



MA Chaplaincy Studies

(including Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma awards)

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In Partnership with Durham Common Awards

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A Unique Provider

St Padarn's Chaplaincy Studies programme is a unique development that supports in-service chaplains in their practice and ministry. We offer postgraduate education in chaplaincy studies in association with relevant professional bodies. Our programme is UK Board of Healthcare Chaplaincy accredited. If you seek UKBHC registration, please contact us for details. The programme will expand your thinking and broaden your awareness of the theoretical and practical aspects of your work.

We are part of St Padarn's Institute, the training arm of the Church in Wales. Under its statement 'formation in community for mission,' St Padarn's equips and empowers God's people across the world to communicate God's transformative love. St Padarn's has 22 years' experience and an internationally recognised reputation as the UK's lead provider of specialist chaplaincy training. We welcome students of any faith or belief.

Equipping Effective Practitioners

The St Padarn's Chaplaincy Studies programme is focused on providing advanced continuing professional development for chaplains but may be suitable for others.

The programme is designed to give you flexibility. The whole MA takes three years part-time, and you can register for that right from the beginning. Alternatively, you can register for the one-year Certificate, and at the end of that year, apply either to continue to the two-year Diploma, MA, or exit with the certificate.

It is possible to pursue individually tailored research degrees in Chaplaincy Studies at MPhil and PhD level. For further information or initial exploration, please contact julian.raffay@stpadarns.ac.uk.

Your teaching will be delivered by expert chaplains and academic specialists who have been carefully selected for their ability to equip you for leadership in your role.

The course is validated by Durham University. Durham is one of the Russell Group's 24 world-class research-intensive universities. Alongside our academic focus, we are highly experienced in equipping practising chaplains to be more effective on the front line. A substantial reflective practice module aligns our programme to professional accreditation criteria. We are committed to continuous improvement through student feedback to deliver outstanding training.

At St Padarn's, we offer learning targeted at your specialism. Most of your modules will be studied with peers working in the same or a similar sector. However, students also appreciate the chance to study alongside chaplains serving in other specialisms, for example education, health, military, prisons, and sport. We are particularly proud to have held the national Ministry of Defence contract since 1999.

St Padarn's is committed to ensuring that in all policies, procedures, functions, and activities consideration is given to enabling full participation of students with disabilities in all aspects of the academic and social life of the institution.

A Course for Working Professionals

To meet the needs of working professionals, teaching is delivered in four intensive blocks each year. In year three, students are encouraged to continue attending the residentials as members of our learning community and work on their dissertations with access to the library and teaching staff. To obtain the MA Chaplaincy Studies, students must complete six taught modules and a 15,000-word dissertation.

Year one (illustrative) Postgraduate Certificate	Year two (illustrative) Postgraduate Diploma	Year three MA
Inhabiting Public Ministry: How we represent faith communities	Chaplaincy and Christian Mission: Relating well to our context	Dissertation on an aspect of chaplaincy: Agreed with supervisor
Moral Issues in Chaplaincy: All about difficult decisions	Chaplaincy in Organisational Context: Exploring approaches to chaplaincy	Dissertation
Research and Reflection: A foundation in research skills	OR Reflective Practice: Being effective and safe practitioners	Dissertation

Residentials take place from Monday to Wednesday at our site in Cardiff where we enjoy an extensive library and well-equipped teaching rooms. You are welcome to worship alongside members of our theological college in our attractive chapel. Our en-suite accommodation is modern and purpose-built.

To Apply

The closing date for applications is the last day of July. The usual entry criteria are a 2:1 degree with two years' experience of chaplaincy or a 2:2 degree with substantial professional experience. If you do not meet these criteria, please get in touch to discuss your available options.

For further information, including academic and residential fees, please either visit our website www.stpadarns.ac.uk/en/courses/ma-chaplaincy/ or contact Tina Franklin, Postgraduate and Registry Co-ordinator. We welcome informal enquiries.

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Photo of chaplain outside Ashworth Hospital courtesy Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust.

An Expert Teaching Team with Excellent Feedback

Revd Dr Julian Raffay is Director of Chaplaincy Studies at St Padarn's (and a St Padarn's graduate). He has worked extensively in mental health chaplaincy, including as a research chaplain. He has served in High Secure services. Julian brings significant experience of parish ministry. He has published widely. His thesis was on the 'Relationships between Mental Health Services and Faith Communities.' Julian's academic interests include ethics, grounded theory, and coproduction.

Dr Andrew Parker is a freelancer. He was Professor of Sport and Christian Outreach at the University of Gloucestershire (2008–18). Andrew was Associate Professor in the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Warwick (1999–2008) where he completed his PhD in 1997. Andrew has published over ten edited books and 100 articles, working papers and commissioned reports.

