

Pastoral Care Programme 2010-11

What are the aims of the programme?

The overall aim of the programme, as agreed by the Diocese of Hereford and the West of England Ministerial Training Course, is to help Christians with pastoral gifts to grow in the service they offer to both their church and community. The course will enable them -

- ❖ to understand themselves and others better
- ❖ to enhance their pastoral skills
- ❖ to explore pastoral theology

When do we meet?

The term dates for 2010-11 are on the attached sheet. Students on this programme will be studying alongside other WEMTC students on Wednesday evenings at the Ludlow Conference Centre, from 6.45 – 9.30pm.

What shall we be studying on Wednesday evenings?

Autumn Term

Doing Theology: a ten evening module, designed to help students to learn about theological reflection, and to try it out on some of the hard questions people ask about faith and life.

Spring Term

Listening and Discernment: a ten evening module, helping students to listen more effectively to God, themselves and others.

Summer Term

Pastoral Care: a ten evening module, covering the major issues in both the theology and practice of Christian pastoral ministry

What else is involved?

- ❖ There will be Formation Group meetings once a term: these are informal evenings designed to help students to reflect together on their training.

- ❖ Students will be asked to keep a Learning Journal through the year, designed to help them to make connections between their learning, their pastoral ministry and their own Christian discipleship

How will I be assessed?

You can choose one of two options:

- Option A will include some written assignments (mostly drawing on students' own experience), the rest of the course being assessed through other, less academic methods.
- Option B will include the normal pattern of WEMTC assessment, mostly through written work. Students will register with the University of Gloucestershire and will gain about 30 credits at Level One over the year, which could be accredited as Prior Learning should they undertake further training or study.

Both options will be assessed at the same level, and both will qualify successful candidates for the Certificate awarded for this course.