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**MOORLANDS
COLLEGE**

BA (Hons) in Applied Theology (Youth and Community Work) with JNC

Moorlands NI @ Youth Link



Why study for a degree at Moorlands NI @ Youth Link?

- Moorlands College has over 70 years of experience providing theological training. As a college, we offer rigorous theological and biblical courses to equip Christians passionate about God's Word.
- Our Northern Ireland Centre is based at Youth Link in Belfast. Youth Link's infrastructure and grassroots knowledge of youth work and ministry in Northern Ireland will ensure students are excellently equipped for a range of work among young people and communities within and beyond the church.
- This course, led by experienced lecturers and practitioners, looks at the real issues our society is facing today and will equip graduates with the skills they need to play a positive role in supporting churches and communities.
- We are a credible training provider. Moorlands College has been given a Silver award from the Teaching Excellence Framework and has great statistics from the Office for Students. Over 95% of our graduates go straight into employment or further study.





Study the only Christian-based youth work degree in Ireland all whilst being on placement.

- The degree has been designed to give you a firm foundation on which to build your life and ministry. It will equip you to serve God in practical and relevant ways in a fast-changing world. Upon graduation, along with your degree, you'll also receive a JNC Professional Qualification.
- Our placement-based course with JNC is considered to be a full-time degree programme, so students are able to complete their degree in three years. You can choose your own placement, subject to agreement with Moorlands College staff.
- The mode of study is in study blocks. Five Monday to Friday study blocks in Year 1 and four Monday to Friday blocks in Years 2 and 3 are held in Belfast, and a further two Monday to Friday blocks each year take place at the Christchurch Campus on the South Coast of England.
- You'll be allocated an Academic Tutor at the beginning of the course and will work with this person throughout the three years. You'll also be allocated a Placement Supervisor, who will oversee your practical work and a Field Work Tutor, who will help you integrate theory and practice. There is always someone to call if you need help.
- You can live at home if that works best for you. As long as you have a placement near where you live, you can just travel to Belfast and Christchurch for the study blocks.

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At Moorlands College, our ethos is shaped by four components:

Spiritual

Our love for God and people remains at the core of all we do, with the Bible as the basis of all our teaching and action. Our students grow as disciples of Christ during their time with us.

Practical

We enable our students to achieve their full potential, helping them overcome any obstacles that might hinder this. Our students are equipped with tools that will make them effective Christian leaders. Our students learn the type of people skills that will help them serve and lead with emotional intelligence.

Academic

We strive for the best academic practice in all our courses. We encourage our students to develop their potential through intellectually rigorous and culturally relevant training. We continue to develop new courses and programmes to meet current needs, and support life-long learning.

Relational

We continue to develop as a learning community. We develop active partnerships, engaging with other organisations and individuals; working with churches, employers, ministries and other training providers.





“ Studying the **BA in Applied Theology (Youth and Community Work)** degree has been perfect for equipping me for working with young people in the future. When I graduate, I’ll feel confident in going to any type of youth ministry as Moorlands has really aided my learning and practice.”

Learn by doing

All our training is connected to a **placement** for the duration of your studies where you will have the opportunity to put into practice what you learn, and learn through what you experience in practice. This provides a great environment to train for youth work and ministry.

Over 95% of our graduates go straight into employment or further study. Placements on the course will enhance your employability when you graduate.

Other benefits you will experience include:

- **Increase in confidence, maturity and motivation:** the responsibility of a placement means that you will be challenged to step up and deliver work with young people.
- **Provide focus for your studies:** putting your learning into the context of a placement makes your studying more enjoyable and effective.
- **The chance to test out a context:** undertaking a placement enables you to experience what that context could hold, providing direction on the future, the opportunity to test your vocation and discern God's plan for you.
- **Open your eyes to new opportunities:** discover possibilities you hadn't previously considered, develop networks and speak with a variety of practitioners about what their roles are really about.
- **Acquire transferable skills for life and work:** students learn a lot to do with specifically youth work-related subjects and also gain a great deal of skills most employers look for. These skills include management and supervision, problem solving, team work, fundraising and presenting.

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Modules studied

We offer a variety of modules that can be studied to gain a BA (Hons) in Applied Theology (Youth and Community Work) with JNC. Students complete eight modules a year, but some are double modules.

First year

- ¶ Old Testament
- ¶ New Testament
- ¶ Christian Doctrine
- ¶ Youth and Society
- ¶ Hermeneutics
- ¶ Contexts of Faith
- ¶ Placements Module

Second year

Compulsory:

- ¶ Old Testament 2
- ¶ New Testament 2
- ¶ Christian Doctrine 2
- ¶ Intergenerational Ministry and Community Development
- ¶ Working with Young People and Informal Education
- ¶ Frameworks for Applied Theology
- ¶ Placement Module

Third year

Compulsory:

- ¶ Youth and Community Work Professional Studies
- ¶ Biblical Theology
- ¶ Leadership and Management
- ¶ Placement Module

Choose two out of:

- ¶ Pastoral Care
- ¶ Family Development and Interventions
- ¶ Biblical Backgrounds
- ¶ Apologetics and Contemporary Culture
- ¶ Worship
- ¶ Christian Spirituality
- ¶ Reformation Theology

Note: At least one must be either Pastoral Care or Family Development and Interventions



“ The excellent teaching on the **BA in Applied Theology (Youth and Community Work)** course has played a key role in consolidating who and what I truly believe. I walk more and more confident of not only who I am, but more equipped and with a greater passion in the purpose of what God has called me into.”

Demonstrate competent youth work and ministry

Why prioritise a degree with professional recognition?

A degree demonstrates you can study at an academic level but professional recognition also demonstrates you are a competent youth worker in a range of practice settings.

The Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) for Youth and Community Workers is the body which has responsibility for the national framework used to grade and set the pay for youth work jobs in the statutory sector.

On the island of Ireland, JNC courses are validated by the NSETS committee (North South Education Training Standards). However professional recognition through JNC across the UK and Ireland is also:

- The recognised benchmark that someone is deemed professionally fit to practise with children and young people.
- Provides a professional formation framework, standards, recognition and a quality mark for the youth work profession.
- A standard that promotes safe and quality work with children and young people.
- Widely recognised across sectors and opens up a range of employment opportunities for graduates where the skills of youth workers are in demand.
- External evidence that a University course is good quality through robust professional endorsement processes in addition to University quality assurance processes.

“Our students have been successful in securing employment in churches and Christian youth organisations but also in a broad range of roles in communities which are facing challenges around drug and alcohol misuse, mental health and wellbeing, disability, and alternative education.

Professional recognition will give you the confidence, credibility and creativity needed to be faithful and fruitful in mission and ministry with children and young people.”

– Sharon Raine, Senior Tutor

Apply now

Entry requirements and application

Applicants normally hold two A-levels, GCSE English (or equivalent) and 100 hours of experience in youth and community work. Applicants will also have to identify a suitable placement, subject to agreement by Moorlands College staff.

For further information about applying, our course and current fees, please visit **moorlands.ac.uk**



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