

“The foundation degree allowed me to meet others involved in youth ministry across the country and to share good practice. The modules are relevant and contemporary and it really helps being able to do most of the work online, supported by face to face contact time through study days. Each module wets your academic appetite, leaving you wanting to delve out of the module readers and into wider reading. It is a great stepping-stone into the final year of the BA in Theology (both academically and financially), which I intend to complete next academic year”.

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Team member at Soli House Retreat Centre

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Foundation Degree Programme

This well established and highly regarded programme is delivered by distance learning with study days. There is a pattern of online tutorials and seminars, supported by on-site study days which take place each term. This distinctive programme offers a practical perspective on the central aspects of youth ministry and school chaplaincy, enabling practitioners to reflect on their work and develop key skills within a pastoral context.

Our programme combines academic study with practical and vocational experience.

Students on the course will be actively working with young people (full or part time) and will acquire a range of transferable skills together with reflective practice on their work. Areas of focus include culture, policy and legislation and human development. The use of scripture will be explored alongside Church teaching, catechesis and tradition.

Entry Requirements

- Must be employed for at least the equivalent of a half-time post (in either a paid or voluntary capacity) in youth work/ministry.
- Must have a letter of recommendation from their religious body to study for this degree. **The course is open to students of all faiths.**
- Have a GCSE Grade C or equivalent in English Language. Normally have (or be expected to obtain) an A Level or NVQ Level 3 or equivalent.
- Candidates for this programme should apply directly to Carmel College who will co-ordinate with St Mary's University.

Teaching Methods

This course will be delivered in Darlington for students across the North East. It is a blended learning programme that includes:

- Online Learning
- Group work and discussions
- Four days of face to face taught sessions

There are four non-optional study days as part of this course, official dates TBC :

October 2015 , January 2016, April 2016, June 2016

Assessment Methods

Assessment for most modules will combine oral presentations, fieldwork, reflective practice, and essays.

Programme Structure and Outline

The foundation degree programme is scheduled to be studied part-time over a minimum of two years. Each component of this course is worth 20 credits. It has been designed in consultation with experts and practitioners within the field of youth ministry.

Course Modules

Youth Ministry and School Chaplaincy in Context

Ministry Leadership and Policy

Youth Culture I

Church and Sacraments

Biblical Foundations for Youth Ministry

Christ and Christian Ethics

Youth Culture II

Reflective Practice

Models of Catechesis

Innovation and Creativity in Youth Ministry and School Chaplaincy

Introduction to World Religions

Introduction to Christian Spirituality

Level 4

In their first year, students follow six core modules designed to familiarise them with youth ministry. Principles and core values will be considered alongside culture and key policy in this area. Faith development and understanding of the human person will be explored, together with a Biblical and catechetical framework to support this.



Level 5

Students successful at Level 4 will progress to their second year. Year two enables students to extend their critical understanding and explore different ways of engaging young people in the life and mission of the Church and positively impacting on wider society. Successful candidates interested in studying further for a BA Hons Theology and Religious Studies at Level 6 may apply to do so in consultation with the Programme Director.

Course Fee

The fee for this course is £2250 per year, eligible for student finance. Students are also able to be sponsored or part sponsored by their organisation / employers.