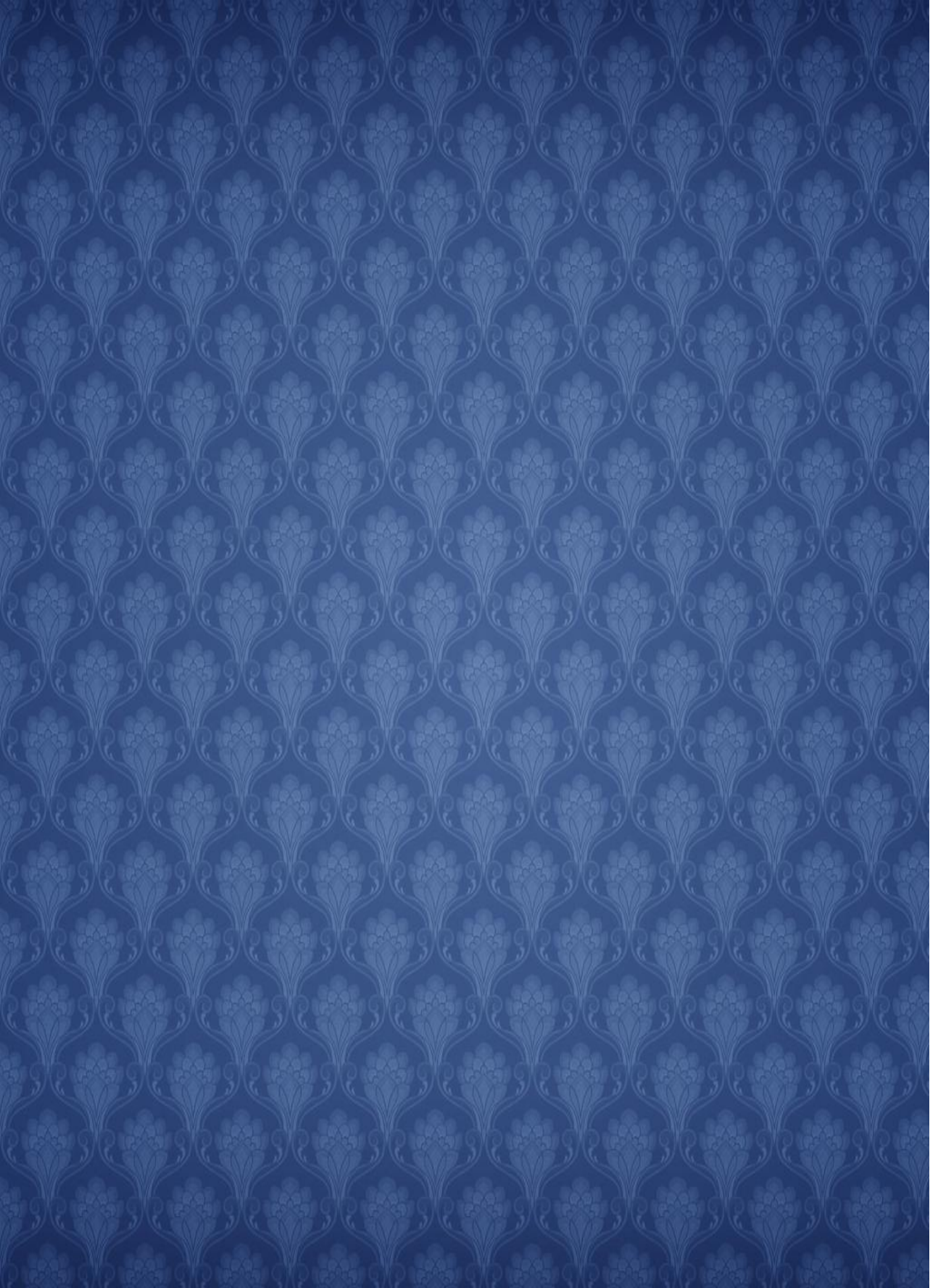


**COLLEGE OF TRANSFIGURATION, NPC**



## **BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY (Bth)**

The Bachelor in Theology is offered as a professional qualification suitable for persons seeking offer for the ordained ministry of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. However, those who are not intending to offer for the ordained ministry of the Anglican Church, or are not being considered for such ministry, may undertake the course to enhance the quality of lay ministry in the church, to develop an informed lay leadership, and to increase participation of lay people in the life and work of the church. Although primarily designed to meet the requirements of the Anglican Church, the course is broad and inclusive enough to satisfy theological approaches of the Catholic and other Protestant Churches. The ethos of the College, however, is Anglican in life and worship.

The programme seeks to achieve the Vision and Mission of the College, and to satisfy the requirements for the preparation of men and women for the ordained ministry of the Anglican Church. This is done within a residential setting that promotes community life, spiritual formation, the nurturing of Christian piety and a disciplined life, after the manner of Christ. All of this is shaped through the rhythm of daily prayer, meditation and worship, work and study, and community outreach. The result is an integrated and holistic educational and formative experience based on a rigorous academic programme that promotes independent thinking, criticality and cognitive depth.

### **Purpose**

This Bachelor of Theology is intended to provide prospective candidates for the ministry in the church with a professional preparation that will enable them to function as church practitioners, with high level skills in theological analysis, interpretation and application, to function as acknowledged leaders in church and society, and as agents of transformation. Pursuit of this qualification will equip students with a thorough and in-depth knowledge and understanding of the Christian faith, particularly as it is manifested in the Anglican tradition, and will enable them to apply the theoretical and practical skills required to live a life of service and transformation in the church and the local community. The Bachelor of Theology (BTh) Programme provides a foundation for Christian ministry, from which graduates may go on to distinguish themselves, and benefit both church and society.

