



Seminary of the Southwest Master of Divinity: Chaplaincy Concentration

Let the community you have been looking for prepare you for the work you are called to do.



The **Master of Divinity (MDiv): Chaplaincy Concentration** is a curricular specialization offered by Southwest to equip students who are exploring or have discerned a vocation to ministry in chaplaincy settings.

Southwest's MDiv Chaplaincy Concentration supports chaplaincy vocations in **Military, Healthcare, and School** settings

Chaplains are living symbols of the God who seeks to be with us in every aspect of life. Military chaplains serve as a symbol that God is present even in the most unexpected places, such as combat. Hospital chaplains serve as a living reminder that even in our worst times, God is always faithful. School chaplains bring God's love and guidance alongside our quest for growth and wisdom.

Students who successfully complete the chaplaincy concentration will be able to:

- ◆ Integrate their primary identity as a minister of the church with their secondary identity as a servant of God's mission in the context of military, healthcare, or school settings
- ◆ Offer guidance and leadership regarding ethical questions that arise in the institutions they are called to serve
- ◆ Provide spiritual support for those experiencing crises, challenges, grief, and growth within various institutions.



All graduates of the **Master of Divinity** program at **Seminary of the Southwest** will display integral formation in these three areas:

BEING: Committed to mutuality in Christ and beloved community, students will embody their ministerial identity by displaying pastoral dispositions, developing spiritual disciplines, and practicing comprehensive wellness.

KNOWING: Committed to lifelong learning in community, students will be able to articulate and integrate knowledge of scripture, tradition, and cultural context in order to reflect theologically on the church's life and witness.

DOING: Committed to practices that cultivate faith, wisdom, and belonging, students will develop skills for ministry and leadership to form people of faith for Christ's mission in the world.

Through the supportive and challenging environment of **Seminary of the Southwest**, concentration students will gain the cultural competencies, skills, and sensibilities necessary for the practice of chaplaincy.

Students in the concentrations take their required courses with their MDiv peers while using some of their elective courses to meet the concentration requirements. Students who complete a concentration graduate with a transcript that indicates completion of the Chaplaincy Studies Concentration.

The additional requirements specific to the chaplaincy concentration include:

- » Coursework on the topics of crisis, trauma, diversity, family systems, human development, and healing presence
- » Field education placement for one year in a chaplaincy-related setting, and a second year in either a parish or chaplaincy setting
- » Program oversight by a priest with previous or current chaplaincy experience

For more information about the **Master of Divinity: Chaplaincy Concentrations** contact **Beth Jordan, Enrollment Manager**, at beth.jordan@ssw.edu

