

COURSE OUTLINE:

The course consists of 4 taught modules and a dissertation. Three modules are compulsory:

CORE MODULE: PASTORAL THEOLOGY IN HISTORY & PRACTICE

This module introduces participants to the discipline of pastoral theology and offers methods of theological reflection on practical work.



HEALTH CARE CHAPLAINCY

MODULE: This is the key module for the MA in Health Care Chaplaincy. It aims to equip people who are engaging or considering engaging in chaplaincy with a firm ideological and theological basis for their work. The objective is to deepen participants' awareness of the history, theology and practice of health care chaplaincy. The module focuses on the particularities of pastoral theology and praxis as a distinct discipline within a health care setting.



PLACEMENT MODULE: The placement aims to develop appropriate pastoral skills within a specific health care setting. Placement options include: acute medical; mental health services & hospice. The placement involves 300 hours of practical experience, supervision and reflection over a wide range of services and in a diversity of contexts. Passing this module is essential as an indication of fitness to practice.

Placements are available as a month's block or as a weekly commitment over a longer period by negotiation. A CRB enhanced disclosure is required.

ONE OTHER MODULE:

The fourth taught module may be selected from those offered in the Pastoral Theology programme or another

Health Care programme offered by APU. Participants who wish to do empirical research in their dissertation are required to take the **RESEARCH METHODS MODULE**

DISSERTATION:

The dissertation, which should be at least 15,000 words long, should tackle some appropriate dimension of research in the health care chaplaincy field.

Those who do not take the dissertation may receive a **POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PASTORAL THEOLOGY: HEALTH CARE CHAPLAINCY** on passing the four taught modules.

VALIDATION

The current course is validated by **The UK Board for Health Care Chaplaincy** - the professional body for health care chaplaincy - for formal accreditation and recognition by the profession which is increasingly looked for by Health Care Trusts when employing chaplains.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

Each module costs @ £600. The fee includes all tuition, supervision and use of libraries. The fee does not include any accommodation or meals, or costs of travel. The teaching and supervision takes place in Cambridge.

Students on this course will become regional members of one of the Cambridge Theological Federation Institutes and able to use its facilities and be part of its community life.

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AM I QUALIFIED TO DO THIS COURSE?

To be accepted on the programme applicants need to have some pastoral experience and the equivalent of degree level work in theology. No previous chaplaincy experience is necessary.

HOW MUCH TIME WILL IT TAKE?

Each module requires 300 hours work. Taught modules are seminar based and involve 24 hours of class time. For each 2 hours class time, students should expect to undertake 15-17 hours reading and reflection. In the placement module there are 150 hours contact time and 150 hours study, supervision and reflection.

Full time students have three years from the date of registration to complete the programme and part time students have six years.

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