

MA/MSc

---

# Spirituality, Theology and Health

Training clergy and health professionals alongside each other on an exciting new inter-professional, inter-disciplinary programme

# A unique new programme of study at Durham University

A new inter-professional and inter-disciplinary programme, offered by the Durham Project for Spirituality, Theology & Health, leading to an MA or MSc, in which clergy, health professionals, theologians, anthropologists, psychologists and others may study alongside each other.

## The aims of the programme

- To provide a taught postgraduate programme on which theologians and scientists, clergy/chaplains and healthcare professionals may reflect together on their understanding of the interdisciplinary field of spirituality, theology and health.
- To assist practitioners (clergy and healthcare professionals) in acquiring and extending their ability to reflect theologically on their pastoral and clinical work in spirituality and healthcare
- To provide practitioners and researchers with subject specific knowledge and skills supportive of progression to teaching others about spirituality, theology and health
- To provide a depth of knowledge of the literature and in research skills prior to undertaking a doctoral programme of study (PhD or DThM) in this field
- To assist those who, already having a master's degree or doctorate in a different but related field, wish to enter this as a new academic field for research or teaching
- To allow students to conduct, on their individual initiative, a substantial piece of academic research with a primary focus on either theology (MA route) or health (MSc route).

## Programme structure

**Two core modules and a dissertation are compulsory components of the programme:**

- 1 *Spirituality, Religion & Health* – 30 credits
- 2 *Practical Theology: Context, Practice and Methodology* – 30 credits
- 3 *Dissertation* – 60 credits

Relevant modules to a total of 60 credits may be taken from other programmes in the Department of Theology & Religion, School for Medicine & Health and from the MSc in Medical Anthropology.

## Find out more

**Professor Christopher Cook**  
Programme Director

**Email:** [c.c.h.cook@durham.ac.uk](mailto:c.c.h.cook@durham.ac.uk)  
**Tel:** 0191 334 3929

**Department of  
Theology and Religion**

Abbey House  
Palace Green  
Durham DH1 3RS

*The Durham Project for Spirituality, Theology & Health is a collaborative venture between the Department of Theology & Religion and the School for Medicine & Health of Durham University: [www.durham.ac.uk/spirituality.health](http://www.durham.ac.uk/spirituality.health)*