



Upcoming NSW DRCN Training Courses

Our training schedule has been restricted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and may require further adjustment as time goes on. The following courses have been scheduled for the first half of 2022.



Basic Courses (Initial induction training for new chaplains – see page 2 for details)

DRCN Basic 2-day courses are open to *new applicants*. Existing chaplains requiring reaccreditation may attend either the second day of a Basic course or one of the other (advanced courses).

- ☐ **4-5 August (Zoom)**
- ☐ **23-24 Ulladulla (face to face)**

If you are aware of colleagues who would be suitable as DRCN chaplains, feel free to pass on the details of these dates and invite them to contact Dawn at DRCN@nat.uca.org.au for more details, as well as application and nomination forms. *All courses are free of charge and face to face courses include reasonable reimbursement for travel and cost of accommodation.*

Advanced courses (For accredited DRCN chaplains only)

- ☐ **16-17 August (Evenings by Zoom) Team Leader Training**

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DRCN Basic Course Topics

This is the induction course, essential to join the DRCN. It covers the following units of work:

- **Introductions** – Equipping people for the course and giving context to the DRCN operation in Disaster welfare
 - **The Nature of Chaplaincy in Crisis** – Understanding the unique role of Disaster Recovery Chaplains
 - **The Nature of Disaster and Emerging Issues** – Understanding the dynamics of disaster and its effect on individuals and communities.
 - **Human Needs and Development** - Understand what the basic human need is and thus the correct intervention.
 - **Overview of the Trauma Response** - Understand holistically what may happen to people in crisis.
 - **Skills in Caring for Traumatized People** - Understand practical issues in care and communication with traumatized people.
 - **The Practice of Chaplaincy** - Understand issues of practical involvement in this work.
 - **The Code of Ethics and Guiding Principles** - Clarify philosophy and conduct of DR and Guiding Principles.
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Who may apply?

DRCN chaplains are ordained or equivalent (employed in the care of people in their faith community or beyond) or commissioned chaplains in institutions (eg. hospitals, schools, prisons etc) from the faith groups listed from this link...

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/fa19zwildq2l4r4/Faithgroups%20from%20which%20DRCN%20chaplains%20may%20come%2020210817.pdf?dl=0>

How to apply

1. Click on this link...
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/pf520ugxu8o3524/AACNiiU6WGFhwRYRxZbEvScUa?dl=0>
2. Download the application and nomination forms
3. The *applicant* (prospective DRCN chaplain) to complete the application form, sign, scan and return it to DRCN@nat.uca.org.au
4. The *nominator* (An overseer in the denomination supporting the applicant) to fill in the nomination form, sign, scan and return it to DRCN@nat.uca.org.au

If you have any queries in relation to this, please email DRCN@nat.uca.org.au, or call Stephen Robinson (Senior Chaplain/Coordinator) on 0412 820 848.

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