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About Luther and our Students



Martin Luther University College is **federated with Wilfrid Laurier University**, meaning that each student who graduates from Luther is granted a Laurier degree. Our school specializes in a range of professional areas like spiritual care and psychotherapy, community engagement and ministry. Our graduates have gone forward to excel in their chosen career paths, making notable marks as leaders who shape the communities we live in while impacting lives and inspiring others.

Luther deeply values inclusivity and diversity. Learning here will provide you with the knowledge and resources to connect and work with those of different worldviews and help you build the tools to critically evaluate your own views in relation to those around you.

"Our society needs people who can come together around important projects and issues while holding differences of opinion and belief. Luther's approach to learning helps students develop these skills."

Rev. Dr. Daranne Harris
Principal-Dean



Waterloo is Home

Luther is located at the corner of Bricker Ave. and Albert St. on Laurier's Waterloo campus.

All Luther students have access to Laurier's campus resources and services. You'll have the opportunity to use supports for wellness, accessibility and more. You will also be a part of the greater community in Waterloo - a vibrant city filled with creativity and innovation. Campus is in close distance to transit hubs, shopping centres, entertainment and more.







Interested in Residence at Laurier?

A Campus Built for Community

Campus Overview

Unlock your potential with a campus built for creativity, learning and sustainability. Our spaces are here to help you foster a sense of collaboration while providing you with the tools you need to excel on your journey.



We're Here to Help You Succeed

Our campus is vibrant and lively. We seek to grow community both inside and outside the classroom. Our spaces are built to share student experiences, work together and think critically about your own values and how you can apply them in a real-world setting. You'll take these skills with you once you graduate.

Campus Features

- Spacious student **common areas**
- State-of-the-art **classrooms**
- Relaxing outdoor **courtyard**
- Cross-functional **multifaith room**
- Dynamic **chapel** space
- **Food justice garden** and **greenhouse**
- **Accessible** and **gender neutral washrooms** on all levels of the building









Tuition Fees

All tables on this page show the **2026/27 tuition rates** by your entering year, **effective Fall 2026**. All fees are per term unless otherwise noted. This breakdown does not include incidental fees. Fees are subject to increase in fall 2027 term.These schedules are for information and reference purposes only and can be subject to change without notice. Students are responsible for all fees assessed on their statement of billings.

Domestic Undergraduate Students

Tuition fees are charged based on your program, residence status, year of entry and the number of courses in which you are registered.

Domestic Ontario

Number of Credits	Cost Per Course
0.50 or equivalent	$679.00

Domestic Non-Ontario

Number of Credits	Cost Per Course
0.50 or equivalent	$749.00

Note: Luther's undergraduate program consists of 20.0 credits total.

Domestic Graduate Students

Master's and doctoral students will be charged full- or part-time tuition based on their status at the time of admission. Students who successfully petition to change their registration status may have their tuition fees adjusted as a result. Incidental fees will be charged according to a student's registration status in a particular term.

Full-Time Domestic

Degree	Per Term
• MA in Theology • MDiv • MA-MDiv • Diplomas • General Graduate Studies	$2,768.00
PhD in Human Relationships Doctoral Pre-Candidate (not including clinical component)	$2,800.00
PhD in Human Relationships Doctoral Candidate (not including clinical component)	$1,542.00

Part-Time Domestic

Degree	Cost Per Course (0.50)
• MA in Theology • MDiv • MA-MDiv • Diplomas • General Graduate Studies	$679.00

Visit Laurier's Fees Breakdown page for more details.

Note: any programs that have placements or clinical components may have additional costs for students.

Financial Resources

Financial Resources for Luther students

Overview

Bursaries and scholarships can offset some of the costs of your education. Full-time students at Luther may be eligible for financial assistance through both Laurier and Luther-specific bursaries. While part-time students are not eligible for Luther bursaries, they may qualify for OSAP. Luther also offers a number of scholarships.

Bursaries

- Bursaries are available to graduate students enrolled in a full-time course load.
- Students receiving senior tuition exemption are not eligible.
- Approximate value: $600 per term (subject to slight annual variation).
- Applications are submitted through LORIS. You will receive an email notification when the application becomes available. Bursaries are awarded based on your registration status after the final course add date for the term.
- Please allow several weeks for the bursary to appear on your student account.

