



# MA

# Chaplaincy Studies

(including Postgraduate Certificate and Diploma awards)

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## **A Unique Provider**

St Padarn's Chaplaincy Studies programme is a unique development that supports in-service chaplains in their practice and ministry. Our programme will expand your thinking and broaden your awareness of both the theoretical and practical aspects of your work.

St Padarn's Institute is the training arm of the Church in Wales. Under its statement 'formation in community for mission', St Padarn's equips and empowers God's people across the world to communicate God's transformative love. St Padarn's has more than 20 years of experience and an internationally recognised reputation as the UK's leading provider of specialist chaplaincy training.

## **Equipping Effective Practitioners**

The St Padarn's Chaplaincy Studies programme is focused on providing advanced continuing professional development for chaplains but may be suitable for others.

The programme is designed with flexibility in mind to reflect your ongoing professional commitments. The whole MA takes three years part-time, and you can register for that right from the beginning. Alternatively, you can register for the one-year Certificate, and at the end of that year, decide either to carry on to the two-year Diploma, or exit with the Certificate.

Your teaching will be delivered by expert chaplains and academic specialists who have been carefully selected for their ability to equip you for leadership in your role.

The course is validated by Durham University. Durham is one of the Russell Group's 24 world-class research-intensive universities. Alongside our academic focus, we are highly experienced in equipping practising chaplains to be more effective on the front line. We are committed to continuous improvement through student feedback to deliver outstanding training.

At St Padarn's, we offer learning targeted at your specialism. Most of your modules will be studied alongside peers working in the same or a similar sphere. There is also the chance to study alongside chaplains serving in other sectors, for example education, health, military, prison, or sport. We are particularly proud to have held the national Ministry of Defence contract since 1999.

St Padarn's is committed to ensuring that in all policies, procedures, functions, and activities consideration is given to enabling full participation of students with disabilities in all aspects of the academic and social life of the institution.

## A Course for Working Professionals

To meet the needs of working professionals, teaching is delivered in four intensive blocks each year. In year three, students are encouraged to attend the residentials as members of our learning community and work on their dissertations with access to the library, teaching staff. To obtain the MA Chaplaincy Studies, students must complete six taught modules and a 15,000-word dissertation.

<b>Year one (illustrative)</b> Postgraduate Certificate	<b>Year two (illustrative)</b> Postgraduate Diploma	<b>Year three</b> MA
Research and Reflection: A foundation in research skills Moral Issues in Chaplaincy: All about difficult decisions Chaplaincy and Christian Mission: Relating well to our context	Perspectives and Skills in Chaplaincy: Exploring approaches to chaplaincy Inhabiting Public Ministry: How we represent faith communities Reflective Practice: Being effective and safe practitioners	Dissertation 15,000 words

Residentials take place from Monday to Wednesday at our site in Cardiff where we enjoy an extensive library and well-equipped teaching rooms. You are welcome to worship alongside members of our theological college in our attractive chapel. Our en-suite accommodation is modern and purpose-built.

Photo of chaplain outside Ashworth Hospital courtesy Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust.

## **An Expert Teaching Team with Excellent Feedback**

**Revd Dr Julian Raffay** is Director of Chaplaincy Studies at St Padarn's. He has worked extensively in mental health chaplaincy and significant experience of parish ministry. He recently served as a research chaplain. Julian has served in High Secure services. He has published widely. His thesis was on the 'Relationships Between Mental Health Services and Faith Communities'. Julian's academic interests include ethics, coproduction, and grounded theory.

**Padre David Crees** is Deputy Principal and Chief Instructor at the Defence Academy Armed Forces Chaplaincy Centre. He heads up the Royal Army Chaplains' Department ethical teaching to Junior and Commanding Officers. Since 2004, David has served 11 units including tours of Iraq and Afghanistan. He is pursuing doctoral research in the leadership styles adopted by British Army chaplains.

**Revd Professor Jeremy Duff** is Principal at St Padarn's Institute. He has a passion for formation and mission. Jeremy's specialisms are in New Testament Studies and Leadership Development. He has an extensive publication list. He was previously the vicar of an urban community near Liverpool.

**Revd Canon Dr David Grimwood** has served in parishes in Newcastle upon Tyne and Hampshire. In 1993, he was appointed to lead 'Church in Society'. In 2008, having gained an MA in Mission and Consultancy, he set up a consultancy in the voluntary sector. He also contributed to 'Entering the New Theological Space' (2009).

**Revd Dr Jordan Hillebert** is Director of Formation at St Padarn's. He completed his PhD at St Andrews. His specialist subjects are Christian doctrine and ethics. Jordan has an extensive publication record.

**Revd Dr Manon James** is Dean for Initial Ministerial Training at St Padarn's. Her research interests include Welsh Contextual Theology, Feminist Theology, and the use of Poetry within Theological Research. Manon's PhD has been published by University of Wales Press as 'Women, Identity and Religion in Wales: Theology, Poetry'.

**Professor Andrew Parker** was Professor of Sport and Christian Outreach at the University of Gloucestershire (2008–18). Andrew was Associate Professor in the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Warwick (1999–2008) where he completed his PhD in 1997. He was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 2009. Andrew has published over 10 edited books and 100 articles, working papers and commissioned reports.

**Dr Charles Shepherd** is Director of Learning Strategy, Resources and Technology at St Padarn's. He is a biblical scholar with a Durham PhD. His expertise is in Old Testament Theology and Theological Hermeneutics. Charlie has considerable experience in biblical languages.

## To Apply

The closing date for applications is 31 July. The usual entry criteria are a 2:1 degree with two years' experience of chaplaincy or a 2:2 degree with substantial professional experience.

## Further Information

For further information, please contact **Tina Franklin, Postgraduate and Registry Co-ordinator.**

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