



The Bishops' Council accepted the renewed Hospital Chaplaincy Specialisation Program on 13 September, 2011.

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The hospital chaplaincy specialisation program gives the necessary prerequisites for professional pastoral care in health care and in the church.

The training consists of studies in the theory and practice of pastoral care as well as processes reinforcing professionalism.

The viewpoint of pastoral theology and psychology serves as a framework for the specialist training.

The training is preceded by aptitude tests. Pastors and lecturers who

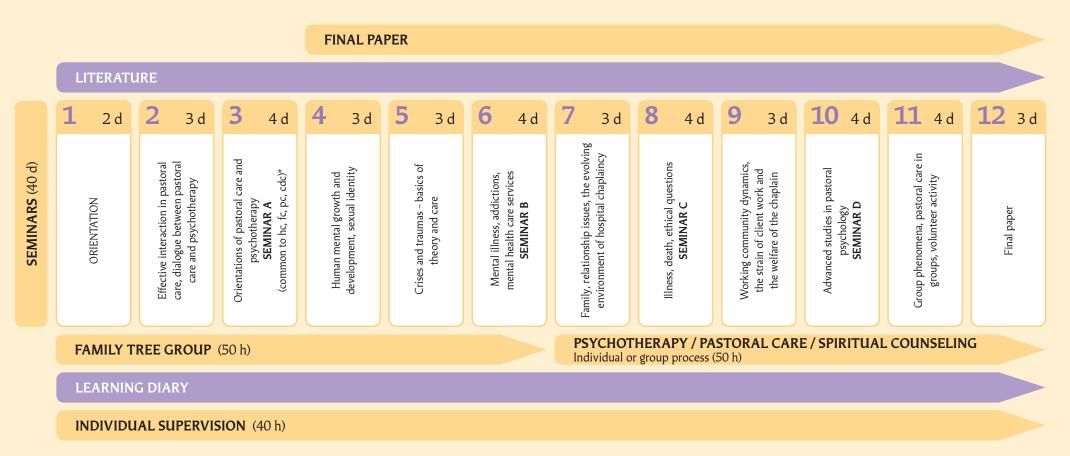
have completed the aptitude tests successfully and are appointed as hospital chaplains or long term substitutes of hospital chaplains are invited to the specialisation training.

The program consists of 60 credit points and lasts for three years.

The specialist training includes a 30 credit point study module of psychotherapeutic prerequisites.

The training consists of twelve seminars and interim assignments.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY SPECIALISATION PROGRAM (3 years, 60 credit points)



^{* *} hc = hospital chaplaincy - fc = family counseling - pc = prison chaplaincy - cdc = chaplaincy for the developmentally challenged