



Briefing Paper - Training Pathways

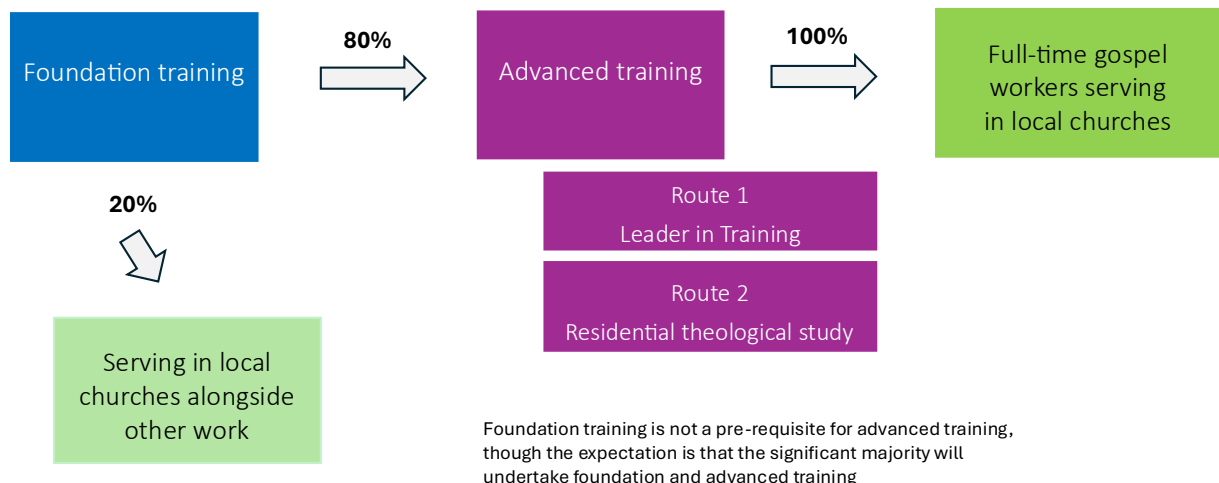
The language of pipeline and pathways can be problematic.

Pipeline can imply a narrow route into gospel ministry. On the other hand, pathways can imply multiple routes.

On balance, pathways is better than pipeline, as long as there is an intentional commitment to manage flexibility (i.e. some, rather than many pathways), ensure that the local church is responsible for identifying those suitable to train for gospel work, and that the training offered by local churches and training providers is appropriate and rigorous.

In its commitment to enable training, Yarnton has worked hard to develop pathways that both give clear direction and embrace appropriate flexibility. Fig. 1 illustrates.

Fig. 1 Training Pathways



The two key steps in the pathway are foundation and advanced training.

Foundation training is not a pre-requisite for advanced training, though the expectation is that the significant majority will undertake foundation and advanced training.

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Separate briefing papers on our website explain foundation and advanced training and the inherent flexibility.

Another important expression of flexibility is in the roles Yarnton is committed to training people for. By gospel worker we mean someone serving in a local church exercising a significant word ministry. This could be a Minister, Associate Minister, Assistant Minister, Women’s Minister, Youth Worker or Children’s Worker.

And there is flexibility in what might be described as the on and off ramps through the pathway. Fig. 2 illustrates.

Fig. 2 Accessing the Pathway

