

# PASTORAL STUDIES

• MA DEGREE • CERTIFICATE

**ALSO OFFERED ENTIRELY ONLINE**

The Institute of Pastoral Studies 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 STUDIES**

The MA in Pastoral Studies provides a uniquely systematic and in-depth education in pastoral ministry. It provides a broad and deep foundation in religious thought and lays the groundwork for an effective and well-informed pastoral practice.

## **MA IN PASTORAL STUDIES WITH A CONCENTRATION IN CHURCH MANAGEMENT**

The optional concentration in Church Management is designed to equip lay church leaders with skills in administration, accounting, marketing, organizational development, and human resources. The curriculum includes courses from the Institute of Pastoral Studies and Quinlan School of Business, as well as a final integration project.

The Church Management concentration is also available as a 1-year (full time, on campus) Certificate Program to be completed online or onsite.

## **MA IN PASTORAL STUDIES WITH A CONCENTRATION IN DIGITAL COMMUNICATION**

The optional concentration in Digital Communication is designed to equip lay church leaders with skills in marketing, communication, digital media, and digital story-telling. The curriculum includes courses from the Institute of Pastoral Studies and the School of Communication, as well as a final integration project. The Digital Communication concentration is completed onsite.

## **MA IN PASTORAL STUDIES WITH A CONCENTRATION IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The optional concentration in Religious Education is designed to equip lay church leaders with skills in religious education, catechism, evangelization, and enculturation. The curriculum includes contextual education and a final integration project. The program is designed specifically for those who would be the director of religious education at a parish/church.

The Religious Education concentration is also available as a 1-year (5 course, full-time) Certificate Program to be completed online or onsite.

## **MA IN PASTORAL STUDIES WITH A CONCENTRATION IN HEALTH CARE CHAPLAINCY**

The optional concentration in Health Care Chaplaincy is designed to equip lay ministers with the skills to become certified chaplains with the National Association of Catholic Chaplains. Students might also become certified by other agencies. The curriculum includes four units of Clinical Pastoral Education and a final integration project designed to help you prepare for Board Certification.

## **PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

The degree offers full- and part-time enrollment.

*Average time to completion (full time): 2 years*

*Average time to completion (part time): 4 years*

The program can be completed completely online, completely onsite, or a hybrid of both.

The MA in Pastoral Studies includes a common core of classes. Beyond your core classes, you can choose from concentrations in health care chaplaincy, church management, digital communication, or religious education. You can also opt for a general track that will prepare you for ecclesial or entrepreneurial ministries.

## **INTERNSHIPS/RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES**

You will complete a three-credit Contextual Education placement as well as a capstone integration project that synthesizes your learnings. You can also complete one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) for your Contextual Education.

## 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 church management, digital media and ministry, campus ministry, retreat work, urban ministry, religious education, and health care chaplaincy. Recent graduates are in careers in a variety of churches, schools, and hospitals.

Career services are available at [LUC.edu/career](http://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.

## 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](http://LUC.edu/ips/about/faculty).

## ACCREDITATIONS, MEMBERSHIPS, AND AFFILIATIONS

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/](http://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](http://fafsa.ed.gov).

The Institute of Pastoral Studies 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 student worker positions at IPS. Learn more at [LUC.edu/ips/admission/finaid](http://LUC.edu/ips/admission/finaid).

## LEARN MORE

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

[gpem.LUC.edu/apply](http://gpem.LUC.edu/apply)

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