

Chaplaincy Programs Guide



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CAREForce is a leading provider of Crisis Training, Response and Organizational Development for first-responder and community based organizations.

INTRODUCTION TO THE PROGRAM

The Chaplain Focused Programs at Grace provide graduate-level, biblical and practical theological instruction, aimed at providing a solid foundation in Chaplaincy and equipping servant leaders for military, public safety, community and hospital-based chaplaincy. It is designed with an integrative approach that contextualizes both skills-based and issue-based training to the environment of service and adult student centered active learning pedagogy.

Program design considerations include activity based learning that is relevant to the student and subject matter, taking the student from what they know to what they do not know and from simple to complex, utilizing activities that are designed to aid them in experientially discovering knowledge and beliefs and modeled by experts within the context of service of Chaplaincy.

CHAPLAIN PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

The following PLOs apply to all Chaplain Programs. Upon successful completion of any of the programs the student will be able to:

- Communicate effectively, orally and in writing.
- Explain a comprehensive overview of the chaplain philosophy of ministry.
- Demonstrate servant leadership through vocational ministry.



Certificate in Chaplaincy (CC)

The Certificate in Chaplaincy is a 19-credit program that lays out the core foundation, knowledge, skills and issues faced within chaplaincy and prepares the student to (1) utilize chaplaincy as part of their ministry or (2) provide chaplain services within a secular environment. Such environments might include but are not limited to: sports, marketplace, disaster, community, and other faith-based ministries. The degree typically takes a little over a year to complete (if attending full time). Up to 9 credits may be transferred into the CC from another accredited graduate institution.

CC PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

In addition to the Chaplain Program Learning Outcomes, upon successful completion of the CC Program the student will be able to:

- Identify the diversity of ministry service contexts available in the 21st century.
- Recognize and understand the issues that arise from a critical incident.
- Understand the types of critical incident stress management (CISM) intervention responses.

CC Course Distribution Summary

Foundational Core	6 credits
Chaplain Core	9 credits
Ministry Skills	4 credits

Total	19 Credits
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Required Courses in the CC Program

(All courses are 3 credits except as noted; all MS courses are 2.)

Foundational Core 6 Credits

SF-550	Spiritual Life	3
TH-568	Soteriology	3

Chaplain Core 9 Credits

CH-601	Cultivating an Awareness of the Chaplain Ministry	3
CH-712	Foundations of Crisis Intervention	3
CH-713	Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention	3

Ministry Skills 4 Credits

MS-759	Servant Leadership	2
MS-864	Crisis Counseling	2

Master of Arts in Chaplaincy (MAC)

The Master of Arts in Chaplaincy (46 credits) at Grace offers graduate-level instruction aimed at providing a solid foundation in Chaplaincy. It is designed with a focus on equipping those within a broad spectrum of Chaplain service, such as those involved with community (faith-based) or public safety roles.

The degree typically takes a little over two years to complete (if attending full time) and is uniquely structured to provide an overview of the contextualized environment and culture of secular support roles of chaplaincy, and the issues that arise within these environments. The program is a stair-step degree for those who desire to continue their studies into the Master of Arts in Military Chaplaincy (MAMC). Students may transfer up to 23 credits into the MAC from another accredited graduate institution. Grace students who have completed a BABS may receive up to 12 credits of Advanced Standing.

MAC PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

In addition to the Chaplain Program Learning Outcomes, upon successful completion of the MAC Program the student will be able to:

- Explain hyper-vigilance and its associated negative consequences.
- Utilize suicide prevention, intervention and postvention skills.
- Acquire critical incident stress management ministry skills applicable to the area of service including active listening communication techniques.
- Explain the usage of incident command systems (ICS) for large scale, multi-agency/multi-jurisdiction incidents.



Required Courses in the MAC Program

(All courses are 3 credits except as noted; all MS courses are 2.)