Rev Andy Dovey graduated from this programme in 2019. He is Lead for Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care and Manager for Bereavement Services Croydon Health Services NHS Trust and the Bishop of Southwark's Advisor for Healthcare. He has served as Prison and Hospital Chaplain to HMP Wandsworth Prison. Before ordination, Andy was a Private Consultant for BP Exploration and Development.

Donna Bernard-Carlin holds an MA in Counselling Studies, (Nottingham), an MA in Applied Social Studies (Brunel), and a Diploma in Social Work. In addition to her work as Chaplain at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust she has been Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

Padre David Crees is Deputy Principal and Chief Instructor at the Defence Academy Armed Forces Chaplaincy Centre. He heads up the Royal Army Chaplains' Department ethical teaching to Junior and Commanding Officers. Since 2004, David has served eleven units including tours of Iraq and Afghanistan. He is pursuing doctoral research in the leadership styles adopted by British Army chaplains.

Dr Elizabeth Corsar undertook her theological studies at the University of Edinburgh. Her major research interest revolves around the reception of early Christian texts. She is interested in the reception of the gospels of Mark, Matthew, and Luke in the gospel John.

Rev Dr Glynn Jones completed his DMin (Chester) on models of chaplaincy in 2020. He is licensed as Chaplain to Chaplains in the Diocese of Carlisle and a former Regional Director of the Daylight Christian Prison Trust. He has extensive experience as Managing Chaplain HM Prison Haverigg and was formerly a Prison Officer.

Revd Professor Jeremy Duff is Principal at St Padarn's Institute. He has a passion for formation and mission. Jeremy's specialisms are in New Testament Studies and Leadership Development. He has an extensive publication list. He was previously the vicar of a deprived urban community near Liverpool.

Rev Dr Jim Francis is Assistant Chaplain General, Regional Command (CF1) in the British Army. He has been Chaplain to several Infantry Battalions, deployed on numerous overseas exercises and three Operational Tours. In 2016, he was appointed Staff Chaplain in MOD Chaplains, Army HQ a Staff role which included the development of Chaplaincy policy and protocols to allow the delivery of Chaplaincy in a rapidly evolving Army.

Revd Dr Jordan Hillebert is Tutor in Theology at St Padarn's. He completed his PhD at St Andrews. His specialist subjects are Christian doctrine and ethics. Jordan has an extensive publication record. He was born and raised in the USA.

Rev Louise Yauil is Chaplaincy Team Leader, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS. She has an MA Chaplaincy in Health and Social Care and a PG Cert in Theology, Mission and Ministry (Durham). She has served as Community Chaplain to Sheffield GP practices and been a Church Army Evangelist. Her background includes being a former Registered General Nurse.

Revd Dr Manon James is Dean for Initial Ministerial Training at St Padarn's. Her research interests include Welsh Contextual Theology, Feminist Theology, and Poetry within Theological Research. Manon's PhD has been published as 'Women, Identity and Religion in Wales: Theology, Poetry'.

Revd Dr Paul Nash is Chaplaincy Manager and Spiritual Care Lead Birmingham Women's and Children's Hospital. He has published widely on children's and youth work in chaplaincy. Paul has served as Paediatric Chaplaincy Advisor to NHS England Chaplaincy Guidelines review group. He has co-authored 'Tools for Reflective Ministry' and brings that expertise to the programme.

Revd Dr Trystan Owain Hughes is Tutor in Applied Theology at St Padarn's. He has been Coordinating Chaplain of an inter-faith team of chaplains at Cardiff University and taught theology at Cardiff University. Trystan has served over 10 years on the Doctrinal Commission of the Church in Wales and regularly contributed to BBC Radio.

Recent students have commented

- The masters has been an amazing experience: it informs, challenges, encourages, stimulates and awakens the senses so that one's praxis as a chaplain is enhanced and refreshed. There is great value in chaplains from all spheres coming together to share their varied experiences in an environment that fosters learning, encourages good practice, and offers a network of pastoral support outside of the normal working environment.
- I am thoroughly pleased not only with my result but also the opportunities I've had along the way, firstly to dive into chaplaincy at a deeper level and second to meet some great people. It has been a very rewarding journey for me and one that will inform and equip my chaplaincy for years to come.
- I had an absolutely fantastic and memorable time studying at and through St Padarn's and the experience has certainly enriched my ministry. I wouldn't have managed without your assistance.
- I thoroughly enjoyed my experience of studying at St Padarn's and your approachability, helpfulness and kindness was the icing on the cake.