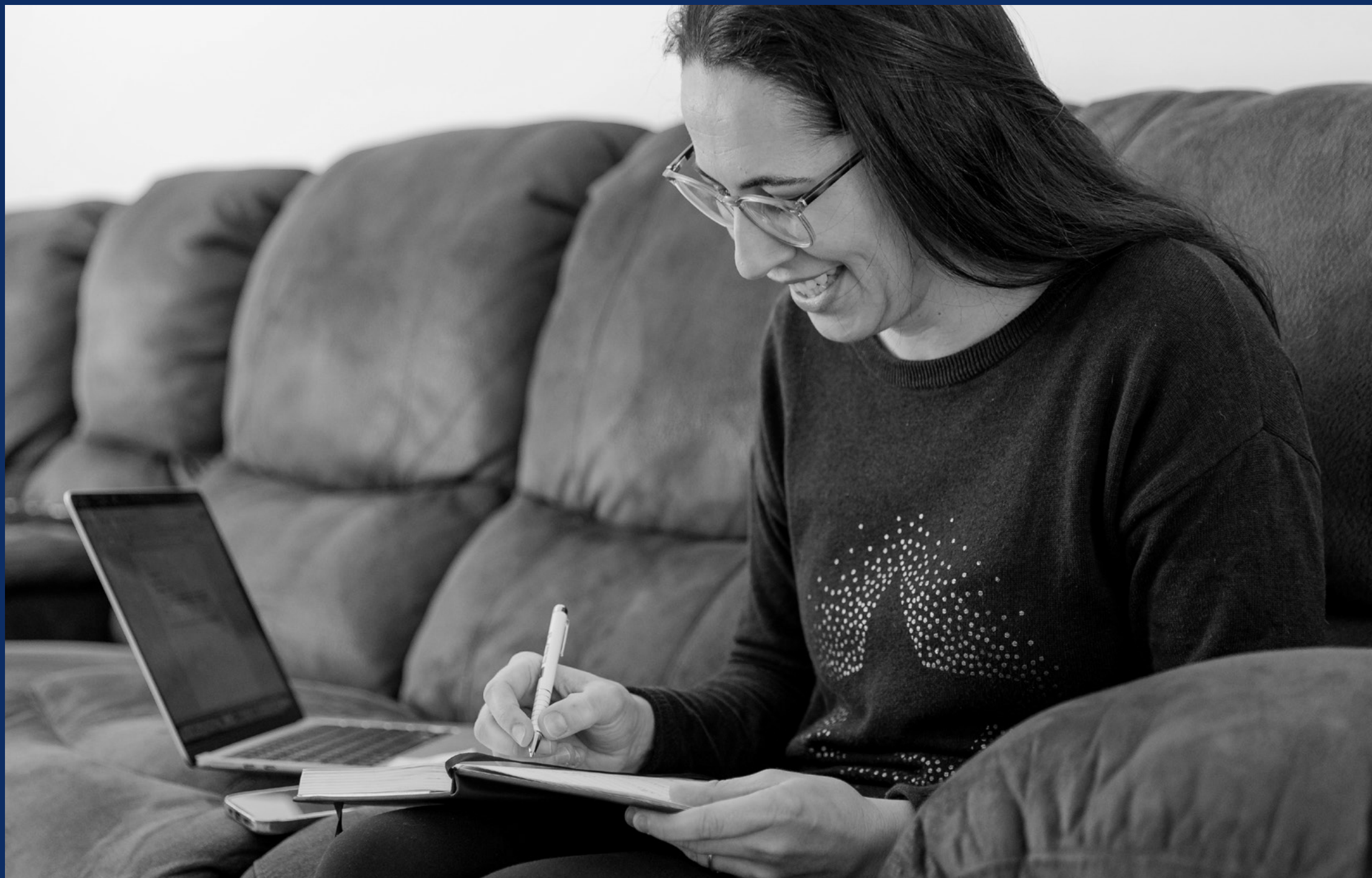
Night School

Academic Online Course



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Arise Night School



Empowering Leaders. Equipping Disciples. Releasing Potential.

Arise Night School is a one-year, part-time course designed to develop and release a new generation of ministers and leaders. Rooted in transformation, discipleship, and personal growth, this fully online program is purposefully structured to fit around the demands of busy lives — whether you're managing a business, working full-time, studying, parenting, or balancing multiple commitments.

Throughout the year, students engage in advanced biblical teaching and leadership development, equipping them to become effective disciples and influential leaders within their unique spheres.

The course runs over two semesters and is delivered through live online classes every Tuesday night from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Teaching is led by experienced Arise pastors and leaders, combining in-depth Bible study with practical ministry training. In addition, students will have the opportunity to apply what they've learned through hands-on ministry experience in either a Friday or Sunday service.

Arise Night School is more than a course — it's a journey of calling, character, and capacity.

Weekly classes cover

- Bible and Theology
- Ministry Practicals
- Leadership
- Personal growth

Course Details

- Part-time
- One year duration
- 2 hours per week plus weekly reflections
- Theological Study & Leadership Training
- Weekly Commitment
- Live online every Tuesday night from 7-9 pm
- Runs only during School terms

What is the cost?

- \$550 per person
- Buddy Deal – sign up with a friend and it’s \$900



What is taught at Night School?

Night School offers three learning strands, taught by Arise Pastors and Teachers:



1. Theology

Topics include:

- Revelation
- God & Christ
- Man & Sin
- Angels & End Times

- The Character of a Leader
- Worldview & Atonement
- Parables

2. Leadership & Ministry Practicals

Topics include:

- Leading Yourself
- Family & Ministry
- Raising Leaders
- Leading Through Change
- Vision & Values
- Evangelism

- Leading Teams & Volunteers
- Conflict Resolution
- Ministry Time
- The Identity of a Leader
- Discipleship

3. Personal Growth

Topics include:

- Personal Devotional Life
- How to Read the Bible
- Hearing from God
- Faith & Obedience

- Habits & Honour
- Biblical Worship
- Character Building
- Relational Living



“Night School has helped me gain a much deeper understanding of God’s word and has given me the knowledge to apply biblical leadership principles into my every day life”

Cam Turner

Night School Student 2025



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