Scholarships

Luther scholarships are merit-based and competitive. They are awarded to students who demonstrate excellence in academics, leadership and community engagement.

OSAP Eligibility

All of our programs are eligible for OSAP funding. Please visit Laurier's OSAP information web page.



Student Life Opportunities

Luther offers a variety of leadership opportunities for students (paid and volunteer positions) outside of regular class work. These roles will provide you with even more experiences that have real community impact. We also have various professional development and skill-building workshops on topics of interest to our students and alumni.

We want you to make the most the most of your time here in class and on campus. You'll gain valuable knowledge to help you succeed in your studies and career, and make enduring connections with classmates.

There are also a variety of campus supports provided by Laurier, including Academic Guidance, Accessible Learning, Students' Union, Graduate Students' Association and more.







Placements for Experiential Learning

Various courses at Luther and Laurier require community placements as part of course completion. Whether that's out in the community or on campus at Luther, you'll have the opportunity to complement your knowledge with valuable hands-on experience. One such placement opportunity at Luther is our **food Distro program**, providing weekly groceries and household items to help combat food insecurity among students. It may seem simple, but you'll come to see that it takes a lot of coordination, relationships and collaboration to make this a reality. Other opportunities involve wellness initiatives like **Chilling with Dogs**, a weekly chance to relieve some stress by spending time with dogs.



Kimiya Moin

Psychology at Laurier

Kimiya is a third-year student who had the opportunity of doing her Community Psychology placement at our Distro program!

"It was honestly a really great placement because the concepts of community psychology, like helping community and understanding what community looks like when it's supporting itself and supporting others, are all present at Luther's Distro program," said Moin. "Not only do I get along well with the volunteers, but an awesome experience is being able to give back to the campus community I'm in and see the impact it has."



Luther's Newly Revised Undergraduate Program



Career-focused, hands-on learning

The undergraduate journey at Luther provides you with valuable skills that help you develop as a person, foster community, and prepare you to embark on your future career.

With core focus on community, care and interfaith relations, you will gain a well-rounded experience learning from your instructors and peers, so that you can work with diverse communities confidently. We will provide you with the tools to listen, learn, and navigate a world filled with intercultural complexities. Throughout the program, you will develop a deep understanding of human relationships.

We now offer even more course customization options and program specializations to ensure you are on the career path you want. Or if you're simply looking to gain a wide range of skills to keep your options open, there's room for that too.

Hilla Lahtinen, Program Coordinator

"We wanted to take an undegraduate program that's already impacted a variety of our graduates and make it even better with more focused opportunities for success."

Top 5 reasons to study Faith and Community at Luther

1. **Small class sizes**
2. **Highly recommended instructors**
3. **Sense of community**
4. **Opportunity to make connections**
5. **Discussion-based learning**

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Faith and Community (BA)

Start: September
Length: 4 Years
Degree earned: Bachelor of Arts
Minimum entrance grade: 70-80%

Program Overview

Learn how to think critically about your faith, the world, and your place within it. Throughout your studies, you will gain a greater sense of social responsibility and spiritual awareness, develop an appreciation for diversity, and accumulate experience in serving the community. Our classes specialize in areas like theology, care and counselling, intersectionality, eco-consciousness, expressive arts, and more. The program is designed to provide students with flexibility to shape their educational path to meet future career goals.

Key Program Features

- Luther classes utilize a discussion-based format and are limited in size. This means that each student has an opportunity to gain practical skills in navigating complex conversations while being fully supported by their instructors.
- Learn from community organizations and guest speakers.
- Many of our classes incorporate placement opportunities for upper-year students for campus and community volunteer roles.
- Option to choose one of two specializations.
- Complete your Senior Project and Integration Seminar (GC401) on a topic you care about, using the knowledge and skills you have gained throughout your degree.

