

Chaplaincy Internship Program

Course: The Heart of a Chaplain, Second Edition

Spring 2026 Syllabus

Course Information

Instructor Information

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Course Description:

A study of accumulated experiences, documentations, and real life applications of chaplains across the country and globe in order to better understand the expanded definition of the chaplain, the spiritual, constitutional, and historical foundation of chaplaincy, the roles of a chaplain, the value of chaplaincy and the various types of chaplains.

Textbook & Course Materials

Required Text

- The Heart of a Chaplain, Second Edition, *Exploring Essentials for Ministry* by Dr. Jim Browning and Dr. Jim Spivey

Course Requirements

- Internet connection (DSL, LAN, or cable connection desirable)
- Zoom capability, Camera ON, Class participation w/camera on
- Reading material BEFORE class and being prepared to discuss IN class

Course Structure

The course will be delivered in lecture form via ZOOM.

Student Learning Outcomes

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

- To understand the definition of chaplaincy
- To identify the various roles of a chaplain
- To gain an understanding of the life long learning and growth that is continual in the ministry of chaplaincy

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

- Attending class regularly.
- Keep an open mind to learning something new, in other words, do not try to fit the class material into what you already know, but compare, analyze and add it to your knowledge
- Read, read, and read it again.
- Participating in class discussions - *requires the camera to be ON.*

Topic Outline/Schedule

- **March 5, 2026**
 - Section I, Chapters 1 - 3, pages 3-34
- **March 19, 2026**
 - Section II, Chapters 4 - 7, pages 39-61
- **April 9, 2026**
 - Section III, Chapters 8 - 11, pages 73-141
- **April 23, 2026**
 - Section III, Chapters 12 - 13, pages 142-160
- **May 7, 2026**
 - Section IV, Chapter 14 - 15, pages 169-193
- **May 21, 2026**
 - Section V, Chapter 16 - 21 pages 199-364