Bachelor of Science in Clinical Chaplaincy Psychotherapy
HBI University
Course Duration: 4 years
Credit Hours: 135



Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Clinical Chaplaincy Psychotherapy at HBIU University combines the healing art of chaplaincy with the clinical expertise of psychotherapy. This program is designed for students who seek to provide spiritual care and psychological support to individuals dealing with emotional, mental, and spiritual challenges. The curriculum blends spiritual leadership with psychotherapeutic techniques, preparing students to work as clinical chaplains in hospitals, hospices, prisons, military settings, and faith-based organizations.

Students will gain in-depth knowledge of psychotherapy methods, mental health counseling, and spiritual care principles. This program is unique in its integration of chaplaincy and psychotherapy, enabling students to address the emotional, mental, and spiritual needs of those they serve. Through spiritual care training and clinical psychotherapy practice, students will learn how to guide others in healing and recovery through both faith and psychological therapy. Graduates of this program will be well-prepared to provide holistic care, integrating psychotherapy, spiritual counseling, and faith-based support in clinical settings.

Admissions Requirements

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Minimum GPA of 2.5
- Personal statement outlining career goals in chaplaincy and psychotherapy

- Two letters of recommendation
- Resume (if applicable)
- SAT/ACT scores (if applicable)

General Education Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
GEN 101	English Composition I	3
GEN 102	English Composition II	3
GEN 103	College Algebra	3
GEN 104	Introduction to Psychology	3
GEN 105	Introduction to Theology	3
GEN 106	Public Speaking and Communication	3
GEN 107	Research Methods in Social Sciences	3
GEN 108	Ethics and Moral Reasoning	3
GEN 109	Leadership and Team Development	3
GEN 110	Introduction to Sociology	3

Core Clinical Chaplaincy and Psychotherapy Courses (45 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
CCH 201	Introduction to Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care	3
CCH 202	Psychotherapy and Counseling Techniques	3
CCH 203	Spiritual Care in Healthcare Settings	3
CCH 204	Foundations of Clinical Psychology	3
CCH 205	Crisis Intervention and Trauma Care	3
CCH 206	Faith-Based Mental Health Counseling	3
CCH 207	Ethics in Chaplaincy and Psychotherapy	3
CCH 208	Spiritual Guidance and Counseling	3
CCH 209	Family Therapy and Pastoral Care	3
CCH 210	Clinical Supervision and Ethics in Chaplaincy	3
CCH 211	Grief Counseling and End-of-Life Care	3
CCH 212	Multicultural Counseling and Spiritual Care	3
CCH 213	Addiction Counseling and Spiritual Healing	3
CCH 214	Mental Health Care for Vulnerable Populations	3
CCH 215	Clinical Chaplaincy Internship	3

Elective Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
CCH 301	Pastoral Care in Military Settings	3

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
CCH 302	Chaplaincy in Prisons and Correctional Facilities	3
CCH 303	Interfaith Chaplaincy	3
CCH 304	Counseling for Spiritual Emergencies	3
CCH 305	Advanced Psychotherapy Techniques	3

Practicum Requirement

As part of the degree, students are required to complete a practicum to gain hands-on experience in clinical chaplaincy or psychotherapy.

Practicum Requirements:

- Complete a minimum of 150 supervised hours in a healthcare setting, faith-based organization, or mental health facility.
- Engage in tasks such as spiritual counseling, psychotherapy practice, and emotional support.
- Submit a detailed reflection report summarizing key experiences and learnings.
- Participate in professional development and mentorship sessions in chaplaincy and psychotherapy.

This practicum allows students to apply theoretical knowledge in real-world settings, focused on providing holistic care in clinical chaplaincy and psychotherapy.

Capstone Project (15 Credit Hours)

The capstone project serves as a culminating experience, allowing students to apply clinical chaplaincy and psychotherapy in a final project.

Students will:

- Design a therapeutic care model integrating chaplaincy and psychotherapy for a faith-based institution or healthcare organization.
- Develop a comprehensive spiritual counseling plan for a mental health setting or clinical chaplaincy program.
- Analyze challenges in spiritual and mental health care and propose solutions.
- Present findings and recommendations through a formal report and presentation.

This experience ensures students graduate with practical expertise in chaplaincy, psychotherapy, and holistic patient care.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

- Gain expertise in chaplaincy, psychotherapy, and spiritual care.
- Develop skills in crisis intervention, mental health counseling, and faith-based leadership.
- Apply spiritual counseling techniques and psychotherapeutic methods to address emotional and mental health challenges.
- Conduct research on integrating faith-based care with psychotherapy in clinical settings.
- Implement effective spiritual care strategies, ethical decision-making, and holistic healing practices in faith-based and healthcare environments.

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
Clinical Chaplain	$50,000 - $90,000
Healthcare Chaplain	$55,000 - $100,000
Mental Health Counselor	$60,000 - $110,000
Faith-Based Counselor	$55,000 - $95,000
Crisis Intervention Specialist	$50,000 - $85,000