CHAPLAINCY MINISTRY (CHPL)

CHPL 500 Introduction to Chaplaincy Ministry 3 Credit Hour(s)
Examines the theological and cultural issues of a formal and informal ministry setting. Explores the similarities and differences among the various types of chaplaincies. Gives attention to ministry in religiously pluralistic, multicultural and multi-staff environments. Emphasizes skills, strategies and character traits necessary for effective ministry.
Offered: Resident and Online

CHPL 598 Spiritual and Professional Development of the Chaplain 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: CHPL 500
This course addresses the professional and spiritual formation of chaplains. Students will observe and evaluate, first-hand various chaplain ministries. Attention is given to the biblical nature of chaplain ministry and its practical application within the secular and pluralistic contexts of the military, healthcare, and community chaplain settings. Special emphasis is given to formation of godly character necessary for successful chaplain ministry.
Offered: Resident and Online

CHPL 615 Chaplain Ethics for Advisement and Pastoral Care 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: CHPL 598 and CHPL 500
This course provides a study of the methodology and practice of biblical ethics applied within the secular and pluralistic contexts in which chaplains serve. Attention is given to chaplain ethical advisement of leaders and followers within the military, healthcare, and community chaplain environments. This course will prepare chaplains for ethical dilemmas through the development of an ethical decision model and personal code of ethics. Additionally, the course will address the ethics of evangelism and exercising ones faith in a pluralistic culture.
Offered: Resident and Online

CHPL 621 Mentoring for Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 1 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: CHPL 500 and CHPL 598 and THEO 525 and THEO 530
A supportive experience for students enrolled in Clinical Pastoral Education in some clinical settings other than Liberty University under the supervision of a Liberty trained mentor for development of the student to provide pastoral care from their faith-based tradition. The field, mentor, and nature of service must be approved beforehand by the professor.
Offered: Online

CHPL 622 Mentoring for Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 2 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: CHPL 621
This course will provide support and mentorship in the progress of pastoral care issues in the ministry particularly in the healthcare setting. The student will be introduced to pastoral care theories providing direction in developing a theory of their own pastoral care.
Offered: Online

CHPL 623 Mentoring for Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 3 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: CHPL 622
In this course the student will develop understanding of their spiritual practice and how that relates to their own healthcare chaplain ministry. Through written assignments, conversations with their Liberty mentor, and clinical practice, the student will gain understanding of their ministry and develop their self-spiritual image in ministry practice.
Offered: Online

CHPL 624 Mentoring for Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 4 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: CHPL 623
This course will focus on the need and expectancy of research in the ministry and mission of chaplaincy. Professional chaplaincy has moved to expect the chaplain to develop evidence-based research in this ministry and to develop best practice methods of chaplain ministry. This course will equip the professional chaplain to serve in interdisciplinary team settings in their clinical ministry using their research to give evidence-based knowledge of pastoral care.
Offered: Online

CHPL 640 Chaplain Leadership for Religious Freedom 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: CHPL 598 and CHPL 500
This course is a comprehensive study of chaplain leadership as it pertains to providing for the free exercise of religion and defending that constitutional liberty. This study will evaluate the chaplain's calling to servant leadership, examine biblical models of servant leadership, discern the internal and external dangers of chaplain leadership, and explore the unique opportunities and challenges chaplains face while seeking to provide spiritual ministry in secular and pluralistic settings. Special attention will be given to the spiritual leadership traits necessary for successful chaplain ministry.
Offered: Resident and Online

CHPL 645 Chaplain Resilient Leaders 3 Credit Hour(s)
Resident Prerequisite: CHPL 500 and CHPL 598
This course will examine in depth a biblical model for resiliency and resilient spiritual leadership for chaplains, introducing key characteristics and competencies which allow chaplain leaders to be resilient and set the conditions for successful performance, to lead through inevitable crises along the way, and to help individuals and organizations rebound from downturns to a brighter future. The course also addresses how resilient leaders stand the test of time, avoiding burnout and establishing essential disciplines of replenishment.
Offered: Resident and Online

CHPL 655 Chaplain Evangelism and Discipleship 3 Credit Hour(s)
Resident Prerequisite: CHPL 500 and CHPL 598
This course will focus on the biblical imperative of evangelism and various methods of witnessing in the pluralistic cultures in which chaplains serve. Particular emphasis will be given to wisely sharing the Gospel in military, healthcare, and community settings. Additionally, attention will be given to evangelism follow-up, discipleship, and scripture memorization.
Offered: Resident and Online

CHPL 665 Chaplain Crisis Counseling 3 Credit Hour(s)
This course is an examination of the theory and practice of crisis intervention and approaches to short term pastoral counseling focused on the ministry of chaplains. On Campus Intensive Only.
Offered: Resident

CHPL 680 Military Chaplaincy 3 Credit Hour(s)
Prerequisite: CHPL 500 and CHPL 598
This course examines the theological, historical, constitutional, and cultural basis for professional military chaplains, and addresses the chaplain's opportunity to provide spiritual leadership, pastoral care, and advise commanders in order to best care for the warrior's soul. Attention is given to scriptural and military mandates for chaplains to provide spiritual warrior care, spiritual leadership, and spiritual counsel to military leaders. Further, the skills, strategies, and character traits necessary for effective chaplain ministry within military pluralistic culture will be explored. This course is taught as an intensive, in residence, and online.
Offered: Resident and Online

CHPL 681 Healthcare Chaplaincy 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: CHPL 598 and CHPL 500
This course examines a biblical approach to theodicy, suffering and redemption, demonstrating the foundation for evangelical ministry in a healthcare environment. Attention is given to providing Christocentric spiritual care to patients and staff within pluralistic and secular settings.
Offered: Online

CHPL 682 Community Chaplaincy 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: CHPL 598 and CHPL 500
This course examines a biblical approach to providing chaplain ministry in pluralistic and secular community settings. Attention is given to providing Christocentric chaplain leadership and spiritual care within the context of corporations, colleges, sports organizations, first response teams, and prison systems.
Offered: Online

CHPL 683 Sports Chaplaincy 3 Credit Hour(s)
Online Prerequisite: CHPL 500 and CHPL 598
This course examines the biblical, theological, philosophical, and cultural basis for sports chaplain ministry. Attention is given to scriptural principles empowering chaplains to provide spiritual leadership, care, and counsel to players, coaches, and families. Finally, students will evaluate and practice the skills, strategies, and character traits necessary for effective chaplain ministry within the pluralistic culture of sports.
Note: Course available Spring 2018
Offered: Online

CHPL 695 Directed Research 3 Credit Hour(s)
Offered: Online

CHPL 698 Chaplaincy Practicum 1-3 Credit Hour(s)
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CHPL 699 Chaplaincy Internship 3 Credit Hour(s)
Resident Prerequisite: ((HOMI 500 or HOMI 601) and (CHPL 680 or CHPL 681 or CHPL 682 or CHPL 683) and CHPL 500 and CHPL 598 and CHPL 655 and PACO 500)
Online Prerequisite: CHPL 655 and HOMI 605 and (CHPL 680 or CHPL 681 or CHPL 682)
A practical field experience in military, healthcare, or community chaplaincy under the supervision of an approved mentor. The field, mentor, and nature of service must be approved beforehand by the professor. To receive 3 hours credit, students must spend a minimum of 150 field hours.
Offered: Resident and Online