



YWAM Campaigns Regional Centre, Tauranga New Zealand

DTS Course Information

This information will provide you with details about the Discipleship Training School (DTS) Please read it in conjunction with the DTS application, and then save it for future reference.

What is a Discipleship Training School?

The DTS is an intensive, Christian training course for 18-35 year olds that runs for 5 months. During the course, lectures will be integrated with hands-on experience. This is done in order to establish a balanced understanding of ministry as the transforming power of God is evidenced in the personal lives of each student as well as within the lives of people to whom they minister.

The Location of the DTS is the city of Tauranga, a beautiful coastal city in the North Island of New Zealand 2.5 hours drive SE of Auckland.

The DTS begins with a 3 month lecture phase based in Tauranga. The lecture phase will be split into two sections with a 4 week local outreach around New Zealand in between each section. The lecture phase is followed by a 5 week field assignment/outreach phase where students go overseas to a location in the Pacific and/or Asia. The DTS is designed to encourage students to develop their personal character. It aims to help them exercise their faith while cultivating a living, intimate relationship with God and identifying their unique gifts and callings. Emphasis is also placed on global awareness, preparing the students to reach current and future generations in answering the call to, "Go into all the world and disciple all nations." (Matthew 28:19)

The DTS is a foundational and life changing experience. It's a journey into the heart of God - a journey of discovery, where God's ways become real and the pursuit of Him becomes a lifestyle. The emphasis is not so much on knowledge gained but on principles applied. It's about transformation where student's lives are impacted, hearts are filled with faith and thinking is aligned with God's. Our journey in life isn't just an inward one. The heart of God beats with compassion for a hurting world, and the DTS has been designed to help students get a feel for the pulse of this world, and to deliver the life-giving message of hope. The theme of the YWAM Campaigns DTS is "to know God and to make Him known".

Each DTS has its own flair for creativity. This allows an emphasis to be placed on how each individual personally processes information and applies it to their life through their talents and gifts. As there are many types of learning styles (e.g. some learn by seeing and hearing while others learn by doing), we make every effort to address these learning styles in order to help each individual get the most out of their DTS. If you are looking for a training course that will sharpen your perception of God and His purposes for your life, then the Impact DTS in an excellent way to begin the journey.

DTS – The Purpose

- To gather and challenge people to worship, listen to and obey God, releasing them (in the context of the DTS) to serve through evangelism, intercession, acts of compassion and other expressions of God's heart for the world, possibly even pioneering new ministries.
- To inspire and cultivate growth in one's relationship with God resulting in Christ like character, which is based on a solid Biblical foundation, the work of the Holy Spirit and the personal application of Biblical truth, especially concerning God's Character, the Cross and empowering Grace.

- To sharpen one's ability to relate to, learn from and work with people, including those of different cultures, personalities and perspectives.
- To further equip each one to serve God's purposes either in or outside of the YWAM Family of Ministries, strengthening a commitment to reach those who don't know Christ, to care for the poor, and to influence all areas of society.
- To impart the vision and foundational values of Youth With A Mission International as well as that of the YWAM centre in Tauranga, and to provide information regarding a variety of opportunities for service.

Host ministries unique for this DTS

The Impact DTS will be hosted under the umbrella of YWAM campaigns, but will be spearheading the partnership between YWAM and the Tauranga House of Prayer.

YWAM Campaigns

YWAM Campaigns is a ministry of Youth With A Mission an international, interdenominational missionary movement. YWAM Campaigns regional centre in Tauranga helps serve the vision of Impact World Tour (IWT) - pioneering & serving city & nation-wide evangelistic campaigns & discipleship movements for the emerging generation. It works extensively with local churches, missionary organizations, businesses, indigenous/ethnic & other groups in each community through bold & creative public proclamation of the Gospel in large stadiums &/or through smaller outreaches in local communities.

Tauranga House of Prayer (THOP)

THOP began in January 2005 with Aaron (NZ) and Kristi (USA) Walsh moving out to NZ from Kansas City, USA after being involved in the foundational leadership team of the International House of Prayer (IHOP). THOP runs 2 x 3 month internships per year. The THOP Internship is aimed at bringing interns into a "corporate prayer setting" to encounter the heart of God for each individual.

THOP is now open for 50 hours per week with full time staff creating an ongoing environment of seamless worship and intercession. DTS students will spend time each week in the House of Prayer allowing time for deepening of their own relationship with God, and the development of a lifestyle of prayer and worship. Some specific lectures may be done intertwined with the THOP Internship, and vice versa. This is a very unique and exciting aspect of this particular DTS.

YWAM Campaigns & THOP are partners in ministry together with local churches in the city & nation.

DTS – The Curriculum

The DTS is designed to lay foundations of knowing God and making Him known by training participants in the foundational, biblically-based teaching as well as providing opportunities for hands on application of that training. The DTS opens the door for ongoing involvement with Youth With a Mission, and provides foundational training that will assist the student in further missions involvement, or vocational endeavour in any sphere of society.

Some lecture topics include:

- **Encountering God**
The purpose of this topic is to strengthen the participant's relationship with God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) by imparting a life-changing understanding of the nature, character, and ways of God. This topic also encourages a

response to Him in worship, prayer and obedience, and by equipping participants to read the Bible in such a way that transforms beliefs, values and behaviour. Our desire is that students would gain experiential knowledge of God.

