Online Graduate Certificate in Military Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

Iliff offers graduate certificates to persons admitted either as degree candidates or special (non-degree) students. Graduate certificates provide non-degree students with personal or professional interest in focused theological education the chance to work in a particular area. Iliff Graduate Certificates online: www.iliff.edu/index/learn/degrees-certificates/graduate-certificates/

Active duty military chaplains, military chaplain trainees, and Veterans Administration chaplains interested in the graduate certificate in Military Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) can take four courses, totaling 16 credits in the area of spiritual and pastoral care, focusing on PTSD. The certificate’s courses will present core theory and offer enhanced skills in spiritual care of persons facing difficult circumstances. Chaplains will have an opportunity to present their own care giving activities for consultation and review by faculty and peers.

Required course descriptions can be found online: www.iliff.edu/index/learn/your-courses/catalog/. All required and elective courses are 4 credits unless otherwise noted.

Required of all chaplains:

- 4SQ108 Pastoral Theology and Care
- BV3176 Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: Pastoral, Psychological and Theological Responses
- OBT215 The Impact of War on the Pastoral Care of Families

Electives

- BV3115 Clinical Pastoral Education (8 credits; substitutes for 4SQ108)
- BL3815 Ethical Perspectives on War and Peace
- BV 3126 Multicultural Pastoral Care
- OBF 217 Substance Abuse and Dependence
- BV 2160 Self Care: Theological and Psychological Perspectives
- SQ100 Religions in the World
- BV2123 Spiritual Care in a Clinical Setting
Qualifications

The certificate program is available for active duty military chaplains, military chaplain trainees and Veterans Administration chaplains. It is possible to complete the certificate entirely through online courses, on campus, or through a combination of online and on-campus course work.

A Master of Divinity degree or its equivalent with a GPA of 2.75 or better is required. Priority will be given to those who have successful completed a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education in an ACPE accredited program.

Admissions Process

After consulting with faculty and admissions staff and submitting an application, applicants will meet with faculty and/or staff for a thirty minute face-to-face or Skype interview, which will assess personal readiness for reflection-based learning. Applicants will explore:

- Readiness to assume a role as spiritual care provider in the clinically-based coursework that is part of this certificate;
- Capacity to integrate religious, spiritual, and theological reflection into prior learning and professional functioning.
- Openness to seek consultation and assistance with one’s own personal dynamics that may come into play through helping others and the stresses of this certificate program.

Background

For the past four years, Iliff School of Theology has offered a post MDiv one-year Masters of Arts in Pastoral and Spiritual Care (MAPSC) for Military Chaplains. We now have six Air Force Chaplains as graduates of that program. This MAPSC program has enhanced the research and teaching of faculty in the areas of trauma and pastoral care, as well as theology and war. Iliff is now able to offer the courses required of this certificate in an online format, which features small group interactions, with a focus on self reflection, pastoral care skills, and theological discussions about suffering.

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