Compentencies

- Critical discussion techniques
- Basics of care and counselling
- Ethical and practical knowledge for working with diverse communities
- Understanding of public ethics
- Knowledge of inter-religious contexts
- Compassion, open-mindedness and respect within human relationships
- Critical thinking and self-reflexivity

Sample Courses

- GC100 Introduction to Faith and Community
- GC102 Loving God, Self, and the World
- GC201 Public Faith and Public Theology
- GC205 Why Am I Here?
- GC234 Eco-consciousness and Spirituality
- GC237 Spirituality and the Arts

Specializations

Customize your degree to match your goals by choosing one of two optional specializations. You can focus your studies to help you on your journey to either further education or your desired career path.

Care and Counselling

Required (0.5 credit):
- GC230 Introduction to Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy

Three of the following (1.5 credits):
- GC231 Restorative Contemplative Arts
- GC232 Introduction to Couples and Families
- GC233 Identity Formation and the Family
- GC234 Eco-Consciousness and Spirituality
- GC235 Questioning Ability
- GC330 Neuroscience, Social Relationships, and Spirituality

Spirituality and Global Music

Required (0.5 credit):
- GC352 Inshallah: Worship and Global Song

As well as three of the following (1.5 credits):
- GC231 Restorative Contemplative Arts
- GC345 Faith and Fiction
- GC351 Lift Up Your Voice: Leading the People's Song in Worship
- GC353 Sing Fires of Justice: Music Towards the Common Good
- GC354 Sounds of the Sacred

Qualifying Luther undergraduate students have prefered entry into our graduate programs. **See page 14**.

Student Experience



Brenda Linares (BA '23)

"Having the option to specialize in care and counselling helped guide me as I have always been interested in learning about culture, religion, faith, and psychology. Luther's BA provided a meaningful way to integrate those interests into my academic journey. I wanted to complete my undergraduate studies in an environment that combined a supportive community, small class sizes, and opportunity for personal growth, all of which have prepared me to pursue a graduate program in psychotherapy at Luther."

Snapshot of Courses

GC380J Living Inter-faithfully

Class Project Example

As a course project, students in our Living Inter-Faithfully class hosted an Interfaith Friendship Iftar Dinner, with attendees and keynote speakers from Luther, Laurier and the Waterloo community.

This student-led initiative brought together people from diverse faiths and cultures in a spirit of friendship, reflection, and mutual respect. Students led the night with hospitality and care.







GC 231 Restorative Contemplative Arts

Class Project Example

In this class, students worked on a Japanese art form called kintsugi where broken pottery is repaired. However, instead of hiding the breaks, they are emphasized with gold.

This art form transforms our relationship with brokenness. Instead of focusing on the need to fix things, the use of gold reveals the uniqueness and beauty found within vulnerability. Such a process aligns with the Japanese aesthetic of wabi sabi. The result is often stunningly beautiful, and the process deeply reflective and moving.

First Year Sample Schedule

Fall Term	Winter Term
GC100 Introduction to Faith and Community	GC102 Loving God, Self, and the World
GC171 Interreligous Cooperation for Global Wellbeing	GC241 Engaging Youth Culture
GC230 Introduction to Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy	GC280A Introducing Mindfulness
GC280R Wellness in Islam	GC235 Questioning Ability
GC223 Politics and Faith in an Age of Anger	CS101 Canadian Communication in Context

Required Course Luther Elective Laurier Elective

Laurier Sample Minors

Complement your program with a Minor from another Laurier faculty.

- Communication Studies Minor
- Political Science Minor
- Psychology Minor

Undergraduate Admissions

Requirements & Process

Admissions
We're thrilled you're considering Luther, and we want to make your application and transition to university as easy as possible. Start by learning about the admissions process, deadlines and steps to apply.

I want to apply to Luther, where do I start?
You can apply to up to three programs at Laurier. Luther is a federated college with Laurier, so one of these programs can be your Faith and Community (BA) program. As you choose your programs, be sure to review:

- The **specific requirements** for each program.
- The **Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) codes** for each program. You'll use this to find your program on the application.

Application Checklist

September to December

Get to know Luther.
Explore Luther programs online at **https://luther.wlu.ca/future-students/** and meet us in person to explore our campus. Or arrange a call with our program coordinator at **martin@luther.wlu.ca**.

November to June

Admission decisions are made on an ongoing basis. Evaluate your choices and choose Luther if it's the right fit for you.

