

# PROFESSIONAL CHAPLAINCY (M.DIV.) - GENERAL

**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
<b>Program Courses</b>		
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 <sup>1</sup>	3
SEMI 510	Tools for Ministry Studies	3
THEO 521	Foundations of Christian Theology	3
THEO 522	Essentials of Christian Theology	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>63</b>

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

Code	Title	Hours
<b>General Cognate</b>		
CHPL 645	Chaplain Resilient Leaders	3
Chaplaincy Ministry Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
<i>Choose six hours from the following courses:</i> <sup>2</sup>		
CHPL 621	Mentoring for Clinical Pastoral Education Unit I <sup>2,3,4</sup>	
CHPL 699	Chaplaincy Internship <sup>2,4</sup>	
CPED 631	Clinical Pastoral Education Unit I <sup>2,4,5</sup>	
PACO 603	Premarital and Marital Counseling	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>6</b>

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

- <sup>2</sup> Student must enroll in either CHPL 621, CHPL 699, or CPED 631.  
<sup>3</sup> This course is online only and requires acceptance into a local CPE Program.  
<sup>4</sup> 16 week A-term course.  
<sup>5</sup> This course is only offered as a residential intensive.

*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 Online Format Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Semester</b>		
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
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
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
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Third Semester</b>		
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
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Fourth Semester</b>		
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
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Fifth Semester</b>		
APOL 525	Pluralism and World Religions	3
CHPL 645	Chaplain Resilient Leaders	3
PACO 500	Introduction to Pastoral Counseling	3
CHPL Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Sixth Semester</b>		
CHPL 621 or CHPL 699 or CPED 631	Mentoring for Clinical Pastoral Education Unit 1 <sup>2,3</sup> or Chaplaincy Internship or Clinical Pastoral Education Unit I	3-6
GLST 650		3
PACO 603	Premarital and Marital Counseling	3
LEAD 510	Biblical Foundations of Leadership	3
Elective <sup>4</sup>		0-3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12-18</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>72-78</b>

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

<sup>2</sup> Course is 16 weeks.

<sup>3</sup> Student must enroll in either CHPL 621, CHPL 699, or CPED 631.

<sup>4</sup> Choose a 600 level CHPL, CRIS, HOMI, or PACO course not already required by the degree.