



Contribution of lifelong learning to employability

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Piula Theological College

- Established in 1844: Satupaitea
- Moved to Lufilufi: 1868
- Last year (2018) 150th Anniversary
- Piula – transliteration of the Hebrew term *BEULAH* in *Isaiah 62:4-5* (*married*)
- Theological implication – all the students have an intimate spiritual relationship with God

Programs

- Diploma in Theology - Level VI (4yrs)
- Bachelor of Divinity - Level VII (2yrs)
- Bachelor of Divinity - Level VIII (2yrs)
with Honours

PIULA and its STAKEHOLDER

- Close relation and collaboration between Piula and its Stakeholder (Methodist Church of Samoa: MCS)
- All graduates of Piula are employed by the MCS
- Placements are based on
 - achievements
 - skills, competencies
 - prior learning
- Administration, Finance, Teachers, Bookshop, Printing Press, Christian Education Dept., Continuing Theological Education Dept., etc.

1. TRANSITION FROM PIULA TO MCS

- 4 to 6 years of training in Piula (Graduate)
- 5 or more years of PROBATION
- 9 years or more: ordained as a pastor in the MCS
- PROBATION
 - upgrade skills (further training & studies)
eg. Teachers, accountants, etc
 - spiritual development
 - stakeholder productivity
 - individual capacity building

2. STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

- Methodist Church in Great Britain
- United Methodist Church in USA
- United Church Australia
- Methodist Church in New Zealand

Strengthening Collaborations and Partnerships with other providers (local & International)

- Samoa Qualification Authority
- Local Theological Colleges
- South Pacific Associations of Theological Schools (SPATS)
- Pacific Theological College
- Otago University
 - 10th Year Anniversary (Otago University and Piula)
- Hamburg University

3. PUBLICATIONS

- Promoting Research and Publications in Samoan Language
- FA'ASOA

Challenges

- Discipline
- Comfort Zone

PIULA CAVE POOL



- COME AND SWIM
- SOIFUA MA IA MANUIA