January 15

Application deadline for Ontario high school students.

April 1

Application deadline for all other students.

April 25

Last day to submit the **Application Background Summary** form.

June 1

Accept your offer of admission by June 1 at 11:59 p.m., unless a different date is noted on your official Offer of Admission letter.

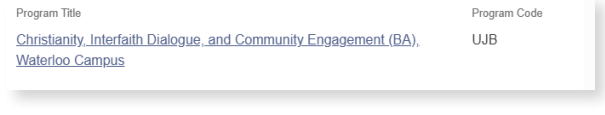
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OUAC Portal Example





Graduate Programs

Master of Arts in Theology (Two Fields Available)

Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy (MA)

The Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy field is a unique form of therapy that integrates multi-faith spiritual/religious resources as well as counselling theory into clinical practice. Graduates of this field of study may be able to pursue professional accreditation with external accrediting bodies once both academic and other criteria are completed.

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Spiritualities and Community Engagement (MA)

This Master of Arts (MA) in Theology is designed for students interested in a faith-based, graduate-level approach to academic studies in theology with professional work integrating community engagement.

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Master of Divinity (MDiv)

Our Master of Divinity (MDiv) program provides both the theoretical and practical tools necessary to prepare for the rewarding and challenging vocation of Christian service. In preparation for parish, institutional and administrative ministries, you'll take courses in theology, biblical studies, counselling, ethics, church history, and liturgics.

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MA & MDiv Dual Degree

Earn both your Master of Arts (MA) in Theology and Master of Divinity (MDiv) in three years of full-time study. The MA/MDiv program is valuable if you are preparing for chaplaincy or congregational ministry and desire a theological foundation and the coursework necessary for community engagement roles, or to apply for accreditation with the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario (CRPO).

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Application Deadline

January 15, 2027

View Programs at Luther

PhD in Human Relationships (Two Fields Available)

Pastoral Leadership (PhD)

This Pastoral Leadership field is designed for those who serve the spiritual and social needs of religious congregations, and faith-based and community organizations.

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Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy (PhD)

This Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy field is intended to build upon existing competencies in spiritual care and psychotherapy, and related disciplines.

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Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy

The diploma in Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy will build on your previous education and experience to teach you a unique form of therapy that utilizes spiritual and psychological understandings of healing and growth.

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Graduate Diploma in Applied Expressive Arts and Psychotherapy

The diploma in Applied Expressive Arts and Psychotherapy is intended for practicing professionals who are looking to expand their knowledge of and integrate expressive arts modalities into their existing clinical, spiritual or educational frameworks.

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MA in Theology: Spiritual Care & Psychotherapy

Program Overview

Start: September
Length: 2 Years (Full-Time)
Degree Earned: Master of Arts
Delivery: Full-Time or Part-Time (In Person)

The Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy field is a unique form of therapy that integrates spiritual/religious resources as well as counselling theory into clinical practice. Graduates of this field of study may be able to pursue professional accreditation with external accrediting bodies once both academic and other criteria are completed. The Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy program is recognized by the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario (CRPO). The student is responsible for managing their course selection and application for accreditation. This program provides academic preparation for professional certification. Students then complete their certification process after graduation.

Program Highlights & Competencies

- Critically evaluate and integrate current research into clinical practice.
- Assess clinical effectiveness and modify practice to enhance effectiveness.
- Recognize potential ethical issues or situations and identify responses.
- Recognize the need for self-care and develop ways to maintain physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual and relational wellness.
- Integrate knowledge of human diversity, including cultural, religious/spiritual, gender, socio-economic, age, differing abilities etc., including the ability to adapt the therapeutic approach in response to diverse clients.

Career Outcomes

- Registered psychotherapist (RP)
- Hospital or high school chaplain
- Social service worker
- Addictions counsellor
- Certified play therapist

Sample Courses

- TH530E Foundations of Spiritualities
- TH645A Intersectionality: Interfaith and Intercultural Perspectives
- TH663M Family Therapy Overview
- TH663V Human Development
- TH663C Cognitive and Dialectic Behaviour Therapy
- TH663O Therapeutic Modalities for Working with Children

Placement

As part of the program, students complete a clinical practicum placement at a counselling agency, hospital, or counselling practice.



