

## *Professional Development*

for those working or wishing to work in the following contexts:

- *Post-Primary Schools*
- *Higher Education Institutions*
- *Youth & Young Adult Groups*
- *Prisons / Young Offenders*
- *Parish Communities*

Introducing a **Flexible MA:**

- One Evening a Week plus 8 Saturdays (each year for two years)
- Offered in **Dublin or Cork / Kilkenny**



[www.materdei.ie](http://www.materdei.ie)

## Chaplaincy Studies & Pastoral Work



# Master of Arts in Chaplaincy Studies and Pastoral Work

## Are you interested in Chaplaincy Studies or Pastoral Work?

This programme provides the academic, pastoral, spiritual, personal and professional education for chaplains, coordinators of chaplaincy services or those engaged in pastoral work in their community and in a broad range of contexts including:

- Post-primary schools
- Third Level Institutes
- Prisons / Young Offenders
- Parish Communities
- Youth and Young Adult Groups
- Community/Voluntary Sector

The programme provides Professional Development for those already working or wishing to work in the above contexts who seek to enrich their skills in the areas of Faith Development, Chaplaincy and Chaplaincy Coordination.

## Flexible Scheduling: On-Campus and Outreach Options

### *Dublin:*

The programme is offered on a part time basis (over two years). Classes take place on Monday evenings and on eight Saturdays throughout the academic year.

### *Outreach:*

The programme will be offered at an outreach centre in the Kilkenny or Cork region on a Tuesday evening with eight Saturdays per academic year in Dublin (subject to minimum numbers).

## Modules (offered cyclically)

Participants who wish to obtain a Master's Award must take the following academic and professional taught modules:

- The Theology of Ministry (10 ECTS Credits)
- Cultural Discernment and Pastoral Work (10 ECTS Credits)
- Spirituality and Ritual in Context (10 ECTS Credits)
- Foundations in the Theory and Practice of Spiritual Accompaniment, Counselling Skills and Pastoral Skills (10 ECTS Credits)
- Personal and Professional Development and Supervision (2 Modules, 10 ECTS Credits each)

In addition, participants will complete a Research Module (30 ECTS Credits), which includes a minor thesis.

## Ongoing Professional Development and Placement

The Professional Development module includes an on-going placement as a student chaplain either in a post-primary school, a prison, a third level institute, a parish community or with a youth / young adult group. The placement should be between 2-4 hours per week and should be arranged prior to Admission to the programme. Further details from the programme coordinator.

## Awards Available

Participants may graduate with a:

Graduate Diploma in Chaplaincy Studies and Pastoral Work  
(60 credits = 6 modules)

or

Master of Arts in Chaplaincy Studies and Pastoral Work  
(90 credits = 6 modules + minor thesis)

## Entry Requirements

- Applicants will normally hold an honours bachelor degree with a minimum of a second class honours grade two classification (2.2) and with academic subjects that pertain to the Chaplaincy Studies programme.
- Applicants must be successful at a pre-admission interview.
- There is a minimum age requirement of 23 years in the year of application.
- Applicants must have completed a minimum of sixty ECTS credits in the area of foundational Theology or equivalent (NFQ level 8).
- Applicants must have secured a suitable placement..

## How do I apply?

Applications must be received by 26th June 2009.

For further information contact:

Admissions Office

Mater Dei Institute of Education, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3

Tel: 01 808-6518 Email: [admissions@materdei.dcu.ie](mailto:admissions@materdei.dcu.ie)

## Further information

For further information can be found on the Graduate Studies section of our website at:

[www.materdei.ie](http://www.materdei.ie)