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Pontifical University, St Patrick's
College Maynooth

MARRIAGE EDUCATION FACILITATOR

APPLICATION FORM

2019

CERTIFICATE IN MARRIAGE EDUCATION

(Special Purpose Award)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Tel: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____ (**Please note:** all correspondence will be sent via email)

Occupation: _____ Accord Centre: _____

MISSION STATEMENT
Empowering people
Fostering Relationships
Caring for Couples facing
the Challenges of Christian Marriage.
This is the work of ACCORD
In today's world

This Document is PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL TO ACCORD CLG / ACCORD Dublin / ACCORD Northern Ireland

Education Details:

Outline relevant studies and qualifications obtained:

1. Have you previously applied for training with ACCORD?

(Please tick the appropriate box)

YES

NO

2. If yes, what year? _____

What services? Counselling Education

3. What was the outcome ? Selected

(please tick the appropriate box) Not Selected

4. Are you currently involved in any community or voluntary work?

(If so, please specify)

5. Are you currently or in the foreseeable future undertaking any study courses or training?

(Give details and time commitment)

6. Do you have PowerPoint Skills? YES NO

7. Do you have basic computer skills? YES NO

8. Do you subscribe to the ethos of Christian Marriage?

COMMITMENT

Suitability to become a Facilitator with ACCORD :

Currently married in the Catholic Church or currently in a marriage recognised by the Catholic Church.

Have the ability to convey a positive attitude to Catholic Marriage.

Have an openness and commitment to working as a volunteer within a Catholic organisation.

Relate easily to people.

Are able to be part of a team.

Are sensitive, warm, caring and accepting.

As ACCORD is a Diocesan Agency all new members (Rep of Irl) will apply for Garda Vetting if selected.

Please ask for assistance at your centre in this regard.

In applying to become a Marriage Education facilitator with ACCORD, a person has to be able and willing to take on the following commitments.

1. Attend a **Selection Conference** in May /June 2019
2. Commitment to training: Following selection, applicants are invited to train as a Marriage Education Facilitators:
 - A) Attend eleven workshops on the ACCORD **Certificate Training Programme**. The programme includes two residential weekends which take place between September 2019— June 2020 **(The residential aspect is mandatory for all trainees)**
 - B) Visit one Marriage Preparation course as an observer during the training year.
 - C) Submit a Self Evaluation of Learning form at the end of each training session
 - D) Become a member of a designated local ACCORD Centre
 - E) Take part in three courses, as part of a team, following evaluation and successful completion of the training programme and prior to graduation.
3. **Graduation** September 2021

Please note: All correspondence will be via email. It is necessary to have PowerPoint and basic computer skills. Trainees will be evaluated by continuous assessment throughout the training programme and up to graduation.

MEMBERSHIP OF ACCORD

Membership of ACCORD (following Graduation) involves the following commitments:

- A) Have the clear aspiration of achieving a specified agreed number of Marriage Preparation Programmes in a calendar year as agreed by the centre Executive - ACCORD Policy—ME/03/2013 (6.2)
- B) Following Graduation a commitment of three years to your Centre is a requirement.
- C) Full participation in the monthly meeting of the Centre
- D) Regular Supervision in accordance with ACCORD Policy SV/09/2013
- E) Eight hours of CPD annually in accordance with ACCORD Policy—GEN/CPD/Oct 2013

Attendance:

It is essential that trainees attend **ALL** elements of the training programme

In the event of a trainee missing any aspects of the training, it will be decided in conjunction with the trainers, if the trainee will progress with the training process.

Probation:

Trainees will be on probation until they graduate

Cost of Training:

The local Centre through which each applicant applies will be responsible for the costs relating to Selection Conference and Training of each applicant. Travel expenses will not be paid during training.

Please note: A voluntary commitment of three years is necessary following Graduation and Training.

Please state briefly your reasons for applying to become a member of ACCORD as a facilitator:

Please give an example from your own Marriage how attending a Marriage Preparation Course was of benefit to you as a couple:

Please give an example of how you managed conflict in your life:

Please give an example of how you have worked as part of a team:

VISION STATEMENT

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service is an agency of the Catholic Church providing a nationwide service to couples preparing for or seeking a deeper commitment within the sacrament of marriage.

ACCORD is committed to providing a quality service. Personnel, coming from a wide variety of backgrounds, are appropriately trained.

ACCORD responds to the challenges facing Christian marriage today and affirms its value in an ever changing world. It empowers couples to explore and reflect on:

- ◆ the essential elements of their marriage.
- ◆ the purpose and value of their choices within a committed relationship.

ACCORD serves the pastoral needs of couples at different stages in their relationship.

* **Preparation for marriage** in a Christian context focuses on the essential components which foster a good couple relationship:

- lifelong commitment.
- communication and conflict resolution skills.
- responsible parenthood within a faith context.
- time and resource management.

* **Ongoing support** throughout marriage facilitates:

- the development of strategies for the emotional, spiritual, and psychological well-being of couples
- reflection on the Christian experience of love, commitment and family life.

* **Marriage and Relationship counselling:** ACCORD offers a professional counselling service which facilitates couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and work to endeavour to resolve difficulties in their marriage and relationships in a confidential, sensitive, respectful and non judgemental setting.

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service comply with the Criteria for Courses of Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage

Approved by the Irish Episcopal Conference (June 2010)

ACCORD wishes that all prospective candidates are familiar with our Vision Statement above and also with our Mission Statement, which is on the cover page of this application form, so that they are fully aware of the ethos out of which the Organisation works.

ACCORD CORE VALUES

CATHOLIC SERVICE

Supporting The Sacrament of Marriage and Pastoral Care of Clients.

UNCONDITIONAL POSITIVE REGARD

Supporting, Loving, Respecting & Accepting

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

Through all our People in our Work

VOLUNTARISM

Offering our Gifts in the Service of Others

Please give the name & contact information for two people (not related to you) who ACCORD may contact for references on your behalf:

Name: _____

Position: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

I declare that all the above statements and information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any misstatement or omission of facts constitute grounds for non-selection or release. I hereby give permission for contact to be made with all relevant persons.

Candidate's signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Please complete form and return it to:

*Aisling Dignam
Accord CLG
Columba Centre
Maynooth
Co. Kildare*

Applicants who are being invited to selection will be notified with details of the venue and time of the Selection Conference

Please number in order 1, 2, 3 the Centres you have a preference to join:

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|-------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Athlone | Ennis | Nenagh |
| Ballina | Galway | Newbridge |
| Ballinasloe | Inishowen | Portlaoise |
| Bantry | Kilkenny | Sligo |
| Carlow | Killarney | Thurles |
| Castlebar | Letterkenny | Tipperary |
| Cavan | Limerick | Tralee |
| Charlestown | Limerick West | Tullamore |
| Clonmel | Longford | Waterford |
| Cloyne | Monaghan | Wexford |
| Drogheda | Mullingar | ACCORD Dublin |
| Dundalk | Navan | ACCORD Northern Ireland |