

PROFESSIONAL CHAPLAINCY (M.DIV.) - HEALTHCARE

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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 | | |
| Healthcare Chaplaincy Elective ⁶ | | |
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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 |
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| 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.