

Bachelor of Divinity, Major in Chaplaincy, Counseling & Psychology

HBI University

Course Duration: 4 years

Credit Hours: 135 (including minor)



Program Description

The Bachelor of Divinity, Major in Chaplaincy, Counseling & Psychology at HBIU University is designed to prepare students for pastoral care, faith-based counseling, and chaplaincy services across a variety of settings, including hospitals, military, correctional institutions, and non-profit organizations. This comprehensive program combines biblical studies, pastoral counseling, and psychological principles, equipping students with the knowledge and skills needed to provide emotional, spiritual, and psychological support. Whether in times of crisis, trauma, or grief, students will learn to offer compassionate care that integrates faith with mental health practices, ensuring holistic support for individuals in need.

Students will gain expertise in grief counseling, trauma-informed care, crisis intervention, and ethical leadership, preparing them to respond effectively to the complex emotional and spiritual needs of individuals in diverse contexts. The curriculum blends Christian counseling methodologies, mental health theories, and professional chaplaincy training, ensuring that students are well-equipped to navigate the challenges of faith-based counseling and ministry. Through this program, students will also develop the skills to offer support during critical moments, including end-of-life care, trauma recovery, and personal crises, providing hope and guidance rooted in Christian faith and values.

Admissions Requirements

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Minimum GPA of 2.5
- Personal statement outlining career goals and interest in chaplaincy and counseling
- 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 Religious Studies	3
GEN 108	Ethics and Moral Reasoning	3
GEN 109	Leadership and Team Development	3
GEN 110	Introduction to Counseling and Human Services	3

Core Chaplaincy, Counseling & Psychology Courses (45 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
CCP 201	Introduction to Chaplaincy	3
CCP 202	Christian Counseling and Pastoral Care	3
CCP 203	Crisis Intervention and Trauma Counseling	3
CCP 204	Biblical Principles of Counseling	3
CCP 205	Human Growth and Development in Ministry	3
CCP 206	Counseling Ethics and Professional Standards	3
CCP 207	Psychology of Faith and Spirituality	3
CCP 208	Conflict Resolution in Ministry	3
CCP 209	Family and Marriage Counseling	3
CCP 210	Multicultural Issues in Counseling and Chaplaincy	3
CCP 211	Mental Health and Spirituality	3
CCP 212	Theological Foundations of Pastoral Care	3
CCP 213	Community Outreach and Faith-Based Social Work	3
CCP 214	Addiction Counseling and Recovery Ministry	3
CCP 215	Biblical Exegesis and Interpretation	3

Elective Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
CCP 301	Counseling Children and Adolescents	3
CCP 302	Christian Perspectives on Mental Health	3
CCP 303	Faith-Based Crisis Management	3
CCP 304	Counseling Through the Stages of Life	3
CCP 305	Integrating Theology and Psychology	3

Capstone Project (15 Credit Hours)

The capstone project serves as a culminating experience, allowing students to apply theological studies, counseling techniques, and chaplaincy principles in a research-based or applied ministry project.

Students will:

- Develop a faith-based counseling program for a specific population or setting.
- Analyze the role of chaplaincy in crisis response through case studies.
- Design a pastoral care model for hospitals, military bases, or correctional institutions.
- Present findings through a formal research paper and presentation.

This experience ensures students graduate with practical expertise in faith-based counseling, chaplaincy, and mental health support.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

- Gain expertise in chaplaincy, pastoral care, and faith-based counseling.
- Develop leadership skills for working in diverse religious and social service settings.
- Apply ethical and legal considerations in ministry and counseling practices.
- Conduct research on the integration of psychology and theology.
- Implement spiritual interventions for crisis, trauma, and mental health challenges.

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
Chaplain (Hospital, Military, Correctional)	\$55,000 - \$110,000
Pastoral Counselor	\$50,000 - \$100,000
Faith-Based Mental Health Advocate	\$60,000 - \$120,000
Christian Therapist	\$55,000 - \$115,000
Crisis Intervention Specialist	\$65,000 - \$130,000