MA in Theology: Spiritualities & Community Engagement

Program Overview

Start: September
Length: 2 Years (Full-Time)
Degree Earned: Master of Arts
Delivery: Full-Time or Part-Time (In Person)

Graduates of this field of study may be able to pursue further academic work or a career in community sectors influenced by theological/spiritual/religious visions.

Program Highlights & Competencies

- Cultivate an understanding of how local and international faith and community-based organizations, policies and networks work.
- Work with people from diverse, multicultural and multifaith backgrounds towards social justice issues affecting communities.
- Understand spirituality and interfaith perspectives that allow students to work across complexities of religious boundaries.
- Contribute to eco-justice and reconciliation, as well as intervention in environmental protection through community.
- Learn from community organizers within multiple faith traditions.
- Major research project or thesis option as capstone for course work.

Career Outcomes

- Community project developer/manager/facilitator
- Inter/multifaith coordinator
- Social service worker
- Community leader
- Academic researcher/writer
- Cultural interpreter/critic

Sample Courses

- TH530E Foundations of Spiritualities
- TH502A Critical Analysis of Biblical Texts: Introduction
- TH560G Foundations of Ethical Community Engagement
- TH645A Intersectionality: Interfaith and Intercultural Perspectives
- TH644A Indigenous Wisdoms and Methodology
- TH645B Women, LGBTQ2SIA+, Justice and Spirituality



Master of Divinity

Program Overview

Start: September
Length: 2 Years (Full-Time)
Degree Earned: Master of Divinity
Delivery: Full-Time or Part-Time (In Person)

The Master of Divinity (MDiv) program provides both the theoretical and practical tools necessary to prepare for the rewarding and challenging vocation of service. In preparation for parish, institutional and administrative ministries, students take courses in relevant disciplines – theology, biblical studies, counselling, ethics, church history and liturgics.

Program Highlights & Competencies

- Students must complete their required courses and indicate, in their first term of study, whether they are participating in the Contextual Placement or Coursework option, which will determine the structure of their degree.
- Placement within community organizations such as hospitals or long-term care facilities, alongside spiritual care training.
- Understanding the development of Christian doctrine and ideas, alongside the student's own denominational history and authoritative documents to engage in constructive theology.
- Identify, respect, engage with and be challenged by a diversity of theological viewpoints and practices within ecumenical, multi-faith, and multicultural contexts.

Career Outcomes

- Ordained minister/pastor
- Chaplain/spiritual care provider
- Religious educator
- Social service worker

Sample Courses

- TH502A Critical Analysis of Biblical Texts: Introduction
- TH530C Introduction to the Spirit and Community
- TH560A Introduction to Worship
- TH560C Introduction to Proclamation and Preaching
- TH560G Foundations of Ethical Community Engagement
- TH645A Intersectionality: Interfaith and Intercultural Perspectives
- TH663A Grief



MA-MDiv Dual Degree

Program Overview

Start: September
Length: 3 Years (Full-Time)
Degree Earned: Master of Arts, Master of Divinity
Delivery: Full-Time or Part-Time (In Person)

Earn your Master of Arts (MA) in theology and Master of Divinity (MDiv) in three years (nine consecutive terms) of full-time study. This double degree can also be completed on a part-time basis.

The MA/MDiv double-degree program is valuable if you are preparing for chaplaincy or congregational ministry, and desire a theological foundation and the coursework necessary for a role in community engagement or to apply for accreditation with the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario (CRPO).

The Master of Arts portion of the dual degree requires you to select between two fields, either Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy, or Spiritualities and Community Engagement.

Sample Courses

- TH530E Foundations of Spiritualities
- TH645A Intersectionality: Interfaith and Intercultural Perspectives
- TH663M Family Therapy Overview
- TH663V Human Development
- TH663C Cognitive and Dialectic Behaviour Therapy
- TH530E Foundations of Spiritualities
- TH502A Critical Analysis of Biblical Texts: Introduction

Career Outcomes

- Registered psychotherapist (RP)
- Hospital or high school chaplain
- Social service worker
- Addictions counsellor
- Community project developer/manager/facilitator
- Inter/multifaith coordinator
- Social service worker

Choose your Field (MA) and choose your Contextual or Non-Contextual options

You can choose between two specific fields of study. Students in the Master of Divinity program must also complete their required courses and indicate, in their first term of study, whether they are participating in the Contextual or Coursework option, which will determine the structure of their degree.

