

Help! I've been recommended for training at the St Padarn's Institute 2022-23



What happens next?

We're delighted that you have been recommended for training. When we have received your sponsorship form from the bishop, we will be in touch more formally. However, this information may be useful in the meantime.

First of all, please ensure that you have the dates for next year in the diary, and that you book time off work for the summer school (or any other arrangements you need to make) and if necessary, do the same for the weekend residentials.

Summer school

23-24 July 2022

24-29 July 2022

Induction **All new** ministry candidates only

Summer School **All ministry candidates**

14-16 Oct 2022

10-12 Feb 2023

12-14 May 2023

Residential weekend Location TBC.

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Residential weekend venue TBC

Normally the residentials are held at various locations in Wales and start with supper at 7pm.

We have three modes of training:

- Full-Time, St Padarn's Cardiff based
- Full-Time, Diocesan based
- Part-Time

and four 'building blocks' of training:

- residentials
- theological (academic) learning
- formational cells
- placement



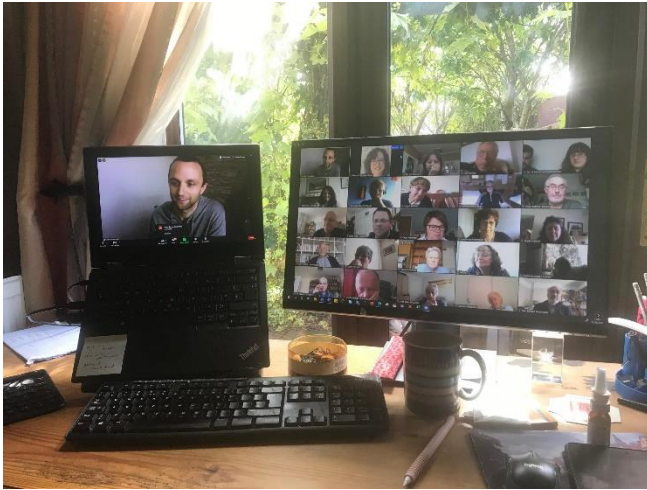
If you are training for a **part-time ministry**, normally you would remain at home, study theology locally on the Theology for Life (BTh) Programme, attend residentials (four times a year) and a local formational cell. Please look on our website for more information about the Theology for Life (BTh) programme.

If you are training for **full-time ministry**, normally you would follow the full-time programme which is either St Padarn's Cardiff based, or diocesan based.

In both, you attend the **Wednesday to Friday programme** at St Padarn's Cardiff where you will be part of the St Padarn's Full-Time community, worshipping, eating, socialising, praying and learning together with others training for ministry. Your formational cell will be during the Wednesday – Friday programme and you will attend the residentials along with all those in training for ministry across Wales.

If you are diocesan based, for the remainder of the week you will be doing a two-day placement and having your study day based at home. If you are Cardiff based, you will be doing your placement in Cardiff or the surrounding area.





The usual pattern is:

Sunday: placement
Monday: placement (or study day)
Tuesday: study day (or placement)
Wednesday: Cardiff
Thursday: Cardiff
Friday: Cardiff
Saturday: Day off

If you need advice, more information or to talk potential training options through please contact lyn.davies@stpadarns.ac.uk who will get one of the tutors to contact you for a conversation.

We consider training to be an important investment for the future, we are keen to ensure that the training package we put together for you is challenging and takes you on to the next level in your ministry journey, however experienced or qualified you already are.

Decisions regarding length and nature of training are taken in consultation between St Padarn's and the bishop, however normally full training takes 3 years or sometimes 2 years full-time. Part-time training normally takes 3 years. We will also take into account if you are already exercising a licensed ministry e.g., moving from being a Reader to being ordained, or already have theological qualifications.

The nature of the qualification you will gain at the end will also play an important part in these decisions. 6 years part-time and 3 years full-time leads to a degree, 4 years part-time, 2 years full-time, a diploma, and 1 year full-time, 2 years part time a certificate. Often candidates will have started the Theology for Life (BTh) course during the discernment process.



It is sometimes worth bearing in mind that it is much easier to move from part time to full-time study if you are at the end of a level. Finishing training at the same time as finishing a level (4,5, or 6) also means you gain a qualification, whether it is certificate, diploma or degree.

Practical information:

Grants

The Church in Wales provides grants for people training for ministry. For more information and to use the Grant Calculator to estimate how much you could be entitled to. Please visit www.stpadarns.ac.uk/en/ministry/formation-licensed-ministry/ to estimate the level of your grant.

If you have any queries about this, please contact Kathryn Delderfield, our Director of Operations who handles grants:

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Main: 029 2056 3379 Mobile: 07388994732

Expenses

For those candidates who will be travelling to Cardiff, Wednesday to Friday, your travel costs for those journeys will be calculated and included in your monthly grant payments. Placement travel expenses should be completed using a St Padarn's expenses form. Candidates can claim for travel to residentials and travel to placements outside of the ministry area in which they live.

