

FACT SHEET 1

10 KEY POINTS on why a partnership between the Uniting Church and Charles Sturt University?

A Central Part of Our Mission

The partnership with CSU helps the Uniting Church consolidate its key mission paths in education:

- (a) Formation of candidates for specified ministries*
- (b) Continuing education of ministers*
- (c) Development of the next generation of leaders*
- (d) Collaboration in the training of pastors and lay leaders*
- (e) Ecumenical connections with other tertiary institutions.*

In support of these mission paths, here are ten facts to explain how the Uniting Church is helped by having the link to CSU.

1. The University is sympathetic to faith-based theological teaching, scholarship & research.
2. The University has a strong practice-based approach, which matches pastoral ministry training and enables the College to teach practice-based subjects and curriculum, including the possibility of a Bachelor of Ministry.
3. Studying evangelism is now incorporated into University-accredited degree subjects.
4. There is a shared footprint: NSWACT Synod and CSU cover the same geographical territory, and deal with the same sets of community and cultural challenges. CSU is a Regional University - Wagga, Port Macquarie, Bathurst, Orange, Dubbo - but with outreach across the whole of the state including the Sydney region, which is home to 30% of CSU students.



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5. University affiliation is attractive to today's generation of students and especially allows students from cross-cultural backgrounds to gain entry into tertiary study.
6. Face-to-face teaching is very important to students working in a second language, and is an essential aspect of contemporary formation of candidates for ordination.
7. CSU has a strong indigenous studies program and has a successful record of indigenous graduates: CSU is encouraging of indigenous theology
8. Close collaboration exists with UCA Trinity College, Queensland and ecumenical institutions, including St Marks Canberra, St Barnabas Adelaide, St Francis Brisbane and Ming Hua Theological College in Hong Kong. The CSU-College link also benefits South Pacific Theological Colleges and Hannam University in South Korea.
9. Unlike private providers in the theological sector, the University is the main interface with accreditation bodies: this saves a vast amount of time, energy and money.
10. The net annual cost (including all teaching and support staff) of the CSU-College link to the Uniting Church after contributions from CSU is in the vicinity of \$200,000, and helps support over 80 enrolled students and many who audit: as well CSU provides significant infrastructure for the College and resources for Camden Theological Library.

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