

Awarding Body:
Duration ;
Delivery

PA Milltown Institute
One Year (September to April) Full-time
Placements on Monday; Classes Tuesday to Friday



CERTIFICATE / DIPLOMA IN PASTORAL STUDIES

AIM OF THE PROGRAMME

This one year programme aims to prepare people for ministry in the Christian Community. In today's rapidly changing world those who minister find themselves faced with new and challenging situations. Pastoral Studies at Milltown Institute is well positioned to equip people with the skills to respond to these challenges, helping them grow as pastoral people and to acquire skills that will enhance their ability to care more compassionately and effectively. The programme stresses learning through experience. Each week participants give time in a pastoral situation that reflects their personal interest or future aspirations. Placements are arranged in consultation with the students and include: Parish Work, Hospital Ministry, Community Centres, Ministry to the disabled, Prisons, and other suitable ministries. Each participant has a placement tutor and receives individual mentoring.

ADMISSION AND PROGRESSION ROUTES;

The standard requirement is a completed secondary education; however all mature applicants will be considered. No previous experience in a pastoral situation is necessary. A Certificate in Pastoral Studies is also offered for those who wish to take the year as a sabbatical experience in a reflective environment.

MODULES IN THE PROGRAMME

The programme begins in mid-September with integration time where the programme and its components are presented to the students. Time is also given by the core staff on preparing students for placements which is an integral element of this full-time programme. Each Monday during term time the participants give time in a pastoral placement. The programme is an integrated exercise containing Theology, Personal Development, Pastoral Experience and Pastoral Reflection.

MODES OF DELIVERY

Much of the learning takes place in different ways, such as lectures, participation in class discussion, making presentations to the class, field placements, taking time to reflect on these experiences, participation in the various Institute cultural events, liturgies and public seminars, partaking in programme workshops and group integration

THE COURSES INCLUDE:

Church and Ministry
Communications Skills
Human Development
Loss, Grief Work & Bereavement Skills
Sexuality and Relational Issues
Collaborative Skills
Accompaniment Skills

Group Reflection and Integration
Art Therapy
Pastoral Reflection
Adult Education Learning
Contemporary Pastoral Issues
Scripture
Theology of Eucharist
Theology of Suffering

MODES OF ASSESSMENT.

There are no examinations as the aim of the assessment procedures listed here is to enable participants in a life of learning and reflective practice. The procedures can include book reviews, essays or class presentations.

PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

Tom Cooney OSA, is the Director of the Pastoral Studies Programme since 2001. Educated at St. Joseph's C.B.S. Drogheda and later at the Gregorian University at Rome, where he was ordained in 1967, his postgraduate studies were followed at St. Louis University MO and later at the Centre for Religious Development at Cambridge and Immanuel College Boston. He has been a Pastoral Guide for groups in Ireland and overseas and is committed to adult education and providing mature students with the opportunity of learning through experience in a theological and academically based pastoral programme.



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