

Associate in Divinity, Major in Chaplaincy, Counseling & Psychology

Specialization in Faith-Based Chaplaincy and Mental Health Services

HBI University

Course Duration: 2 years

Credit Hours: 60 hours (including 15 credit specialization hours)

Program Description

The Associate in Divinity, Major in Chaplaincy, Counseling & Psychology program with a Specialization in Faith-Based Chaplaincy and Mental Health Services at HBI University is designed to prepare students for pastoral care, mental health advocacy, and spiritual counseling in various settings. This program integrates theological education with psychological principles, providing students with the knowledge and skills to support individuals through faith-based counseling and chaplaincy services.

Students will explore pastoral care techniques, crisis intervention, ethical decision-making, and the role of mental health in ministry. The curriculum emphasizes emotional and spiritual well-being while equipping students with the ability to provide compassionate guidance and support in hospitals, prisons, military settings, and community outreach programs.

Graduates will be prepared to serve as chaplain assistants, pastoral care coordinators, and faith-based mental health support staff, working alongside clergy and mental health professionals to promote holistic well-being.

This program is ideal for individuals who feel called to integrate faith and psychology in service-oriented roles, offering comfort, hope, and spiritual guidance to those in need.

General Education Courses (15 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 Sociology	3

Core Chaplaincy, Counseling & Psychology Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
CCP 201	Introduction to Chaplaincy and Pastoral Care	3
CCP 202	Foundations of Christian Counseling	3
CCP 203	Theological Perspectives on Mental Health	3
CCP 204	Crisis Intervention and Trauma Counseling	3
CCP 205	Ethics in Chaplaincy and Counseling	3
CCP 206	Conflict Resolution and Mediation	3
CCP 207	Psychology of Grief and Loss	3
CCP 208	Family and Marriage Counseling	3
CCP 209	Spiritual Formation and Emotional Health	3
CCP 210	Counseling Techniques for Diverse Populations	3

Elective Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
CCP 301	Substance Abuse and Faith-Based Recovery	3
CCP 302	Mental Health and Ministry Leadership	3
CCP 303	Counseling Youth and Young Adults	3

CCP 304	Chaplaincy in Military and Law Enforcement	3
CCP 305	Pastoral Crisis Counseling in Hospitals	3

Specialization in Faith-Based Chaplaincy and Mental Health Services (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
FCM 401	Biblical Foundations of Chaplaincy	3
FCM 402	Spiritual Care in Mental Health Settings	3
FCM 403	Prayer, Healing, and Holistic Well-Being	3
FCM 404	Trauma-Informed Pastoral Counseling	3
FCM 405	Chaplaincy Ethics and Community Engagement	3

Capstone Project (3 Credit Hours)

The Capstone in Faith-Based Chaplaincy and Mental Health Services allows students to integrate their knowledge into hands-on ministry. Students may:

- Complete an internship in a hospital, prison, military, or nonprofit chaplaincy setting.
- Develop a faith-based mental health support program for their community.
- Conduct research on biblical counseling approaches to mental health.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

- Demonstrate a solid theological foundation for chaplaincy and counseling roles.
- Apply psychological principles to faith-based counseling and pastoral care.
- Support individuals in crisis through compassionate spiritual guidance.
- Promote holistic well-being in faith-based and mental health settings.
- Navigate ethical and legal considerations in chaplaincy and counseling work.

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
Chaplain Assistant	\$38,000 - \$55,000

Pastoral Care Coordinator	\$40,000 - \$60,000
Faith-Based Mental Health Advocate	\$42,000 - \$65,000
Hospital or Prison Chaplain Support	\$45,000 - \$70,000
Christian Counselor	\$43,000 - \$68,000