

PROFESSIONAL CHAPLAINCY (M.DIV.) - HEALTHCARE

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2023 through summer 2024. 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
Healthcare Concentration		
CHPL 645	Chaplain Resilient Leaders	3
CHPL 681	Healthcare Chaplaincy	3
Choose 24 credit hours from the following courses: ¹		24
CHPL 621	Mentoring for Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 1 ^{1,2,3}	
CHPL 622	Mentoring for Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 2 ^{2,3}	
CHPL 623	Mentoring for Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 3 ^{2,3}	
CHPL 624	Mentoring for Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 4 ^{2,3}	
CHPL 699	Chaplaincy Internship ^{1,2}	
CPED 631	Clinical Pastoral Education Unit I ^{1,2,4}	
CPED 632	Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 2 ^{2,4}	
CPED 633	Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 3 ^{2,4}	
CPED 634	Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 4 ^{2,4}	

Code	Title	Hours
CRIS 607	PTSD and Combat Related Trauma	
CRIS 608	Trauma Assessment and Interventions	
PACO 604	Crisis Intervention in Pastoral Counseling	
PACO 617	Theories and Techniques in Pastoral Counseling	
Healthcare Chaplaincy Elective ⁵		
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Total Hours		30

¹ 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.)

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 Choose a 600 level CRIS or PACO course not already required by the degree

⁶ Choose a 600 level HOMI, NBST, NGRK, OBST, or OTCL course not already 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
OBST 520	Old Testament Orientation II	3
Hours		12
Third Semester		
NBST 610	Hermeneutics	3

Course	Title	Hours
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 681	Healthcare Chaplaincy	3
OTCL 505 or OTCL 520	Hebrew Language Tools or Beginning Hebrew I	3
Hours		12
Fifth Semester		
CHPL 621 or CHPL 699 or CPED 631	Mentoring for Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 1 ¹ or Chaplaincy Internship or Clinical Pastoral Education Unit I	3
APOL 525	Pluralism and World Religions	3
CHPL 655	Chaplain Evangelism and Discipleship	3
PACO 500	Introduction to Pastoral Counseling	3
Hours		12
Sixth Semester		
Elective ²		3-6
CHPL 645	Chaplain Resilient Leaders	3
PACO 603	Premarital and Marital Counseling	3
Elective ^{2,3}		3
Hours		12-15
Seventh Semester		
Elective ²		3-6
GLST 650	Intercultural Communication	3
LEAD 510	Biblical Foundations of Leadership	3
Elective ^{2,3}		3
Hours		12-15
Eighth Semester		
Elective ²		3-6
Elective ²		3
Elective ^{2,3}		0-3
Hours		6-12
Total Hours		90-102

¹ Course is 16 weeks.² See Degree Completion Plan for Elective options.³ Students who desire to complete a Thesis must complete RTCH 680, THES 689, and THES 690.