



BGCT 2023 Chaplain Training Event

Course Descriptions

Baptist Distinctives (14-hour course)

This course brings crucial instruction in this core curriculum of the Chaplaincy Training Event. Chaplains must know what they believe and why, what it means to be a BCR Chaplain and how best to represent our churches in their institution. **Seminarians, CPE students, and Chaplain Candidates must attend this course before receiving full endorsement from the Baptist Chaplaincy Relations.**

Franklin Covey: Four Essential Roles for Leadership (14-hour Course)

There are four roles that leaders play which are highly predictive of success. This course will help develop leaders who can master these skills consistently, within a unique framework that focuses on who a leader is, as well as what a leader does.

Moral Injury Interventions Across the Pastoral Landscape (14-hour course)

This course explores moral injury as it relates to individuals not only in the military but also in healthcare, prison ministry, marketplace, and other Chaplain ministries. This course will also discuss how narrative pastoral care (storytelling) can be used as an intervention to help men and women in all walks of life to combat moral injury. This course will discuss the power of storytelling and how storytelling is a way to work through moral injury.

Disaster Spiritual Care (14-hour course)

Disaster Spiritual Care is a result of the compassion and concern of the Christian faith community for survivors of disasters and other traumatic events. The protocol is used by the Texas Crisis Resiliency Team, a Christian faith-based organization motivated by the teachings of Jesus Christ and provides emotional and spiritual support to trauma survivors of all religious and cultural traditions.

Palliative Care in 2023 (14-hour course)

Palliative care chaplains provide emotional and spiritual support to patients, families, primary care givers, and staff for the best quality of life of patients with serious illnesses. This course will focus on communication, the primary tool used in palliative care. It will use evidence-based best practices that exceed the traditional role of a chaplain. The class will examine the nuances of palliative care in specialized pastoral ministry.

Chaplain Board Certification Workshops (Total of 14 hours)

The BCCI Process: How to Succeed: (14 hours)

The APC BCCI® certification program is designed to elevate professional standards, enhance individual performance, and designate professional chaplains who demonstrate the knowledge essential to the practice of chaplaincy care. This block provides students with a framework for board certification success. After this course, participants will gather online every month for in-depth explorations into the 31 professional chaplain competencies while BCR provides readers and mentors. For chaplains seeking board certification in 2024, the cohort will help them prepare for their committee.

Chaplain Ministry and LGBTQ+ (14-hour course)

This workshop will help equip chaplains as they assist those affected by LGBTQ+ related issues. Ken Williams, a co-founder of ChangedMovement, speaks from a church ministry perspective, and gives advice on how to counsel those who want to overcome certain thoughts or desires that go against their personal convictions. Dr. David Sanchez, Director of Ethics & Justice for the Christian Life Commission, provides advice and discussion on how to encourage counselees from God's word.

Evangelism, Apologetics, and Soteriology for Chaplains (14-hour course)

Intro to Evangelism and Apologetics

This will be a course discussing the basics of evangelism and apologetics along with an introduction of some key resources that will help you share your faith with others.

Apologetics in Evangelism: Conducting Fruitful Conversations with Nonbelievers

In this session, you will get hands-on training by experiencing firsthand what it is like to evangelize in a secular culture that rejects the Gospel.

Apologetics in Evangelism: Understanding the Dominant Strongholds of Our Culture

There are three dominant strongholds (worldviews) that permeate our culture and hinder people from coming to a salvific knowledge of God. In this session, you will learn what they are, how to identify them, and how to respond accordingly.

Soteriology 101

Is Calvinism biblical? How do we understand the difficult doctrines of Predestination, Election and our Salvation if we don't accept the teachings of Calvinism?

Correctional Chaplain Issues in 2023 (14-hour course)

Those of us that work in the field of Correctional Chaplaincy often find ourselves in no man's land. We often face an enormous task, and we are given few resources to accomplish it. The need to secure resources, manpower and materials are often routinely included in our scope of work with little or no budgetary considerations. Join us as we discover the art of Team Building.

Spouse Retreat (10-hour course)

Cultivating the Unoffendable Heart

“Hey, Driver! You cut me off!” “That’s not fair!” “She hurt my feelings!” “He got the recognition that I deserved!” “That was rude!” “I’m offended!” In an age and culture in which being offended is worn like a badge of honor, how should we as believers handle situations in which we ourselves feel offended? What does Scripture say about how to handle offenses? How do we practice not becoming offended in the first place?