

PROFESSIONAL CHAPLAINCY (M.DIV.) - GENERAL

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
General Cognate		
CHPL 645	Chaplain Resilient Leaders	3
	Chaplaincy Ministry Elective ¹	3
	Choose 6 hours from the following courses:	6
CHPL 621	Mentoring for Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 1 ^{2,3,4}	
CHPL 699	Chaplaincy Internship ^{2,4}	
CPED 631	Clinical Pastoral Education Unit I ^{2,4,5}	
	Elective ⁶	
Total Hours		12

¹ Choose one of the following courses: CHPL 680 Military Chaplaincy (3 c.h.), CHPL 681 Healthcare Chaplaincy (3 c.h.), CHPL 682 Community Chaplaincy (3 c.h.), or CHPL 683 Sports Chaplaincy (3 c.h.)

² Student must enroll in either CHPL 621 Mentoring for Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 1 (3 c.h.), CPED 631 Clinical Pastoral Education Unit I (6 c.h.), or CHPL 699 Chaplaincy Internship (3 c.h.)

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

⁴ 16 week A-term course

⁵ This course is only offered as a residential intensive

⁶ Choose a 600 level CHPL, CRIS, HOMI, or PACO course not already required by the degree

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 75 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
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

Course	Title	Hours
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 Elective ¹		3
Hours		12
Sixth Semester		
CHPL 621 or CHPL 699 or CPED 631	Mentoring for Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 1 ^{2,3} or Chaplaincy Internship or Clinical Pastoral Education Unit I	3-6
GLST 650	Intercultural Communication	3
PACO 603	Premarital and Marital Counseling	3
LEAD 510	Biblical Foundations of Leadership	3
Elective ⁴		0-3
Hours		12-18
Total Hours		72-78

¹ Choose one of the following courses: CHPL 680, CHPL 681, CHPL 682, or CHPL 683.

² Course is 16 weeks.

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