



**MENTOR  
TRAINING  
COURSE**

*The goal of Christian mentoring is to offer the Mentoree personal, spiritual formation and is distinguished by its emphasis on developing Christian character rather than skills.*

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## What is the Mentor Training Course?

The Mentor Equipping Queensland Mentor Training Course is a three year course delivering the principles of the John Mark Ministries model of one-to-one mentoring in an “action-reflection” style of learning. This model of Christian mentoring is unique because it is driven by the Mentoree’s objectives and supported by the Mentor’s specialised tools. The aim of the course is to equip Christian mentors to minister to Christians so they might grow in love and service of the Lord Jesus.

For more information about the model go to [www.johnmark.net.au/mx/](http://www.johnmark.net.au/mx/)

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## How is the course delivered?

Each year of the 3 year course there will be a 3 day residential training (from dinner Monday night until lunch on Thursday) and two 1 day training days. The location of the residential training will be at 1474 Lake Moogerah Road, Lake Moogerah, and the 1 day trainings will be at Living Church, Creek Road Ministry Centre Carina.

Each training day will consist of biblical input, skills training and personal and small group practice and reflection.

Each trainee mentor will be expected to be actively seeking mentoring relationships following the first residential training and also engage their own personal Mentor.

The trainers will provide mentoring supervision throughout the duration of the course. A commitment to all training days will be a requirement of the course.

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## What will the course cover?

Over 3 years, the course will cover material under the following headings:

- Vision for mentoring
- Biblical basis of Mentoring
- Spiritual formation as a Mentor
- Dynamics of the Mentoring Relationship
- Interpersonal relationship skills
- The 1 year model of Mentoring
- Resources in Mentoring
- Supervision
- Personal style and ministry of Mentoring
- Action Reflection Assignments. Following each training day assignments help the trainee articulate what they have learnt from the training and their mentoring experience.

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## The Trainers

Dave and Kathy Thurston have been informally mentoring leaders in the Presbyterian Church in NSW, where Dave has been pastoring for over 30 years. Since Dave completed the John Mark Ministries Advance Mentoring Course in 2016, he has been formally mentoring pastors in NSW using this model of Christian mentoring.

Kathy Thurston is currently completing the MEQ Course under Peter Moore and Sally Jones in NSW, and has been a part of John Mark Ministries' consultancy and retreat strategies for more than 10 years.

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## Getting Started?

The next Mentor Training Course will commence with a residential **3-6 February 2020**. The 1 day training will be held in July and November 2020 on a day that mutually suits the trainers and trainees.

Expressions of interest in the course should be directed to:  
*[davethurston@church2church.org.au](mailto:davethurston@church2church.org.au)*

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## What next?

Because the course aims to train Christians whose intention is to pursue mentoring in their workplace or church, we will be following up your application with a short phone call.

You will then be invited to secure your position in the course with a non-refundable deposit of \$150. Places in the course will be limited.

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## Cost:

\$1,485pa (GST inclusive) to be paid annually with the initial payment (less the deposit paid) to be made prior to the residential. This price includes all training materials, accommodation for the residential, and food.