- **Seeing Life from God's Perspective**

The purpose of this topic is to enable the student to adopt and apply the biblical view of human beings and their role as partners with God in all of creation, while affirming the value, uniqueness and significance to God of every individual as well as all peoples and nations.

- **Recognize Jesus as Lord**

The purpose of this topic is to strengthen the participant's commitment to follow Jesus as Lord and to apply that commitment to specific areas of their lifestyle.

- **Becoming more like Jesus**

This topic provides the student with the knowledge and skills to establish an ongoing development of their attitudes, values, and behaviour to reflect those of Jesus Christ.

- **Do the works of Jesus**

The purpose of this topic is to challenge the participants with the 'Great Commission,' to do the works of Jesus (so as to defeat the enemy's strategies), to strengthen their commitment to reach those who don't know Jesus, to equip them to share the Gospel, and to encourage them to clarify with God their personal life direction and purpose.

- **Orientation to YWAM**

This topic will give the participant an overview of the purpose, structure, history and foundational values of Youth With A Mission internationally, nationally and locally. The unit will also introduce participants to the opportunities that are available for them for further study and ministry within YWAM after the completion of the training course.

The successful completion of the Discipleship Training School is the pre-requisite course before continuing on to YWAM second level schools or staff positions. Due to the holistic nature of the course, completion of the full course is required for achievement of the qualification.

DTS Structure

Lectures

Lectures are held in a classroom setting. In addition you will gather in less formal settings for small group meetings. During class, guest lecturers are the norm. Those who teach are YWAM national and international speakers, local staff, and as well as reputable speakers who are involved in the church locally or internationally. Every week there will be a different speaker.

DTS Outreaches (Field Assignments)

Outreaches are an integral part of the DTS. They allow further training and application of the course outcomes in a practical, hands-on environment. Imagine two months away to focus primarily on serving the needs of others both practically and spiritually & outworking teaching received during the lecture phase. In God, amazingly enough, taking time to minister to just a few can create enough momentum to impact an entire nation.

Within New Zealand, our outreaches take in a breadth of activity, from events in our city to involvement in other parts of the nation. Outreach teams experience a great time of adventure together as they are involved in front line evangelism in schools, local indigenous/ethnic communities and streets & beaches in partnership with local churches and ministries.

Our teams also travel overseas partnering with local churches and ministries doing evangelism, training, and mercy ministries. We seek new and creative ways to minister to the locations we visit so that Christ is proclaimed in word & deed.

These opportunities provide great exposure to different ministry environments. Our goal is to have each training program tie in with longer-term ministry focuses so as to lay a foundation for future ministry. This means that your contribution will help the next year's program and the community you minister in on a longer-term basis.

Resources and strategies used to help students maximise their participation in the course.

Manuals, workbooks, book reports, outreach reports, self-assessment checklists, and supervisor reports are all utilised throughout the duration of the course. The DTS is holistic in nature and these resources will help students to develop skills, knowledge and character.

Living Environment

The DTS is very community oriented which enables students to mix and live with other students and staff throughout the duration of the course. Faith Bible College (FBC), a bible college of high reputation nationally and internationally, has offered their campus to us to use. FBC has a rich history in God here in Tauranga and also has had partnership with YWAM in the past, having a similar vision. FBC has beautiful, well developed and maintained facilities on 20 acres of land only a 15 minute drive from the city centre. These facilities include a large dining hall, excellent lecture hall, extensive library, wireless Internet, an on-site prayer chapel, a prayer walk, parking, and family, dorm, and motel style accommodation. Students will live on campus together during the lecture phase of the DTS.

DTS Schedule and Timetable

The DTS is a full time 5 month training program and full time participation is a requirement. The weekly schedule includes approximately 50 hours of course involvement per week. During the course, you will be involved in lectures, worship, prayer (within the context of the Tauranga House of Prayer and also outside as well), small group meetings (processing, fun, and discussion), ministry application, YWAM community activities (Worship, Prayer, and Evangelism), sports and various types of outreach ministry. Time will also be allotted for personal devotions, studies, and reviewing lecture notes. While on outreach, your schedule will depend on each individual ministry location.

DTS Course Cost

*All costs in New Zealand Dollars

Course Costs: \$3,930

The \$3,930 fee covers:

- Registration fee: \$30
- Course enrollment fee: \$100
- Tuition Fees: \$2,300
- Room and board (i.e. food and accommodation): \$1,500

It does not include:

- Visas or personal expenses such as toiletries, laundry, snacks and postage, etc.
- Airfare, bus, and/or train tickets needed to get you to Tauranga. We provide airport pick-ups from Tauranga airport, however.

Outreach costs: \$1,500 *

This includes food, accommodation and some set up costs for your outreach.

Outreach transportation: \$2,500

This outreach fee is for transportation costs within New Zealand and the cross-cultural outreach, cover things like airfares, insurance, vehicle running costs, bus/train tickets

- * Depending on the location of the outreach, there may be a slight increase in this price; however we'll do everything we can to keep to this cost. Please be prepared for that.
- These outreach costs cover the expenses involved in the local outreach and the overseas outreach.
- For more info on the course costs please refer to the DTS Application Form.