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# **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 programmes to equip Christians passionate about God's Word.
- The Regional Centre is based at Youth Link in Belfast. **Youth Link's** infrastructure and grassroots knowledge of youth work and ministry on the island of Ireland will ensure students are excellently equipped for a range of work among young people and communities within and beyond the church.
- This programme, 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.
- 82% of our graduates go straight into employment or further study.
- 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.





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

- Our placement-based programme with JNC is considered to be a full-time degree, 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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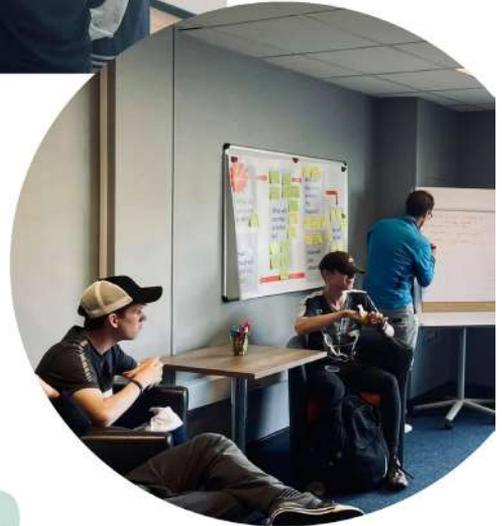


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- Adam

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## >> Adam's story

**“I have to say that being on this programme, and serving in the heart of the community, gives me an opportunity to be on the front line and help others. Each day brings some tough moments, however it also brings real joy when you see young people's lives changed. Through serving, I really get to know Jesus in a deeper way and how He loves to use me to meet the needs of young people where they are at.”**

**Adam is placed at YMCA Carrickfergus, Northern Ireland**

# 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.

Placements on the programme 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 – 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*



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**“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**

# 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.



## 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 programme and current fees, please visit [moorlands.ac.uk](https://www.moorlands.ac.uk)



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