

Help! I've been recommended for training at the St Padarn's Institute 2023-24



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 your 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

19-25 August 2023 Induction for **All new** ministry candidates only
20-25 August 2023 Summer School for **All ministry candidates**

13-15 Oct 2023 Residential weekend Cwmbran Parkway
02-04 Feb 2024 Residential weekend Location TBC
10-12 May 2024 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, Diocesan based

and four 'building blocks' of training:

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

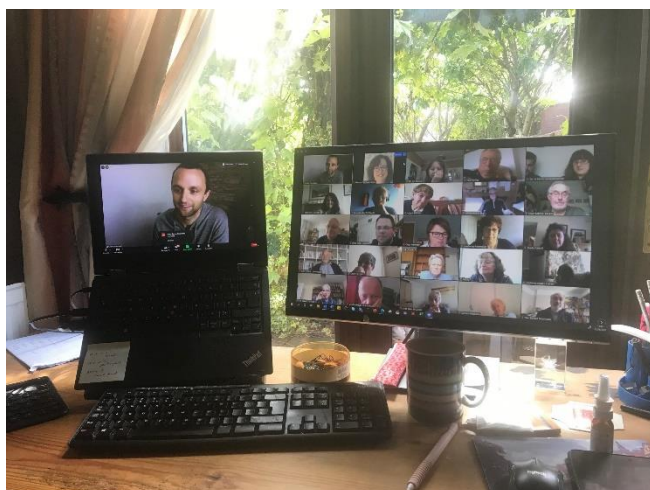


If you are training for a **part-time ministry**, normally you would remain at home, study theology locally on the Theology for Life (BTh) Programme, attend residentials (four times a year) and a local formational cell. Please take a look on our website for more information about the Theology for Life (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 take place 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 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 sponsored for full-time training and travelling to Cardiff, Wednesday to Friday, travel costs will be calculated for those journeys and included in your monthly grant payments. Placement travel expenses should be completed using a St Padarn's expenses form. All candidates can claim for travel to residentials and for travel to placements outside of the ministry area in which they live. Please contact lyn.davies@stpadarns.ac.uk if you have any questions concerning this.



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 learners 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 mid-way through the term. You will also attend a facilitated learning group on-line.

We run an annual induction for Theology for Life (the BTh) and a taster course. We also run open days / evenings in the spring. 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 2023/2024

Teaching block 1		
19-25 August 2023	Induction and Summer School	all part-time and full-time candidates
9 September 2023	BTh Introductory session delivered online	all part-time learners and part time candidates
11 Sep-15 Dec 2023	8 weekly facilitated sessions to be completed by 15 December With at least 4 by 4 th November	all part-time learners and part time candidates
14 Sep-23 November 2023	Level 6 Teaching Thursday evenings online 7-9pm	all part-time learners and all candidates studying at Level 6
13-15 September 2023	full-time week 1	all full-time candidates
20-22 September 2023	full-time week 2	all full-time candidates
27 Sep-29 Sept 2023	full-time week 3	all full-time candidates
4-6 October 2023	full-time week 4	all full-time candidates
11-13 October 2023	full-time week 5	all full-time candidates
13-15 October 2023	Autumn Residential Parkway Cwmbran	all full and part time candidates
18-20 October 2023	full-time week 6	all full-time candidates

25-27 October 2023	full-time week 7	all full-time candidates
1-3 November 2023	Independent study week	all part-time learners and all candidates
8-10 November 2023	full-time week 8	all full-time candidates
4 November 2023	BTh midterm seminar delivered online	all part-time learners and part time candidates
15-17 November 2023	full-time week 9	all full-time candidates
22-24 November 2023	full-time week 10	all full-time candidates
Teaching block 2		
30 November – 2 March 2023	Level 6 Teaching Thursday evenings online 7-9pm	all part-time learners and all candidates studying at Level 6
29 Nov-1 December 2023	full-time week 1	all full-time candidates
6-8 December 2023	full-time week 2	all full-time candidates
13-15 December 2023	full-time week 3	all full-time candidates
20 Dec 2023-9 January 2024	Christmas Break	
10-12 January 2024	full-time week 4	all full-time candidates
13 January 2024	BTh Introductory session delivered online	all part-time learners and part time candidates
15 Jan- 22 March 2024	8 weekly facilitated sessions to be completed by 22 March 24 With at least 4 sessions by 17 th February	all part-time learners and part time candidates
17-19 January 2024	full-time week 5	all full-time candidates
24-26 January 2024	full-time week 6	all full-time candidates
31-2 February 2024	full-time week 7	all full-time candidates
2-4 February 2024	Winter residential	all full and part-time candidates
7-9 February 2024	full-time week 8	all full-time candidates
12-16 February 2024	Independent study week	all part-time learners and all candidates
17 February 2024	BTh mid-term seminar delivered online	all part-time learners and part time candidates
21-23 February 2024	full-time week 9	all full-time candidates
14th Feb 2024	Ash Wednesday	
28 February -1 March 2024	full-time week 10	all full-time candidates
Teaching block 3		
6-8 March 2024	full-time week 1	all full-time candidates
7 March – 16 May 2024	Level 6 Teaching Thursday evenings online 7-9pm	all part-time learners and all candidates studying at Level 6
13-15 March 2024	full-time week 2	all full-time candidates
23 March 2024	BTh Introductory session delivered online	all part-time learners and part-time candidates
18 Mar- 14 Jun 2024	8 weekly facilitated sessions to be completed by 17 June with at least 4 sessions by 4 th May	all part-time learners and part time candidates

20-22 March 2024	Independent study week	all full-time candidates
26-29 March 2024	Holy Week	all candidates
3-5 April 2024	Easter Break	all candidates
10-12 April 2024	full-time week 3	all full-time candidates
17-19 April 2024	full-time week 4	all full-time candidates
24-26 April 2024	full-time week 5	all full-time candidates
4 May 2024	BTh midterm seminar delivered online	all part-time learners and part time candidates
1-3 May 2024	full-time week 6	all full-time candidates
8-10 May 2024	full-time week 7	all full-time candidates
10-12 May 2024	Spring Residential	all full and part-time candidates
15-17 May 2024	full-time week 8	all full-time candidates
22-24 May 2024	full-time week 9 – Leaver’s week	all full-time candidates
1-7 July 2024	Mission week	all full-time candidates