

**Master of Science in Psychology,
Minor in Clinical Chaplaincy Psychotherapy
HBI University**

Course Duration: 2 years

Credit Hours: 69 (including 15 credit hours for minor)



Program Description

The Master of Science in Psychology at HBIU University is designed to equip students with the theoretical knowledge, research skills, and practical expertise necessary to excel in the field of psychology. This program provides a comprehensive foundation in psychological assessment, counseling methods, human behavior, and therapeutic interventions. Students will engage in rigorous coursework covering core psychological principles, mental health treatment approaches, and the application of psychology in faith-based and clinical settings.

The Minor in Clinical Chaplaincy Psychotherapy specialization offers a unique opportunity for students to integrate chaplaincy practices with psychological counseling. The coursework emphasizes spiritual and emotional support strategies, pastoral psychotherapy, crisis intervention, and ethical considerations in faith-based mental health care. This specialization prepares students to work in hospitals, counseling centers, religious organizations, and other settings where psychological and spiritual support intersect.

Through case studies, fieldwork, and a research-based master's thesis, students will gain hands-on experience in clinical chaplaincy psychotherapy. The program is ideal for those seeking careers in psychological counseling with a focus on integrating faith-based principles into evidence-based therapeutic techniques.

Admissions Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in Psychology or a related field
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- GRE scores (if applicable)
- Statement of Purpose (1,000-1,500 words) outlining research interests and career goals
- Three letters of recommendation
- Academic writing sample
- Curriculum Vitae (CV) or resume
- Interview with faculty (if required)

General Education Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
GEN 201	Advanced Research Methods	3
GEN 202	Ethical Issues in Psychology	3
GEN 203	Cognitive and Affective Processes	3
GEN 204	Statistics in Psychological Research	3
GEN 205	Cross-Cultural Perspectives in Psychology	3
GEN 206	Human Development Across the Lifespan	3
GEN 207	Neuroscience and Behavior	3
GEN 208	Psychological Assessment and Testing	3
GEN 209	Professional Ethics and Leadership	3
GEN 210	Clinical and Counseling Techniques	3

Core Foundational Courses (24 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
PSY 601	Advanced Psychopathology	3
PSY 602	Evidence-Based Therapy Techniques	3
PSY 603	Psychotherapy and Spirituality	3
PSY 604	Crisis Intervention and Trauma Therapy	3
PSY 605	Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Applications	3
PSY 606	Family and Group Therapy	3
PSY 607	Case Management and Treatment Planning	3
PSY 608	Capstone in Clinical Psychology	3

Minor in Clinical Chaplaincy Psychotherapy (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
CCP 701	Introduction to Clinical Chaplaincy	3
CCP 702	Spiritual Counseling Methods	3
CCP 703	Pastoral Psychotherapy Techniques	3
CCP 704	Faith-Based Crisis Intervention	3
CCP 705	Ethics and Cultural Sensitivity in Chaplaincy	3

Master's Thesis Requirements

The Master's thesis is a critical component of the program, requiring students to conduct original research in their area of specialization. The thesis must demonstrate a thorough understanding of psychological principles, research methodologies, and ethical considerations.

Students must complete the following steps:

- Develop a research proposal approved by faculty advisors.
- Conduct an in-depth literature review relevant to their topic.
- Collect and analyze data using appropriate methodologies.
- Write a comprehensive thesis (minimum 50 pages) following APA guidelines.
- Successfully defend their thesis before a faculty committee.

Program Outcomes

- Develop advanced knowledge of psychological principles and therapeutic techniques.
- Integrate faith-based counseling with evidence-based psychotherapy practices.
- Conduct independent research and contribute to the field of psychology.
- Apply ethical decision-making in clinical settings.

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
Clinical Psychologist	\$70,000 - \$120,000
Chaplain Counselor	\$60,000 - \$95,000
Mental Health Therapist	\$65,000 - \$110,000
Research Psychologist	\$75,000 - \$125,000
Faith-Based Counselor	\$50,000 - \$90,000

Advocacy in Clinical Chaplaincy Psychotherapy

Clinical chaplains and psychotherapists play a vital role in advocating for holistic mental health care, spiritual well-being, and ethical clinical practice. Graduates of this program will be prepared to integrate faith-based perspectives with mental health care, promote interfaith dialogue, and support trauma recovery.

Advocacy Goals:

- Advocate for the integration of spiritual and psychological care in clinical settings.
- Promote ethical practices in psychotherapy and chaplaincy services.
- Support community-based mental health initiatives through spiritual guidance.

- Influence policies that prioritize holistic and faith-sensitive counseling approaches.

Practicum Requirement

The practicum for this program provides students with hands-on experience in clinical chaplaincy and psychotherapy. Students will work in hospitals, counseling centers, or faith-based organizations to gain real-world exposure in spiritual counseling and mental health therapy.

Practicum Requirements:

- A minimum of 200 hours of supervised clinical experience.
- Practical application of counseling techniques and spiritual care interventions.
- Submission of a comprehensive practicum report detailing experiences and learning outcomes.
- Completion of a presentation summarizing fieldwork and key takeaways.

Additional Elective Courses

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
ELE 901	Faith-Based Trauma Therapy and Recovery	3
ELE 902	Pastoral Counseling for Crisis and Grief	3
ELE 903	Interfaith Dialogue in Clinical Practice	3
ELE 904	Spiritual Ethics in Mental Health	3
ELE 905	Advanced Counseling Techniques in Chaplaincy	3