Spritual Care & Psychotherapy

The Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy field of study allows you to undertake advanced studies in spiritual care. This field is particularly suited to those considering careers in chaplaincy or counselling, or seeking accreditation with the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario (CRPO).

Spritualities & Community Engagement

The Spiritualities and Community Engagement stream covers the Bible, church history, systematics, ethics and practical theology. In this wide-ranging course of study, you can focus your studies on spirital growth and development, a comprehensive research project, or faith-based professional development.

Contextual Option

The contextual option is for those preparing for congregational ministry. This option includes congregational placements, community placements and a full-year internship.

Non-contextual Option

The coursework option is for those who are either already working in a ministerial setting or are preparing for non-congregational ministry. This choice allows students to take additional electives – in place of the internship and seminars being taken by those in the contextual option – and focus on coursework in areas of particular interest.

PhD in Human Relationships

Program Overview

Start: September
Length: 4-5 Years
Degree Earned: Doctor of Philosophy
Delivery: Full-Time, In Person

The PhD in Human Relationships builds on your professional experience in the fields of pastoral leadership or spiritual care and psychotherapy through advanced scholarship and a dissertation. You will be well prepared to make contributions in fields such as ministry, psychotherapy, spiritual care, and higher education.

Sample Courses

- TH760 - Clinical or Ministry Work
- TH761K - Theoretical Foundations in Human Relationships Research
- TH645A - Intersectionality: Interfaith and Intercultural Perspectives
- TH741 - Foundations in Hermeneutics
- TH740A - Comprehensive Paper and Exam: Integration of Theory and Praxis
- TH780B Human Relationships Dissertation following a successful defense of the Dissertation Proposal

Choose your Field

There are two different fields you can choose from when studying in this program.

Pastoral Leadership

The Pastoral Leadership field is designed for those who serve the spiritual and social needs of religious congregations and faith-based and community organizations. In this field, you will undertake disciplined reflection and extensive research in your area of ministry.

The program elements and courses are designed to support your progress toward the final completion of a PhD dissertation. Your dissertation makes a significant contribution to the existing knowledge in the field and assists and challenges your denomination or community to better understand and undertake its mission.

Spritual Care and Psychotherapy

The Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy field is intended to build upon existing competencies in spiritual care and psychotherapy, and related disciplines. In this field, you will undertake advanced studies and training in the theoretical and theological foundations of spiritual care and psychotherapy. You will also have the opportunity to expand your experience with a post-practicum clinical education in the practice of individual, couple and family therapy or spiritual care.

The program elements and courses will support your progress toward the final completion of a PhD dissertation. The student's dissertation makes a significant contribution to the existing knowledge in the field of spiritual care and psychotherapy.

Graduate Diploma: Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy

Program Overview

Start: Fall (September), Winter (January), Spring (May)
Length: 1 Year
Degree Earned: Graduate Diploma
Delivery: Part-Time

The Graduate Diploma in Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy will build on your previous education and experience to teach you a unique form of therapy that utilizes spiritual and psychological understandings of healing and growth.

You will take six counselling courses from our current Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy course offerings.

Sample Courses

- TH663C Cognitive and Dialectic Behaviour Therapy
- TH663M Family Therapy Overview
- TH663W Couple Therapy: Intervention
- TH663X Addiction, Mental Health and Spirituality: Clinical Approaches
- TH664D Postmodern Family Therapy
- TH663A Grief
- TH663F Emotionally Focused Couple Therapy
- TH664P Mindfulness and Psychotherapy

Program Details

Take a deeper look at what to expect from this program, how it helps prepare you for your future career, and steps to take before applying.

What to Expect

This diploma is intended for practicing professionals who are looking for further educational opportunities to expand their knowledge of research and best practices in spiritual care and psychotherapy.

