



Career Opportunities with a Degree in Religious Studies

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Choosing a career involves more than just finding out what is open to you. Knowledge about yourself is vital to the process of making a career choice. It is useful to start by examining your strengths, weaknesses, interests, abilities and skills in order to relate career options to you. The Careers Service has resources to help students in their self-assessment and career planning, including psychometric tests and paper and online resources on www.spd.dcu.ie/careers

Your skills and qualities in the employment market

Religious studies/theology graduates develop specialist knowledge and a wide range of transferable skills. These are useful for careers in teaching; law; management; social, youth, community and advice work; administration; publishing; broadcasting; and local and national government jobs. Skills gained whilst studying Religious Studies include: research, report writing, analysing and synthesising information; analytical ability and the capacity to formulate questions and solve problems; good organisational and time management skills; presentation skills; IT skills, including word-processing; accessing information from electronic and non-electronic sources; communicating by email and using the web; teamwork and communication skills gained through tutorials and group work.

Religious Studies Graduates' Jobs

Tutor SPD
College Assistant Chaplain
Teaching primary level
Teaching post-primary level
Adult Guidance
Careers Guidance second-level

Possible Career options

Counsellor	Careers Guidance	Chaplaincy	Social Work
Psychologist	Teacher	Adult Guidance	Adult Education
Community Work	Academic	Volunteer management & Coordination	Charity Management & administration

Many of the positions listed above would require additional qualifications. Specific career information is available on <http://www.careerdirections.ie/>

Postgrad. Courses SPD BA Religious Studies graduates 1996-2009

Below is a list of postgraduate courses taken by previous SPD Religious Studies graduates.

Courses	No
PGDE Post-primary Irl	18
PGCE Prim UK	11
PGCE Primary Irl	8
MA Business Studies	1
Ma Pastoral Leadership	1
Dip. Careers Guidance	1
MA Religious Studies	3
M.Ed.	1
MA Sociology	1
MA English Literature/Theatre Studies	2
MA Human Development	1
PGDE primary Hibernia	1
M.Phil Ecumenics	2
MA Art History	1
MA History	2
MA Equality Studies	1
Grad. Dip. IT	1

Further Study Opportunities

All Hallows College

Master of Arts in Leadership and Pastoral Care

Master of Arts in Management for Community and Voluntary Services

Master of Arts in Social Justice and Public Policy

Master of Arts in Applied Christian Spirituality

Master of Arts in Supervisory Practice
Research Master and Doctoral Degrees

Milltown Institute

MA Applied Ethics

MA in Faith and Culture Studies

MA in Biblical Studies

MA Classical Spirituality

Other Colleges

MA Liturgical Studies Mary Immaculate College, Limerick

Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy Studies, St Angela's College, Sligo.

MA Healthcare Chaplaincy Mater Dei

MA in Religion and Culture Mater Dei

MA Philosophy and Philosophy of Religion, NUIM

MA in Pastoral Studies

St Patrick's College, Maynooth

Check out:

www.postgradireland.com

www.qualifax.ie

Prospects UK

<http://www.prospects.ac.uk>

Eurograduate

A resource for graduates who wish to work or study in Europe

<http://www.eurograduate.com>

Useful websites

National Youth Council

www.youth.ie/youth_work

Community Workers Co-operative

<http://cwc.ie/>

Adult Education

www.ivea.ie/

Adult Guidance

www.ncge.ie/adult_details.htm

Institute of Guidance Counsellors

www.igc.ie

Academic

www.heanet.ie

Directory of National Voluntary and other organisations

www.comhairle.ie

Irish Association of Social Workers

www.iasw.ie/

Psychological Society of Ireland

www.psihq.ie/

National Association of Healthcare Chaplains

www.nahc.ie/

School Chaplains Association of Ireland

www.schoolchaplains.ie/schoolchaplains/Main/Home.htm

European Network of Healthcare Chaplaincy

<http://www.eurochaplains.org/ireland.htm>

Irish Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy

<http://www.irish-counselling.ie/>

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