



**11. Ecclesiastical status.** Tick appropriate box:

Lay person

Diocesan priest  Name of diocese: \_\_\_\_\_

Religious priest

Religious brother

Religious sister

Name of order, congregation, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

Secular Institute  Name of Institute: \_\_\_\_\_

Other

**12.** Have you previously applied for admission to the University?: Yes  No

If yes, please give details of the year of application, the course to which admission was sought and the University's decision:

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**13. Third-level education – primary degree**

Institution attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Period of attendance: From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of course: \_\_\_\_\_

Subjects studied in each year: \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g. Theology; English; History etc)

Length of course: \_\_\_\_\_

Full-time or part-time: \_\_\_\_\_

Level/class of award: \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g. pass, second-class honours, merit, distinction, etc.)

Name of awarding body: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of award: \_\_\_\_\_

**14. Third-level education – other qualifications (if applicable)**

Institution attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Period of attendance: From: \_\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of course: \_\_\_\_\_

Subjects studied in each year: \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g. Theology; English; History etc)

Length of course: \_\_\_\_\_

Full-time or part-time: \_\_\_\_\_

Level/class of award: \_\_\_\_\_  
(e.g. pass, second-class honours, merit, distinction, etc).

Name of awarding body: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of award: \_\_\_\_\_

**15. Other academic or professional distinctions:**

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**16. Professional experience:** *(Please provide details in reverse chronological order, and include the nature and duration of the work, the level of responsibility and the full names and addresses of employers. If there is insufficient room, attach details on an additional sheet.)*

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**17.** If you have any background in Pastoral Theology other than above please provide details below: *(Please provide details in reverse chronological order, and include the nature and duration of the work, the level of responsibility and the full names and addresses of employers. If there is insufficient room, attach details on an additional sheet.)*

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**18.** Please indicate where you first heard about the Master's Degree - MTh (Pastoral Theology) programme:

\_\_\_\_\_

**19. Fee Status**

In order for us to assess your fee status, please provide the following information:

Country of permanent residence: \_\_\_\_\_

In which country are you currently living: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are an EU national or have the right to live in an EU country, but have lived outside of the EU for any period over the last five years (other than holidays), please list your periods of residence outside the EU and the purpose of stay [e.g. work, education]

From:	To:	Country	Purpose

**20. Funding**

For students residing outside the Republic of Ireland:

It is entirely necessary now under Irish Government regulations to have all fees paid prior to submitting one’s application for a study visa to any Irish Embassy abroad. However, if it is the case that an Irish agency or missionary society are remitting fees on a student’s behalf, the University will accept a written assurance from them which should enable visa application to proceed satisfactorily.

Please tell us how you are planning to fund your tuition fees and living expenses for the duration of your study by indicating which of the following sources will be providing the majority of your funds (tick as appropriate):

- Your own means
- Your family
- Your employer
- Your Diocese or Provincial
- A Grant-awarding Body (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**21. Language**

Is your first language English? Yes  No

Were you taught in English at school/university? Yes  No

If yes, for how many years: \_\_\_\_\_

If English is not your first language, have you taken an English Language Examination? Yes  No

If yes please give details:

Date	Name of Testing System	Overall Score

**22. Recommendations (see notes)**

**a. Academic Referee:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**b. Pastoral Ministry Referee:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**c. Local Parish Priest:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**23. Write a short essay – (1,000 words approx), outlining: why you are applying for this course and your understanding of Pastoral Ministry. (Attach your essay to this Application Form)**

**Signature of applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

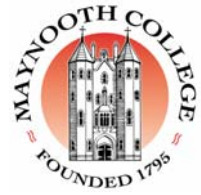
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**The following documents must be submitted to complete the application:**

- a. A recommendation for the MTh from an academic referee, a pastoral referee and a local parish priest to be sent by the referees directly to the Admissions Office**
- b. An official statement of academic studies completed and grades obtained, to be sent directly from the relevant institution(s) to the Admissions Office (not applicable to graduates of Faculty of Theology, Pontifical University, St Patrick’s College, Maynooth)**
- c. Please submit TWO EXTRA COPIES of your complete application (ie original application plus two copies)**

In the case of Roman Catholic priests and religious, a letter of recommendation from the Bishop or Religious Superior.

**All correspondence to be sent to:  
Admissions Office, Pontifical University, St Patrick’s College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland**

Notes in relation to the MTh (Pastoral Theology) application process



**Application Process:**

There are 3 stages in the application process for a place on the Master's Degree (Pastoral Theology) programme

**Stage 1:**

Application form

Applicants must complete the Master's Degree (Pastoral Theology) application form and return it to the Admissions Office, Pontifical University, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland, by 8<sup>th</sup> April.

In order for stage 1 of the application process to be complete, a letter of Recommendation must be sent directly from an academic referee, a pastoral ministry referee and a local parish priest to the Admissions Office. An official statement of academic studies completed and grades obtained must be sent directly from the relevant institution(s) to the Admissions Office.

**Stage 2:**

Interview

All applicants are interviewed by members of the Postgraduate Board. The interview normally takes approximately 30 – 40 minutes. Applicants will also be requested to attend a group interview/session on the same day. Applicants who are successful at the interview stage of the application process will be notified by post.

**Stage 3:**

Garda Clearance and Parish Placement

Successful applicants at this stage will be asked to get the necessary forms completed in relation to *Garda Clearance* and *Parish Placement*. These forms will be provided by the university and sent to the applicant along with the letter notifying the applicant of the successful outcome of the interview.

**Note:**

**Entry Requirement - Academic qualifications**

The entry requirement for the Master's Degree programme is a primary degree in which theology comprises at least an equal joint component. Candidates should normally have obtained at least a Second Class Honours, Grade II overall, and a Second Class Honours Grade II in theology. The Faculty of theology may also accept applicants whom it deems to have achieved an equivalent standard.

Where an applicant has to wait for primary degree results an offer may be made pending these results.