Without additional graduate level education, this diploma will not qualify a student to apply for professional certification or become a member of the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario. The Graduate Diploma cannot be used as a pathway into any of our Masters programs. Students who are interested in entering the field of Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy should make an application directly to the Master of Arts in Theology: Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy.

Before You Apply

Before submitting an application, you must connect with us at Luther. Please email martin@luther.wlu.ca with the following information:

- Why you are interested in taking courses at Luther
- Which term you are planning to apply for (Fall, Winter or Spring)
- Which 6 courses you are planning to take
  Please refer to our Graduate Course Offerings.

An Academic Advisor will confirm whether or not the courses are available and advise you on moving forward with the application.

Graduate Diploma: Applied Expressive Arts and Psychotherapy

Program Overview

Start: Fall (September), Winter (January), Spring (May)
Length: 1 Year
Degree Earned: Graduate Diploma
Delivery: Part-Time, Hybrid (In-Person and Online)

The Graduate Diploma in Applied Expressive Arts and Psychotherapy is intended for practicing professionals who are looking to expand their knowledge of and integrate expressive arts modalities into their existing clinical, spiritual, or educational frameworks. This diploma consists of four courses which can be taken in any order.

Courses

- TH664U Introduction to Expressive Arts Therapies
- TH664A Introduction to Art Therapy
- TH664S Introduction to Music Therapy
- TH664R Introduction to Drama Therapy

Program Details

Get a glimpse of what the program is like and how it can help set you up for future success.

What is Expressive Arts?

Expressive Arts therapy is a form of psychotherapy that combines the creative process of multiple art forms with psychology to promote healing, personal growth, and emotional expression. It uses activities like visual arts, music, dance, drama, and creative writing to help individuals explore and process feelings, thoughts, and experiences that may be difficult to articulate verbally. This approach is client-centered, emphasizing creative self-expression as a way to access inner insights and solutions, and does not require the client to have any artistic skill.

Before You Apply

Refer to deadlines and start dates on the program page through luther.wlu.ca.

The diploma without additional graduate level education will not qualify a student to apply for professional certification or become a member of the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario. The Graduate Diploma cannot be used as a pathway into any of our Masters programs. Students who are interested in entering the field of Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy should make an application directly to the Master of Arts in Theology: Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy program.



Graduate Admissions

Requirements & Process

Deadlines

Deadlines are the same for all applicants for our **Master's and PhD programs** (full-time or part-time, domestic or international). For **Graduate Diploma** deadlines, please refer to the **program page** on **luther.wlu.ca**.

The application process and the uploading of supplemental documentation, which includes references, typically takes two weeks. To avoid disappointment, please apply early.

Applications that are missing documents after the Supplemental Documentation due date will be considered incomplete and will not be reviewed.

Oct. 1: OUAC Application opens for Step 1
Jan. 15: OUAC Application closes for Step 1
Feb. 15: Supplemental Documentation Due as per Step 2
Mid April: Target for decisions on applications as per Step 3

Please review the **Graduate Admissions Toolkit** in detail before applying. This resource outlines everything you need to know about: application fees; how to log into LORIS; how to upload the documents for your application; and how to accept an offer if you are admitted to the program.

Next, **review the program specific application requirements** by visiting our **Programs webpage** at **luther.wlu.ca** and select the program you're interested in. Navigate to the "Admissions"section for the program.

Step 1: Apply through OUAC

- Review Step 1 of the Graduate Admissions Toolkit
- Fill out the OUAC application

**Note: When applying on OUAC, ensure that you are selecting the correct program. You are not permitted to change the program you've applied to after submitting your application.*

Step 2: Submitting documentation

- Review Step 2 of the Graduate Admissions Toolkit
- All supplemental documents as noted in the Application Checklist must be uploaded and submitted by the Supplemental Documentation due date.

Step 3: Accept your offer

Offers of Admission will be communicated to you from the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies or Enrolment Services via email. The email contains details of the offer of admission and the deadline date by which your offer must be accepted.

If you are offered admission to Luther/Laurier, it will be conditional on you providing official final copies of your transcripts (and degree certificates, where applicable). These copies must be received at the addresses indicated by the deadline stated in your offer of admission.

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