### **Rationale**

The Bachelor of Theology provides recognition to students who have proved themselves as competent to offer ministry and leadership within both church and society. It offers an opportunity to integrate theory and practice in a manner that promotes personal and societal transformation. The qualification will therefore be of benefit to those pursuing a vocation in the ordained ministry of the church, and to those who are eager to understand their own faith more deeply. Enquirers, the curious and those eager to learn for its own sake will find the course intellectually challenging, socially relevant and contextual, and will extend their vistas of knowledge. The qualification provides evidence that will be of use in the discernment processes used by the church and offers a foundation from which further ministerial formation may occur.

### **Credit transfers**

Credit transfers from previous learning will be granted where such learning is relevant in terms of the competencies set out in the exit-level outcomes of this qualification and has been achieved at an institution recognised by the Department of Education, or an institution whose aims are in keeping with those of the College of the Transfiguration. Credit shall only be granted where a course or module has been passed with 50% or its equivalent.

**Access to qualification**

In order to register for this programme Students require one of the following criteria:

National Senior Certificate as certified by Umalusi, the Council for Quality Assurance in General and Further Education Training, with an achievement rating of 4 (50-59%) or better in four recognised NSC 20-credit subjects from those designated list in the Minimum Admission Requirements for Higher Certificate, Diploma and Bachelor's Degree Programmes requiring a National Senior Certificate, Government Gazette, Vol. 482, No. 27961, 18 August 2005. Applicants with different qualifications may only be admitted if they are judged equivalent by the designated equivalence-setting bodies. Alternatively a Higher Certificate or Advanced Certificate in a cognate field will satisfy the minimum requirement.

A tertiary qualification at an accredited institution registered by the Department of Education. A tertiary qualification at a foreign institution accredited by a 'recognised' accrediting body or by the institution's national government.

Students who do not meet any one of these requirements may apply for exemption or for recognition of prior learning. Each application will be considered on its merits. Amongst other criteria the College of the Transfiguration will consider the student's suitability for the programme, literacy level and previous working experience. Those from disadvantaged and/or previously disadvantaged communities will be given special consideration.

**Duration**

The duration of the programme is four years.