



Idaho Chaplains Association

Chaplain Certificate/Advanced Chaplain Skills

Why would I take Advanced Chaplain Certificate Training?

You take advanced chaplain certificate training to gain specialized skills, deepen expertise in areas like palliative care or military settings, increase credibility with advanced credentials, qualify for leadership roles, and better serve diverse, complex needs in specific environments like corporations or hospitals, enhancing both professional competence and career opportunities. It's about moving from general chaplaincy to expert-level care in high-demand niches.

Key Benefits of Advanced Training

- **Specialized Expertise:** Develop deep knowledge in niche areas like hospice care, military/first Responder support, or corporate settings, allowing you to address unique needs effectively.
- **Enhanced Competency:** Learn advanced clinical assessment, diagnosing spiritual distress, managing complex ethical dilemmas, and integrating evidence-based practices.
- **Leadership & Management:** Gain skills for leading spiritual care departments, managing crisis response, and advising organizations.
- **Credibility & Recognition:** Advanced certifications validate your expertise to employers, communities, and healthcare systems.
- **Resilience & Self-Care:** Learn strategies for burnout prevention, stress management, and building resilience for demanding roles.
- **Expanded Opportunities:** Opens doors to diverse environments, from hospitals and military bases to community disaster relief efforts.

What You Learn

- **Palliative Care:** Ethical challenges, decision-making capacity, advance care planning, and family support.
- **Workplace Chaplaincy:** Navigating corporate culture, HR partnership, and employee-specific pressures.
- **Disaster Response:** Preparedness, adaptability, interdisciplinary cooperation in crisis.
- **Clinical Skills:** Spiritual assessment, diagnosis of spiritual distress, and interventions.

In essence, advanced training moves you from foundational care to becoming a highly skilled, specialized, and resilient spiritual leader, ready for the most challenging aspects of chaplaincy.

Courses, expectations and time commitment and cost

Course timeline is designed for you to go at your own pace to complete the course, so you can take longer if needed. Average time to complete Chaplain Certification is about eight months, while many complete this in less time.

Weekly: 2-4 Hours of Self-Preparation and Study

Spend time in prayer and meditation, Follow Links and view Videos, complete reading assignments

Monthly: 2-3 Hours of Classroom Instruction (9 am-11 am), Held on the Second Saturday of each month.

Annually: Chaplains Conference 2nd weekend of October Additional Weekend Class for Practicums

Chaplain Certificate - Advanced Training Courses

Unit 3: Healing the Wounds of Trauma (HWT)

Unit 4: Advanced Chaplain Skills (ACS)

Unit 5: Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)

Unit 6: Additional advanced reflective and real-life practice and Biblical Leadership

Notes:

- \$500 - Courses include course textbooks, Agenda, and requirements for completion
- Certificate/advanced Chaplain Skills is approximately a eight month course
- May complete at your own pace
- Certificate & Advanced Chaplain Skills students must complete HWT, ACS, CISM and Biblical Leadership
- Certificate Awarded upon successful completion