

PROFESSIONAL CHAPLAINCY (M.DIV.) - COMMUNITY

Important: This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. 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
Program Courses		
APOL 525	Pluralism and World Religions	3
BIBL 612	Principles of Biblical Interpretation	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
GICE 650	Intercultural Communication	3
HOMI 502	Teaching in Christian Contexts	3
or HOMI 602	Preaching to Change Lives	
LEAD 510	Biblical Foundations of Leadership	3
NBST 516	Introduction to the Life of Christ	3
NBST 517	Introduction to the New Testament Church	3
NGRK 515	New Testament Bible Study Tools	3
OBST 516	Introduction to the Pentateuch and Old Testament Historical Books	3
OBST 517	Introduction to the Poetic and Prophetic Books	3
OTCL 515	Old Testament Bible Study Tools	3
PACO 505	Introduction to Pastoral Care and Counseling	3
SEMI 505	Introduction to Ministry Studies ¹	3
SEMI 510	Tools for Ministry Studies	3
THEO 521	Foundations of Christian Theology	3
THEO 522	Essentials of Christian Theology	3
Total Hours		63

¹ SEMI 505 is required to be taken within the first semester for all students.

Code	Title	Hours
Community Concentration		
CHPL 645	Chaplain Resilient Leaders	3
CHPL 682	Community Chaplaincy	3
CRIS 609	Complex Trauma and Disasters: Offering Emotional and Spiritual Care	3
PACO 603	Premarital and Marital Counseling	3
PACO 604	Crisis Intervention in Pastoral Counseling	3
Choose 12 credit hours from the following courses: ¹		12
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}	

Code	Title	Hours
CPED 632	Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 2 ⁴	
CRIS 605	Crisis and First Responder Training: Skills and Techniques	
CRIS 607	PTSD and Combat Related Trauma	
Community Chaplaincy Elective ⁵		
Total Hours		27

¹ Student must enroll in either CHPL 621, CHPL 699, or CPED 631.

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 CHPL, HOMI, LEAD, NBST, NGRK, OBST, or OTCL course not required by the degree.

All applicable prerequisites must be met

Graduation Requirements

- Complete 90 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 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

Course	Title	Hours
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		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

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, 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.