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Master of Theology with specialisation in Pastoral Theology and Praxis

Total credits: 180

FULL and PART TIME (minimum TWO years) - intake every other year

YEAR 1					
Semester 1			Semester 1		
TPRM7916	24 credits	Research methodology and theory in practical and missional theology	TPPN7926	24 credits	Narrative pastoral therapy
TPCH7916	24 credits	Pastoral care in chaplaincy	TPPC7926	24 credits	Pastoral care and counselling
YEAR 2					
Year modules					
TSUP7900	24 credits	Pastoral care internship and supervision			
TPPP7900	60 credits	Mini-dissertation in pastoral theology and praxis			

Module Descriptions

TPPP7900: Mini-Dissertation in Pastoral Theology and Praxis:

In this module, research in the form of a mini-dissertation or one publishable article (20 000 – 30 000 words) will be completed on a relevant theme in the field of study to contribute to the development of knowledge at an advanced level.

TPRM7916: Research Methodology and Theory in Practical and Missional Theology:

In this module, the fundamental knowledge, theories, principles, and practices of an in-depth study of research methodology and theory in practical and missional theology are studied. This includes the development of a research proposal, the selection of an appropriate methodology and the completion of a research project.

TPCH7916: Pastoral Care in Chaplaincy:

In this module, specific pastoral theologies, theories and models of care to law offenders and the survivors of crime will be introduced and conceptualised, focussing specifically on the contexts of chaplaincy in various contexts (e.g. correctional services, police services, hospitals and the defence force).

TPPN7926: Narrative Pastoral Therapy:

In this module, an in-depth study of narrative pastoral therapy and related theories and concepts will be conducted to explore various narrative pastoral therapeutic techniques that can be applied to specific contexts.

TPPC7926: Pastoral Care and Counselling:

In this module, pastoral care and counselling theologies, theories and models will be studied in-depth, with a focus on pastoral theological conceptualisations, and the application of specific pastoral care models in specific contexts of care (e.g., marriage and family, illness and loss, and crises and trauma).

TSUP7906: Pastoral Care Internship and Supervision:

The theory focuses on introductory components of pastoral care, methods related to providing pastoral care in marriage and family, loss and bereavement and crisis counselling. This theory directly relates to the practical component, which provides the students with both a context and opportunities to consider various aspects related to practice and apply related skills to these contexts.

Tuition Format

A blended learning and teaching model is followed, which consists of an online orientation session for all modules at the beginning of the semester, self-study, one live online class, and one compulsory face-to-face block contact week each semester.

Applications

Closing date for applications: 31 October 2026. For more information, please get in touch with the Office Manager, Mrs Annelize Dreyer: Tel: 051 401 3430, Email: DreyerA@ufs.ac.za.
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Projected Costs

The projected cost for full-time tuition fees (excluding books) for this programme is R60 000,00
This is not a quote but a minimum cost projection for the full course based on the fees for the current year.

Bursaries

1, Visit the [UFS Centre for Graduate Support](#) for more information about funding opportunities and contact details. 2, Send an email with your student number to theologybursary@ufs.ac.za for further information.