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# Professional Doctorate (PrD) in Practical Theology



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The **Cambridge Theological Federation** is delighted to announce a partnership with The **Divinity School of Chung Chi College** in the **Chinese University of Hong Kong**, offering the Professional Doctorate in Practical Theology to candidates in Hong Kong.

The Cambridge Theological Federation brings together the teaching and learning of eleven institutions through which people of different churches, including Anglican, Methodist, Orthodox, Reformed and Roman Catholic, train for various forms of Christian ministry and service.

Full Members: Eastern Region Ministry Course / Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies / Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology / Ridley Hall / Wesley House / Westcott House / Westminster College

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### **What is the Professional Doctorate in Practical Theology?**

The Professional Doctorate in Practical Theology is the first programme of its kind. Launched in 2006 in the UK, it is offered by Anglia Ruskin University with the Cambridge Theological Federation (CTF), the University of Birmingham, the University of Chester and the University of Glasgow. In 2011 five students of Chung Chi College joined the programme.

The Faculty of Arts, Law and Social Sciences (ALSS) at Anglia Ruskin University sees Theology as an important cornerstone of its undergraduate and postgraduate provision. There is an excellent relationship between ALSS and the Cambridge Theological Federation, which includes students on BA, MA and MPhil/PhD/PrD programmes.

- The Professional Doctorate in Practical Theology is a practice-based research degree aimed at participants in a variety of professional and/or voluntary contexts.
- It is particularly designed to be taken on a part-time basis
- Candidates will be encouraged to use their professional, voluntary or ministerial practice as the foundation of a structured process of research in practical theology.

- Candidates will be supported throughout by a regular series of supervisions, seminars and workshops.
- The Professional Doctorate is assessed by means of a portfolio of work, including a literature review, research proposal, publishable articles and dissertation.
- The Professional Doctorate is a research degree throughout, and does not involve any taught modules.

The programme is therefore designed to introduce you to a range of dynamic and challenging concepts and methods with which to reflect critically and constructively on your current experience and context.

Two approaches in particular will be used: firstly, practice-based research and enquiry-based learning methods, in which participants' own professional context becomes a primary research resource.

Secondly, you will be encouraged to keep a research log, or learning journal. This may take the form of a diary, or portfolio or other personal record, and is designed to encourage you to keep a record of your reading and research, cultivate your writing skills and integrate your theoretical work with sustained reflection on your own practical context. Elements of this journal will be submitted for assessment.

### **Visiting the UK**

As part of DSCCC you will have access to local supervisors and teachers in Hong Kong, but candidates will normally be expected to spend two weeks of July in the UK each year; one week in Cambridge attending research training at Anglia Ruskin University and one attending the national Professional Doctorate Summer School.

In addition, first year students will normally be expected to spend up to three months in the UK (usually from late September until the beginning of December), staying in one of the member colleges of the Federation and enjoying the benefits of living as part of the college community.

Your studies will begin on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2012 with a day at Anglia Ruskin University (tbc) alongside candidates from their other PrD Programmes. On 12<sup>th</sup> October 2012 you will attend your first Practical Theology seminar

workshop day which will include an introduction to the programme and provide you with a chance to meet your fellow Doctorate students. You will attend another seminar workshop day on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2012.



Whilst in Cambridge you will have access to:

- the Federation Libraries
- Anglia Ruskin University's Library
- Worship as part of the Federation Community
- Various college social and education activities

For examples of the accommodation available in the member colleges in the Cambridge Theological Federation please see below:

### **Margaret Beaufort Institute of Theology**

Lady Margaret House is situated on the western side of the city of Cambridge, 10 minutes' walk from the Divinity Faculty and the University Library, and 15 minutes' walk from the city centre. Room rates range from £308 to £520 per calendar month. For further information about what is included in the rates please visit: <http://www.margaretbeaufort.cam.ac.uk/students/student-life/accommodation-and-facilities/>

### **Westcott House**

Westcott House offers guests a chance to sample a taste of traditional collegial living. The central location makes it an ideal base for guests to explore the delights of Cambridge with the benefit of accommodation in a peaceful and idyllic college setting. Termly charges (based on a ten week term) are to be confirmed <http://www.westcott.cam.ac.uk/about/>

### **Westminster College**

With its grand 'Arts and crafts' architecture, extensive grounds, car parking and proximity to the centre of Cambridge, Westminster College is just a few minutes walk away from the tree-lined Backs with some of the oldest and most magnificent colleges in the world. The main shopping streets of Cambridge are

only ten minutes walk away. Termly charges are likely to be around £2,025. This will include standard accommodation with shared facilities, meals (Mon-Fri) and internet access. <http://www.westminster.cam.ac.uk/>

### **Wesley House**

Wesley House is set around a classic style college quadrangle and is situated near the centre of the city, within comfortable walking distance from the main Cambridge attractions. Room rates range from £189.00 to £224.00 per week. <http://www.wesley.cam.ac.uk/>

### **Ridley Hall**

Ridley Hall is wonderfully situated close to the heart of Cambridge, about seven minutes' walk from King's College. The library facilities of the College are available to residents, as are those of Tyndale House, the University of Cambridge, and the other theological houses in the city - all of which are within walking distance. Ridley Hall will also offer accommodation and the opportunity to take part in the life of the community. Termly charges which include standard accommodation, meals (Mon-Fri) and internet access are £2,100. <http://www.ridley.cam.ac.uk/>

To discuss your needs and to book accommodation please contact the PrD Administrator, Miss Alison Burling at [ab590@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ab590@cam.ac.uk). Please do not contact the individual college directly.

### **Is this programme for me?**

- The programme is designed to appeal to those interested in relating theological, ethical and spiritual insights and methods to their own professional and/or voluntary practice.
- Candidates are not required to have a personal faith-commitment but they should be interested in the role of religion, theology and ethics in relation to a range of contexts ranging from social policy, management, politics, health care, community work, congregational ministry and institutional chaplaincy.
- In order to satisfy the entry requirements, candidates will normally need to hold a B.D or M. Div in theology or related subject, plus appropriate professional accreditation or experience.
- Candidates will need to have ready access to and facility with e-mail and internet communication.

- Candidates will be required to give evidence of the ability to work well with others in a group context.
- Please note that it is the responsibility of individual international candidates to check the status and equivalence of the awards in their home country.

### **Fees**

- Your academic fee of £5,880 per annum to Anglia Ruskin University
- Your fee of HK\$21,050 to DSCCC.
- Cost of travel to the UK
- Cost of UK residence

### **How do I apply?**

For further information on the Professional Doctorate in Practical Theology and Cambridge Theological Federation, including information on staff, member Colleges and an Application Form, please visit:

<http://www.theofed.cam.ac.uk>

Places are limited so we encourage you to apply early and by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 at the very latest.

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