



# Postgraduate Chaplaincy Studies

(including Postgraduate Certificate, Diploma, and MA awards)

[www.stpadarns.ac.uk/en/courses/ma-chaplaincy/](http://www.stpadarns.ac.uk/en/courses/ma-chaplaincy/)

In Partnership with Durham Common Awards

2023-2024

## A recent student commented

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.

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

## **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 23 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 or none.

## **Equipping Effective Practitioners**

You can enrol part-time for a Certificate (one year), Diploma (two years), or Master's (three years). The course is validated by Durham University, one of the Russell Group's 24 world-class research-intensive universities.

The aim of St Padarn's programme is to offer postgraduate education in chaplaincy studies in partnership with the relevant professional bodies:

- as continuing professional development at an advanced level for individuals engaged in chaplaincy work
- for candidates for chaplaincy ministries who have already studied theology to degree level
- for individuals wishing to pursue chaplaincy studies at postgraduate level.

St Padarn's Chaplaincy Studies programme is a unique development that supports in-service chaplains in their practice and ministry. The programme will expand your thinking and broaden your awareness of both the theoretical and practical aspects of your work. A substantial placement module undertaken within students' workplaces aligns our programme to professional accreditation criteria.

At St Padarn's, we offer learning targeted at your specialism (education, health, military, prison, sport etc). Most of your modules will be studied alongside peers working in the same or a similar sector. 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. We are particularly proud to have held the national Ministry of Defence contract since 1999.

A particular strength of St Padarn's is the chance to study alongside chaplains serving in other specialisms. On some modules, over lunch, and in the evenings, airport, education, health, military, and sports chaplains have opportunity to share experiences and form lasting friendships.

Given our 21 years' experience at equipping chaplains from across the UK and beyond, there are plenty of good reasons to join us at St Padarn's.

## **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 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.

**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.

**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 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.

## **A Course for Working Professionals**

To meet the needs of working professionals, teaching is delivered in four intensive blocks each year. Residentials take place from Monday to Wednesday at our site in Cardiff where we enjoy an extensive library and well-equipped teaching rooms. Our en-suite accommodation is modern and purpose-built. Meals are freshly cooked onsite, and we cater for special dietary requirements.

You are welcome to worship alongside members of our theological college in our attractive chapel. In addition to our comfortable common room, you may wish to explore the nearby cathedral, shops, cafes, pubs, and riverside walks.

In the master's programme, students study three modules a year for two years, followed by a years' dissertation writing. In year three, students are encouraged to attend the residential as members of our learning community and work on their dissertations with access to the library, 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
Chaplaincy and Christian Mission	Relationships and Emotional Management	Dissertation on an aspect of chaplaincy: Agreed with supervisor
Moral Issues in Chaplaincy	Chaplaincy in Organisational Context	
Research and Reflection	<b>OR</b> Reflective Practice	

### Closing Date, Entry Criteria, and Application Process

The closing date for applications is end 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/](http://www.stpadarns.ac.uk/en/courses/ma-chaplaincy/) or contact Tina Franklin, Postgraduate Co-ordinator : [tina.franklin@stpadarns.ac.uk](mailto:tina.franklin@stpadarns.ac.uk)