

PROFESSIONAL CHAPLAINCY (M.DIV.) - COMMUNITY

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2024 through summer 2025. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

Code	Title	Hours
Core Courses		
APOL 525	Pluralism and World Religions	3
CHHI 510	Survey of the History of Christianity	3
CHPL 500	Introduction to Chaplaincy Ministry	3
CHPL 598	Spiritual and Professional Development of the Chaplain	3
CHPL 615	Chaplain Ethics for Advisement and Pastoral Care	3
CHPL 655	Chaplain Evangelism and Discipleship	3
GLST 650	Intercultural Communication	3
HOMI 500	Preparation of the Sermon	3
or HOMI 601	Foundations of Expository Teaching and Preaching	
LEAD 510	Biblical Foundations of Leadership	3
NBST 515	New Testament Orientation I	3
NBST 520	New Testament Orientation II	3
NBST 610	Hermeneutics	3
NGRK 505	Greek Language Tools	3
or NGRK 520	Beginning Greek I	
OBST 515	Old Testament Orientation I	3
OBST 520	Old Testament Orientation II	3
OTCL 505	Hebrew Language Tools	3
or OTCL 520	Beginning Hebrew I	
PACO 500	Introduction to Pastoral Counseling	3
PACO 603	Premarital and Marital Counseling	3
RTCH 500	Research, Writing, and Ministry Preparation	3
THEO 525	Systematic Theology I	3
THEO 530	Systematic Theology II	3
Total Hours		63

Code	Title	Hours
Community Concentration		
CHPL 645	Chaplain Resilient Leaders	3
CHPL 682	Community Chaplaincy	3
CRIS 607	PTSD and Combat Related Trauma	3
CRIS 609	Complex Trauma and Disasters: Offering Emotional and Spiritual Care	3
PACO 604	Crisis Intervention in Pastoral Counseling	3
Choose 15 credit hours from the following courses:		15
CHPL 621	Mentoring for Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 1 ^{1,2,3}	
CHPL 622	Mentoring for Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 2 ^{2,3}	
CHPL 699	Chaplaincy Internship ^{1,2}	
CPED 631	Clinical Pastoral Education Unit I ^{1,4}	
CPED 632	Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 2 ⁴	

Code	Title	Hours
CRIS 605	Crisis and First Responder Training: Skills and Techniques	
HOMI 605	Expository Preaching	
PACO 617	Theories and Techniques in Pastoral Counseling	
RTCH 680	Research Methods ⁵	
THES 689	Thesis Project Proposal and Research ^{2,5}	
THES 690	Thesis Defense ^{2,5}	
Community Chaplaincy Elective ⁶		
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Total Hours		30

¹ Student must enroll in either CPED 631 Clinical Pastoral Education Unit I (6 c.h.), CHPL 621 Mentoring for Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 1 (3 c.h.), or CHPL 699 Chaplaincy Internship (3 c.h.)

² 16 week A-term course

³ This course is online only and requires acceptance into a local CPE Program

⁴ This course is only offered as a residential intensive

⁵ Students who desire to complete a thesis must complete RTCH 680 Research Methods (3 c.h.), THES 689 Thesis Project Proposal and Research (3 c.h.), and THES 690 Thesis Defense (3 c.h.)

⁶ Choose a 600 level HOMI, LEAD, NBST, NGRK, OBST, or OTCL course not required by the degree

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 93 hours
- A maximum of 50% of the program hours may be transferred if approved and allowable, including credit from an earned degree from Liberty University on the same academic level
- A minimum of 72 credit hours must be comprised of graded online or residential coursework from an accredited post-secondary academic institution
- 2.0 GPA
- Degree must be completed within 10 years
- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

Program Offered in Resident & Online Format Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
First Semester		
NBST 515	New Testament Orientation I	3
RTCH 500	Research, Writing, and Ministry Preparation	3
CHPL 500	Introduction to Chaplaincy Ministry	3
NBST 520	New Testament Orientation II	3
	Hours	12
Second Semester		
CHPL 598	Spiritual and Professional Development of the Chaplain	3
OBST 515	Old Testament Orientation I	3
CHHI 510	Survey of the History of Christianity	3

Course	Title	Hours
OBST 520	Old Testament Orientation II	3
Hours		12
Third Semester		
NBST 610	Hermeneutics	3
THEO 525	Systematic Theology I	3
CHPL 615	Chaplain Ethics for Advisement and Pastoral Care	3
THEO 530	Systematic Theology II	3
Hours		12
Fourth Semester		
HOMI 500 or HOMI 601	Preparation of the Sermon or Foundations of Expository Teaching and Preaching	3
NGRK 505 or NGRK 520	Greek Language Tools or Beginning Greek I	3
CHPL 655	Chaplain Evangelism and Discipleship	3
OTCL 505 or OTCL 520	Hebrew Language Tools or Beginning Hebrew I	3
Hours		12
Fifth Semester		
APOL 525	Pluralism and World Religions	3
CHPL 645	Chaplain Resilient Leaders	3
PACO 500	Introduction to Pastoral Counseling	3
CHPL 682	Community Chaplaincy	3
Hours		12
Sixth Semester		
GLST 650	Intercultural Communication	3
PACO 603	Premarital and Marital Counseling	3
LEAD 510	Biblical Foundations of Leadership	3
Elective ^{1,2}		3
Hours		12
Seventh Semester		
CHPL 621 or CHPL 699 or CPED 631	Mentoring for Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 1 ³ or Chaplaincy Internship or Clinical Pastoral Education Unit I	3
CRIS 607	PTSD and Combat Related Trauma	3
CRIS 609	Complex Trauma and Disasters: Offering Emotional and Spiritual Care	3
Elective ^{1,2}		3
Hours		12
Eighth Semester		
CHPL 622 or CPED 632 or ELECTIVE	Mentoring for Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 2 ^{1,2} or Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 2 or	3
PACO 604	Crisis Intervention in Pastoral Counseling	3
Elective ²		0-3
Hours		6-9
Total Hours		90-93

or OTCL course not already required in the degree (a maximum of 2 of the HOMI, LEAD, NBST, NGRK, OBST, and OTCL electives may be applied to the degree).

² Students who desire to complete a Thesis must complete RTCH 680, THES 689, and THES 690.

³ Course is 16 weeks.

¹ Choose from the following: CRIS 605, HOMI 605, PACO 617, RTCH 680, THES 689, THES 690, or any 600 level HOMI, LEAD, NBST, NGRK, OBST,