Foundational Core 10 Credits

RS-503	Research Methods, Writing and Technology	1
TH-560	Hermeneutics	3
SF-550	Spiritual Life	3
TH-568	Soteriology	3

Bible Exposition 9 Credits

OT-512	The Pentateuch	3
NT-513	Gospels	3
NT-515	Acts and Pauline Epistles	3

Systematic Theology 6 Credits

TH-563	The Basis of Free Grace Theology	3
TH-565	Bibliology and Theology Proper	3

Chaplain Core 15 Credits

CH-602	Introduction to Community and Public Safety Chaplaincy	3
CH-712	Foundations of Crisis Intervention	3
CH-713	Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention	3
CH-714	Intermediate Crisis Intervention	3
CH-715	Issues in Chaplaincy	3

Ministry Skills 6 Credits

MS-757	Christian Counseling	2
MS-856	Conflict Resolution	2
MS-864	Crisis Counseling	2

MAC Course Distribution Summary

Foundational Core	10 credits
Bible Exposition	9 credits
Systematic Theology	6 credits
Chaplain Core	15 credits
Ministry Skills	6 credits

Total 46 Credits

Master of Arts in Military Chaplaincy – MAMC

The Master of Arts in Military Chaplaincy (75 credits) at Grace is designed to provide advanced preparation for service as a military chaplain.

This program fulfills the Department of Defense 1304.28 educational requirements for Military Chaplaincy. Grace's MAMC offers not only a solid core of studies focused on preparing the student-chaplain, but offers as well as strong foundation of preparing the student for the pulpit ministry as an effective chaplain. An offering of systematic theology, Bible exposition, biblical hermeneutics and ministry skills coursework will prepare the chaplain candidate to enter military service with a well-balanced preparation to be a servant-leader.

The degree typically takes a little over three years to complete (if attending full time) and is uniquely structured to the issues that arise within the military environment. Students may transfer up to 37 credits into the MAMC from another accredited graduate institution. Grace students who have completed a BABS may receive up to 18 credits of Advanced Standing.

Students who wish to prepare for the military chaplaincy but also want a deeper study of the original languages of biblical Hebrew and Greek (beyond 1 year of Greek that the MAMC includes) should consider entering Grace's 95-credit MDiv Program with its emphasis on Military Chaplaincy. Students will be able to take the same 18 credits in the Chaplain Core of coursework.

[See the description of the MDiv Program at gsot.edu/mdiv](http://gsot.edu/mdiv)

MAMC PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

In addition to the Chaplain Program Learning Outcomes, upon successful completion of the MAMC Program the student will be able to:

- Address the unique issues specific to armed forces culture.
- Describe appropriate response to the technical and tactical chain of command ensuring unit cohesion.
- Exhibit effective ministry skill sets related to competency in the area and knowledge of different faith-based traditions and interfaith dialogue.
- Provide pastoral counseling and care integrating spiritual insight into the counseling process.
- Reflect and practice the ethics and professional requirements of chaplaincy.
- Prepare and deliver sermons and studies based on sound exegetical principles.

MAMC Course Distribution Summary

Foundational Core	10 credits
Bible Exposition	12 credits
Systematic Theology & Biblical Languages	18 credits
Chaplain Core	18 credits
Ministry Skills	14 credits
Electives	3 credits

Total 75 Credits

Required Courses in the MAMC Program

*(All courses are 3 credits except as noted;
all MS courses are 2.)*

Foundational Core		10 Credits
RS-503	Research Methods, Writing and Technology	1
TH-560	Hermeneutics	3
SF-550	Spiritual Life	3
TH-568	Soteriology	3
Bible Exposition		12 Credits
OT-512	The Pentateuch	3
OT-516	Wisdom Literature	3
NT-513	Gospels	3
NT-515	Acts and Pauline Epistles	3
Systematic Theology and Biblical Languages		18 Credits
TH-563	The Basis of Free Grace Theology	3
TH-565	Bibliology and Theology Proper	3
TH-567	Christology and Pneumatology	3
TH-667	Ecclesiology and Eschatology	3
NT-772	Elementary Greek 1	3
NT-774	Elementary Greek 2	3
Chaplain Core		18 Credits
CH-603	Introduction to Military Chaplaincy	3
CH-712	Foundations of Crisis Intervention	3
CH-713	Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention	3
CH-714	Intermediate Crisis Intervention	3
CH-721	Ministry Within a Pluralistic Society	3
CH-722	Issues in Military Chaplaincy	3
Ministry Skills		14 Credits
MS-755	Preaching & Teaching for Impact	2
MS-757	Christian Counseling	2
MS-759	Servant Leadership	2
MS-761	Ministry Stewardship	2
MS-763	Introduction to Ministry	2
MS-856	Conflict Resolution	2
MS-864	Crisis Counseling	2
Electives		3 Credits