

## Master of Science 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 Clinical Chaplaincy Psychotherapy at HBIU University is a specialized program designed to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide clinical spiritual care and psychotherapy. This program integrates principles of theology, psychology, and counseling to prepare graduates for professional chaplaincy roles in healthcare settings, correctional facilities, military chaplaincy, and faith-based counseling centers.

Students will gain advanced training in crisis intervention, trauma-informed counseling, pastoral care, and ethical considerations in psychotherapy. This program emphasizes interfaith sensitivity, evidence-based therapeutic techniques, and professional leadership in chaplaincy.

### Admissions Requirements

- Bachelor's degree in Theology, Psychology, Social Work, or a related field
- Minimum GPA of 3.0
- 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
- Completion of at least one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) (if applicable)
- Interview with faculty (if required)

### Foundational Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
CCP 201	Foundations of Clinical Chaplaincy	3
CCP 202	Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy	3
CCP 203	Pastoral Counseling Theories	3
CCP 204	Crisis Intervention and Trauma Counseling	3
CCP 205	Psychological and Spiritual Aspects of Grief	3
CCP 206	Ethics and Professional Standards in Chaplaincy	3
CCP 207	Interfaith Pastoral Care	3
CCP 208	Mental Health and Spirituality	3
CCP 209	Advanced Counseling Techniques	3
CCP 210	Family and Marriage Therapy in Chaplaincy	3

### Core Courses (24 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
CCP 601	Clinical Pastoral Education and Supervision	3
CCP 602	Faith-Based Trauma Therapy	3
CCP 603	Neuroscience and Spiritual Care	3
CCP 604	Addiction and Recovery Counseling	3
CCP 605	End-of-Life and Hospice Chaplaincy	3
CCP 606	Military and Correctional Chaplaincy	3

CCP 607	Leadership and Administration in Chaplaincy	3
CCP 608	Capstone in Clinical Chaplaincy Psychotherapy	3

### Practicum Requirement

The practicum for this program provides students with hands-on experience in clinical chaplaincy and psychotherapy. Students will complete supervised clinical training in hospitals, counseling centers, military chaplaincy, or faith-based institutions to gain experience in spiritual care, crisis intervention, and psychotherapy.

Practicum Requirements:

- A minimum of 200 hours of supervised clinical experience.
- Submission of a comprehensive practicum report detailing experiences and learning outcomes.
- Participation in professional development workshops and seminars.
- Completion of a presentation summarizing fieldwork and key takeaways.

### Master's Thesis Requirements

The Master's thesis is a critical component of the program, requiring students to conduct original research in clinical chaplaincy psychotherapy. The thesis must demonstrate a thorough understanding of foundational 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 academic guidelines.
- Successfully defend their thesis before a faculty committee.

### Program Outcomes

- Demonstrate proficiency in clinical chaplaincy, integrating psychotherapy with spiritual care.
- Apply evidence-based counseling techniques in faith-based and secular mental health settings.
- Develop and implement crisis intervention strategies for patients experiencing emotional distress.
- Advocate for ethical, culturally sensitive, and spiritually informed mental health care.
- Conduct spiritual assessments and provide pastoral counseling tailored to individual and community needs.
- Collaborate with healthcare professionals, religious leaders, and mental health practitioners to enhance holistic patient care.
- Research and apply bioethical principles in psychotherapy and chaplaincy.

## Advocacy in Clinical Chaplaincy

Chaplains and spiritual counselors play a crucial role in advocating for holistic mental health, ethical leadership, and patient-centered spiritual care. Graduates of this program will be prepared to serve as advocates for ethical clinical practices, interfaith understanding, and spiritual well-being in diverse settings.

### Advocacy Goals:

- Promote the integration of spiritual care in mental health settings.
- Advocate for interfaith sensitivity and inclusive pastoral counseling.
- Support trauma-informed counseling approaches in chaplaincy.
- Influence policies that prioritize ethical and compassionate care.

## Additional Elective Courses

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
ELE 901	Holistic Approaches to Mental Health and Spirituality	3
ELE 902	Chaplaincy Leadership and Organizational Development	3
ELE 903	Integrative Psychotherapy and Faith-Based Healing	3
ELE 904	Spiritual Direction and Life Coaching	3
ELE 905	Chaplaincy in Community-Based Settings	3

## Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
Hospital Chaplain	\$50,000 - \$85,000
Clinical Pastoral Educator	\$65,000 - \$100,000
Trauma and Crisis Counselor	\$55,000 - \$90,000
Hospice and Palliative Care Chaplain	\$55,000 - \$85,000
Military or Correctional Chaplain	\$60,000 - \$95,000