

Certificate in Systems in Ministry



Navigating relationship complexities in ministry contexts

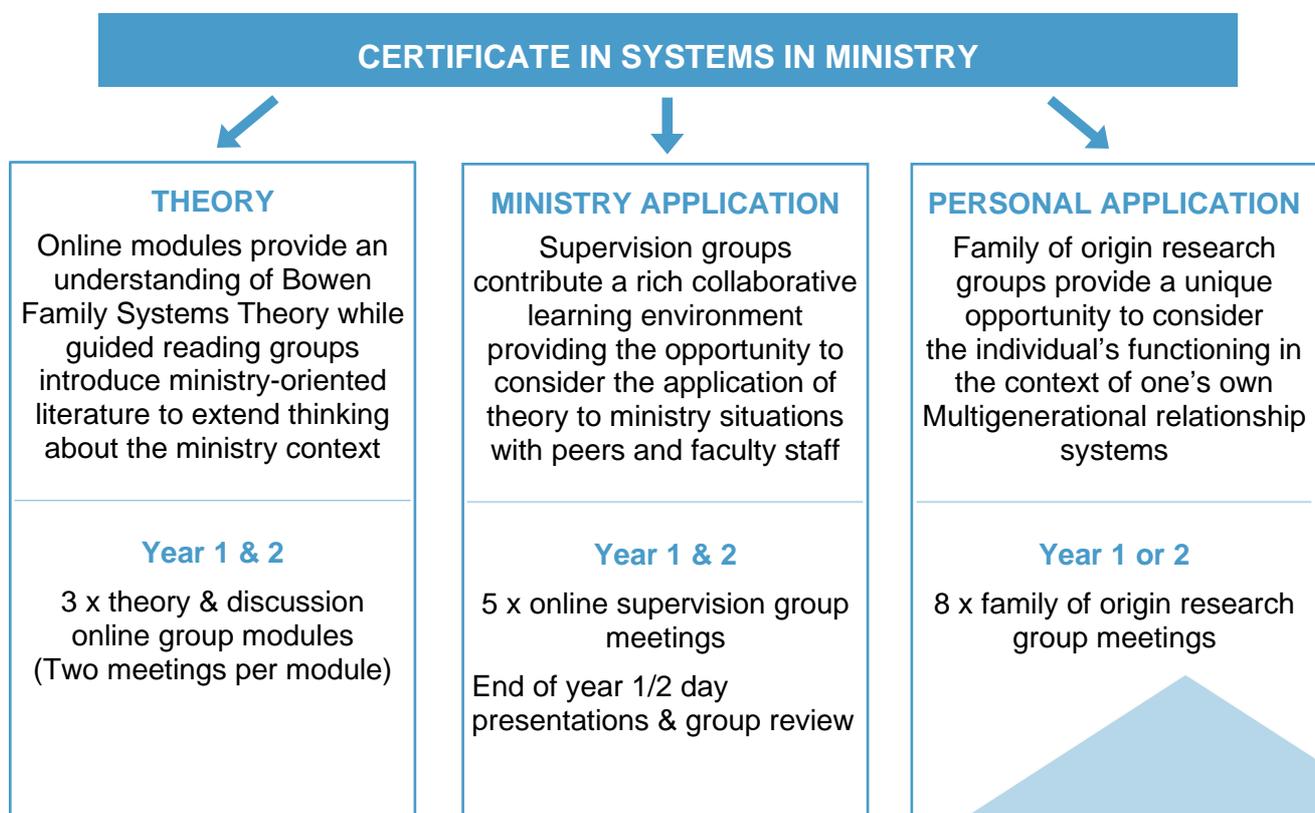
The *Certificate in Systems in Ministry* facilitates the learning and application of Bowen systems theory in personal and ministry contexts.

Who is it for?

The program is tailored for those in a range of ministry situations including paid or lay church workers, ministers in training, chaplains, supervisors, parachurch organisation workers and pastoral care workers. While the program has been developed by people in interdenominational Christian ministry, workers from other faith communities are welcome.

What is involved?

The *Certificate in Systems in Ministry* is a part-time course undertaken over two years. Learning is predominately live, online groups; own time reading, plus an annual face to face gathering. Applicants will participate in 3 interrelated branches of study and exploration:



As a church pastor, I have found Bowen Theory to be a very helpful tool in dealing with relationship complexities in a church context
- Craig

Overview

- **Specialised ministry supervision groups** provide a collaborative environment for grappling with the application of theory to specific situations
- **Family of origin groups** offer a dedicated space to consider your self and your own functioning in the context of your multigenerational and current relationship systems
- **Two-year core program** with six modules based on foundational Bowen Theory concepts:
 - > The Emotional System
 - > Differentiation of Self
 - > Chronic Anxiety
 - > Nuclear Family Emotional System
 - > Triangles
 - > Multigenerational Emotional Process

The core program includes annual presentation ½ days specific to the ministry learning stream.

- **Additional program requirements** (supervision groups and family of origin research groups) can be included as recognised learning from the preceding 8 years
- **Twice annual intake** into the core program (February and July), plus the option to join supervision groups, family of origin groups at different times of the year
- **Flexibility and affordability** made possible by staggering the pace of study, recognised prior learning pathways and online options
- **Continuing professional supervision** requirements can be met through supervision and other learning groups.

PROGRAM COST SUMMARY (per participant, plus GST)			
Component	Year 1	Year 2	Cost
Core Program	\$825	\$825	\$1650
Supervision	\$500	\$500	\$1000
FOO Groups	\$1020		\$1020
Total			\$3670 (plus GST)

Other program options available with the Family Systems Institute:

- The **Certificate in Family Systems Theory and Application** provides a rich opportunity for those wanting to integrate systems thinking in the relationships they are working with in a non-clinical context - for example those in education, nursing, NGOs, family support, disability, drugs and alcohol and mental health.
- The **Advanced Certificate in Couples and Family Systems Therapy** is a two-year course accredited by the Australian Association for Family Therapy (AAFT) an ideal for already practicing clinicians from various disciplines - social work, psychology, psychiatry, occupational therapy, nursing - wanting to gain theory and practice experience in working with couples and families.

Next steps...

For detailed information including **fee schedule** and program breakdown visit www.thefsi.com.au

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