

Chaplaincy Internship Program

Course: Professional Spiritual & Pastoral Care

Spring 2025 Syllabus

Course Information

Instructor Information

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Course Description:

A look into the core skills needed to provide professional-level chaplaincy, spiritual care, and pastoral care no matter what setting the need is in. It is a foundational "101" course -level covering a broad range of topics such as: reflective listening, life review, how to build the expertise to be a help, the major issues that are common in chaplaincy and how to work through them.

Textbook & Course Materials

Required Text

- Professional Spiritual & Pastoral Care, A Practical Clergy and Chaplain's Handbook by Rabbi Stephen B. Roberts, MBA, MHA, BCJC
- This book is written to be a handbook and useful tool for ongoing reference in the journey of a chaplain or spiritual care provider

Course Requirements

- Internet connection (DSL, LAN, or cable connection desirable)
- Zoom capability

Course Structure

The course will be delivered in lecture form via ZOOM. Each 1-hour session will consist of a lecture (30-45 minutes) and discussion.

Student Learning Outcomes

The student learning outcomes/objectives for this course can be found below:

- To gain a foundational understanding of the basic skills needed to do the work of a chaplain or pastoral care provider
- To gain an understanding of the various processes, populations and infrastructure of spiritual / pastoral care
- To create a personal theology to work your ministry by

You will meet the objectives listed above through a combination of the following activities in this course:

- Attending class regularly.
- Completing assignments weekly and being prepared to discuss.
- Read, read, and read it again.
- Participating in class discussions and asking questions.

Topic Outline/Schedule

- **March 13, 2025**
 - Chapters 5, 6 and 9
- **March 27, 2025**
 - Chapters 12 and 13
- **April 10, 2025:**
 - Chapters 17 and 18
- **April 17, 2025:**
 - Good Friday Service
- **May 1, 2025:**
 - Chapter 22, 23, and 24
- **May 15, 2025:**
 - Chapter 27 and 31
- **May 22, 2025:**
 - Semester Review