

## COURSE GOAL

The course aims to provide holistic formation and training to all those who are currently involved or who desire to become involved in family ministry within a Church-related ambience.

## CALENDAR

### MODULE ONE:

January 17th, 24th  
February 7th - 21st  
January 31st - February 2nd  
(Non-residential Weekend)  
March 8th (Day Seminar)

### MODULE TWO:

March 14th, 21st, 28th  
April 4th, 10th  
May 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th  
May 31st (Day Seminar)

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## AWARDS AND LEVEL

### Course Code:

IFP/GFM5

### Final Award:

Higher Education Award in Family Ministry

### Duration:

1 year part-time (56 hours taught component)

### Level Rating:

Malta Qualification Framework (MQF) Proposed Level 5

### Teaching Institutions:

Kummissjoni Djoċesana Familja in collaboration with the Pastoral Formation Institute

### Awarding Institution:

Pastoral Formation Institute

### Certification:

A Sealed Certificate together with a Diploma Supplement after successful completion of the course.

### Language of Instruction:

Maltese

*Students will be considered to have successfully completed the course after attending at least 2/3 of the lecture sessions and obtaining a pass in all formative assessments.*

## PROSPECTUS

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Higher Education Award in

## Family Ministry

Fridays 6.30-8.30pm



## COURSE INFORMATION

### Course Co-Ordinator:

Dr Rita Borg Xuereb

### Board of Studies:

Dr Rita Borg Xuereb

Rev. Dr Mark Sultana or his delegate (IFP)

Rev Dr Joseph Galea Curmi

Ms Louise Laferla

### Language of Instruction:

Maltese

### Assessment:

Reflective Report

### Course Fee:

€125

### Venue for Lectures:

Swatar Parish Hall

*Note: Child-minding will be available*



## Entry Requirements:

- Every application will be considered on its individual merits. The Pastoral Formation Institute accepts a wide range of qualifications, and we always try to judge applications on the basis of academic potential. We do consider a very wide range of academic, vocational, and professional qualifications, as well as work and other appropriate experiences and skills.
- Referral letter from Parish Priest.

## Session Format:

Fourteen 2-hour lectures on Fridays between 6:30 and 8:30 pm.

Two Day Seminars on a Saturday.

One non-residential weekend at the Archbishop's Seminary, Tal-Virtù, Rabat.

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*Students may have access to the Foundation for Theological Studies Library at the Archbishop's Seminary, the Library at the Secretariat for Catechesis and the Library at the Kummissjoni Djoċesana Żgħażaġh*

## MODULES

Code	Module Title	Value
THD5011	Theology of the Family	4ects
	1. 'Who am I?' – Who are We? A Christian Anthropology - Love and Sexuality	
	2. John Paul II's Theology of the Body (Non-Residential Seminar)	
	3. The Gift of Life and the Gift of Love	
	4. Marriage in the Scripture/ Lectio Divina	
	5. Marriage and family in the Teachings of the Fathers of the Church	
	6. The Teachings of the Church on Marriage and the Family (recent Magisterium)	
	7. Sacramental and Liturgical Theology of Marriage	

Code	Module Title	Value
THP5010	Family Ministry	4ects
	1. The Family: Psychological and Sociological Perspectives	
	2. Family Life-Cycle and Dynamics	
	3. Caring for life and Commitment towards our Children and towards Society	
	4. Bioethics and the family (including the formation of conscience and the process of discernment)	
	5. An Ecclesial Theology of Mission: Different States of Life in the Church.	
	6. The Spirituality and Mission of the Couple	