



Seminary of the Southwest Master of Divinity: Chaplaincy Concentration

Military Chaplaincy Focus: Prepare Yourself for the Work you are Called to Do



The **Master of Divinity Chaplaincy Concentration** includes a **Military Chaplaincy Focus**. It is designed as a three-year program of preparation for ministry with a specialization to prepare students who have a particular calling to serve as military chaplains within military communities.

Through the supportively challenging environment of the Seminary of the Southwest community, concentration students will be able to process questions of identity around becoming an Episcopal priest called to serve in a Federal institution.

‘This program at Seminary of the Southwest is going to **strengthen the chaplaincy**. People who have had their sound theological training and intro to military culture simultaneously will make our chaplaincy stronger and **form effective missionaries to the military culture**.’

~ The Rt. Rev. Carl Wright, former Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries



Military concentration students will be able to:

- ◆ Understand that their primary calling and identity is to Christ and the church and that chaplaincy is an extension of that calling in mission to the needs of the military community. Despite wearing a uniform they are not combatants, but priests.
- ◆ Articulate and apply the just war tradition and advocate for the restraint of violence.
- ◆ Provide pastoral services to all military personnel regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.
- ◆ Provide spiritual support for the growing incidence of moral injury among active and retired service-members.



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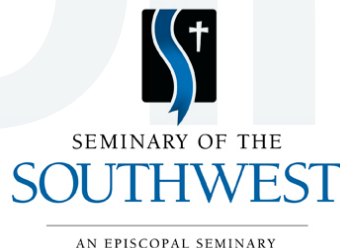
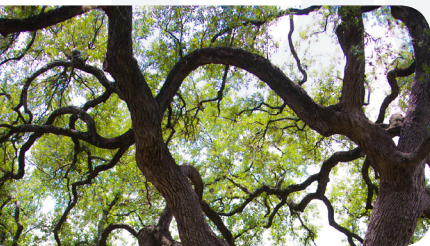
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All graduates of the **Master of Divinity** program at **Seminary of the Southwest** will display integral formation in these three areas:

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.



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Students complete the Military Chaplaincy concentration by:

- ◆ Taking three 3-credit hour topic-specific electives
- ◆ Serving in field assignments in congregations near military installations
- ◆ Participating in a concentration colloquy
- ◆ Attending the Chaplain Basic Course in one of the services during the summer they are not taking CPE.

Students in this concentration will gain cultural competency in military communities while acquiring skills and sensibilities for the practice of military chaplaincy. The seminary's offerings in pastoral care and counseling will assist students who desire to work with military members, their families, and communities who are in need of pastoral care support during times of crisis, trauma, and family transitions.

Students in the concentration take all their required courses with their MDiv peers while using their elective courses for the concentration. Students who complete the concentration will receive a transcript that indicates completion of the Chaplaincy Concentration.