

PASTORAL COUNSELING

MA IN PASTORAL COUNSELING • MDiv/MA DUAL DEGREE

• POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

The Institute of Pastoral Studies (IPS) educates people for faith-based leadership and provides a transformative educational experience for individuals already involved in or aspiring to faith-based leadership in professional ministry settings, non-profit venues, service-oriented professions, and social justice agencies.

MA IN PASTORAL COUNSELING

This degree program prepares pastoral clinicians to provide spiritually grounded and psychologically informed therapeutic services in faith-based contexts. A multidisciplinary curriculum and peer learning groups are among the distinguishing characteristics of this degree.

This program integrates pastoral counseling practice with the best of psychological theory and the riches of contemporary theology.

You can broaden your academic and experiential foundation by pursuing the MA in Pastoral Counseling along with another master's degree or post-graduate certificate.

MDiv/MA IN PASTORAL COUNSELING

This dual degree program equips you with a comprehensive background in ministerial leadership and specialist competencies in faith-based counseling.

POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN PASTORAL COUNSELING

The Institute of Pastoral Studies also offers an advanced certificate program in pastoral counseling. This program provides you with an opportunity to pursue a concentrated series of five courses.

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The degree offers full-time enrollment

Average time to completion (full time): 3 years (MA degree)

Average time to completion (full time): 1 year (Certificate)

The MA curriculum is designed to prepare you for licensure in the state of Illinois. Those not interested in becoming a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) or Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) are encouraged to pursue the MA in Counseling for Ministry.

INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

You will work with the IPS Faculty Coordinator of Contextual Education to complete 700 clinical hours in a supervised counseling setting. As part of this process, you will complete an integration project that synthesizes your learnings at the end of your studies.

EXPECTATIONS AFTER GRADUATION

Once you complete your studies, you will have built a strong resume for a career in a variety of settings such as clinical mental health, non-profit, higher education, or private practice.

Career services are available at [LUC.edu/career](https://luc.edu/career).

PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

The Institute of Pastoral Studies is accredited by the Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools. We continue the Catholic and Jesuit tradition of academic excellence, a personal and community approach to education, and social relevance.

The MAPC student body consists of students from a variety of faith backgrounds and from around the world.

STUDENT LIFE

- **ACTS:** A proud member of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools (ACTS), IPS partners with 11 Chicago-based theological schools whose courses will be available for you to take as you fulfill your elective credit requirements.
- **STUDY ABROAD:** We encourage you to widen your pastoral experience with an international immersion. Study abroad is open to full- and part-time students. Courses in Rome are scheduled for every summer.
- **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:** As an IPS student, you are welcome to participate in the IPS Student Engagement Committee.

FACULTY

Our faculty members are respected leaders in their fields, integrating research and practical experiences in the classroom. They value interdisciplinary approaches and reflect expertise in a wide array of areas including narrative interpretive methods, Caribbean theologies of liberation, theology and political economy, pedagogies of storytelling, science and theology, ecological approaches to spiritual human development, theologies of pilgrimage, community organizing, integral formation for counseling practice, theologies of immigration, and more. Faculty participate in a number of professional organizations and conferences including the American Academy of Religion, Society of Christian Ethics, Catholic Theological Society of America, Black Catholic Theological Symposium, Center for Theology and Natural Sciences, Catholic Association of Theological Field Education, Karl Rahner Society, Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, and Association for Spiritual, Ethical and Religious Values in Counseling.

For more on our faculty visit [LUC.edu/ips/about/faculty](https://luc.edu/ips/about/faculty).

ACCREDITATIONS, MEMBERSHIPS, AND AFFILIATION

As a part of Loyola University Chicago, the Institute of Pastoral Studies is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and affiliated with the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU). In addition, the IPS is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools. Those accreditations along with our mission to form students as leaders in diverse fields has led to the development of several additional memberships and affiliations. The IPS is a member of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools, the AJCU Conference for Pastoral, Theological and Ministerial Education, the National Association of Catholic Chaplains, and the Association of Professional Chaplains among many more.

For more on our accreditations, memberships, and affiliations visit [LUC.edu/ips/about/affiliations/](https://luc.edu/ips/about/affiliations/).

FINANCIAL AID

Begin the financial aid process by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov.

IPS has limited funds available for financial assistance. Options include merit-based scholarships, need-based grants, sponsored matching grants, Mission Grants, Loyola University Campus Ministry Assistantship, the Chicago Archdiocesan Lay Ecclesial Ministry Program, and/or graduate assistant positions at IPS. Learn more at [LUC.edu/ips/admission/finaid](https://luc.edu/ips/admission/finaid).

LEARN MORE

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

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