For more information, look at the website

<https://www.stpadarns.ac.uk/en/ministry/formation-licensed-ministry/>

Theological learning

For those training full-time, the theology modules are taught during the Wednesday to Friday programme. For those training part-time, you will join other part time students all over Wales studying on the Theology for Life (BTh programme).

More information about the course can be found on the St Padarn's website under Theology for Life.

<https://www.stpadarns.ac.uk/en/courses/theology-life/>

On the part-time programme, you will attend two teaching sessions each term, one at the beginning, on Zoom, and the other in the middle of the term.

We run an annual induction for Theology for Life (the BTh) and a taster course. Do look out for this information on social media or get in touch for more information.

Please put all the dates relevant to you in your diaries as soon as possible. All residentials are a compulsory part of training for full and part time candidates.

St Padarn's Institute Ministry Candidates: Teaching dates 2022/2023

Teaching Block 1

Date	what	who
23-29 July 2022	Induction and Summer School	all part-time learners and part time candidates
10 September 2022	BTh Introductory session Delivered online	all part-time learners and part time candidates
12 Sep-16 Dec 2022	8 weekly local facilitated sessions	all part-time learners and part time candidates
15 Sep-24 November 2022	Level 6 Teaching Thursday evenings online 7-9pm	all part-time learners and all candidates studying at Level 6
14-16 September 2022	full-time week 1	all full-time candidates
21-23 September 2022	full-time week 2	all full-time candidates
28 Sep-30 Sept 2022	full-time week 3	all full-time candidates
5-7 October 2022	full-time week 4	all full-time candidates
12-14 October 2022	full-time week 5	all full-time candidates
14-16 October 2022	Autumn Residential venue tbc	all full and part time candidates
19-21 October 2022	full-time week 6	all full-time candidates
26-28 October 2022	full-time week 7	all full-time candidates
2-4 November 2022	Reading week	all part-time learners and all candidates
9-11 November 2022	full-time week 8	all full-time candidates
5 November 2022	BTh midterm seminar delivered in local locations	all part-time learners and part time candidates
16-18 November 2022	full-time week 9	all full-time candidates
23-25 November 2022	full-time week 10	all full-time candidates

Teaching Block 2

1 December – 2 March 2023	Level 6 Teaching Thursday evenings online 7-9pm	all part-time learners and all candidates studying at Level 6
30 Nov-2 December 2022	full-time week 1	all full-time candidates
7-9 December 2022	full-time week 2	all full-time candidates
14-16 December 2022	full-time week 3	all full-time candidates
19 Dec-10 January 2023	Christmas Break	
11-13 January 2023	full-time week 4	all full-time candidates
14 January 2023	BTh Introductory session Delivered online	all part-time learners and part time candidates
16 Jan- 24 March 2023	8 weekly local facilitated sessions	all part-time learners and part time candidates
18-20 January 2023	full-time week 5	all full-time candidates
25-27 January 2023	full-time week 6	all full-time candidates

Date	what	who
1-3 February 2023	full-time week 7	all full-time candidates
8-10 February 2023	full-time week 8	all full-time candidates
10-12 February 2023	Winter residential	all full and part-time candidates
18 February 2023	BTh mid-term seminar delivered in local locations	all part-time learners and part time candidates
15-17 February 2023	full-time week 9	all full-time candidates
<i>22 February</i>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>Falls in reading week</i>
22-24 February 2023	Reading week	all part-time learners and all candidates
1-3 March 2023	full-time week 10	all full-time candidates

Teaching Block 3

8-10 March 2023	full-time week 1	all full-time candidates
9 March – 19 June 2023	Level 6 Teaching Thursday evenings online 7-9pm	all part-time learners and all candidates studying at Level 6
25 March 2023	BTh Introductory session Delivered online	all part-time learners and part-time candidates
25 Mar-9 June 2022	8 weekly local facilitated sessions	all part-time learners and part time candidates
15-17 Mar 2023	full-time week 2	all full-time candidates
22-24 Mar 2023	full-time week 3	all full-time candidates
29 -31 March 2023	Full-time week 4	all candidates
3-9 April 2023	Holy Week	all candidates
12-14 April 2023	Easter Break	all candidates
19-21 April 2023	Full-time week 5	all full-time candidates
26-28 April 2023	full-time week 6	all full-time candidates
3-5 May 2023	full-time week 7	all full-time candidates
22 April 2023	BTh midterm seminar	all part-time learners and part time candidates
10-12 May 2023	full-time week 8	all full-time candidates
17-19 May 2023	full-time week 9 Leavers week	all full-time candidates
12-14 May 2023	Spring Residential weekend	all full and part-time candidates
24-26 May 2023	Mission week	all full-time candidates