Certification in

# PUBLIC SAFETY CHAPLAINCY

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# Public Safety Chaplaincy

Public Safety Chaplaincy focuses on providing pastoral care and support to employees of first responder agencies and their families. Services are also extended to victims and their families involved in tragic events. Many Public Safety Chaplains work as volunteers, though some departments have paid chaplain positions. The public safety chaplain should be a person ready to answer the call to this particular ministry of service and sacrifice. They serve in supporting men and women whose daily work is often stressful and rigorous, both emotionally, mentally, and physically.

# Curriculum

The comprehensive curriculum includes six courses which encompass topics and issues encountered in the field of public safety chaplaincy.

- Foundations 1: Pastoral Theology & Public Safety Chaplaincy
- Foundations 2: Pastoral Theology & Public Safety Chaplaincy
- Crisis Intervention: Individual/Group/Suicide/ Strategic Planning
- Issues and Answers In Public Safety Chaplaincy
- Clinical/Professional Perspectives
- Capstone Course

visit lr.edu/ltss/afl

# Application & Enrollment

The Certification in Public Safety Chaplaincy is well-suited for those already serving as chaplains. However, serving as a chaplain in an agency is not a pre-requisite. Those who have experienced a call to this ministry are also welcome to apply.
The program application can be found online at **lr.edu/afl**. (A completed application includes the following:)

- A completed and signed application form.
- $50 non-refundable deposit. If admitted the deposit will be applied toward tuition.
- Three letters of recommendation.
- Official transcripts for all undergraduate and graduate coursework.
- Brief autobiographical essay.
- Consent to criminal and financial background check.

# Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution. (May be waived if applicant has significant public safety experience.)
- Connection with a Public Safety Agency and an official liaison that will sponsor you in the program.
- Timely payment of tuition and ability to access required books.

# Program Requirements

- Attendance to monthly sessions (12 contact hours per month).
- Completion of assigned reading and writing at home in between monthly class meetings.
- Successful completion of learning outcomes, demonstrated in a culminating project.
- Attendance at a Post Critical Incident Seminar during the course of the 18 month program.

For more information visit:
www.scleap.org/PCIS.html

# Delivery Model

Coursework is offered in a hybrid distance learning and classroom setting over a period of 18 consecutive months. All students in the cohort are required to attend monthly class sessions that begin on Friday afternoon and conclude on Saturday afternoon. Students are expected to complete reading and writing assignments in preparation for these monthly sessions held on LRU's Columbia, SC campus.

The Public Safety Chaplaincy program is a Certification Program. Coursework will reflect the academic rigor and theological depth consistent with an Association of Theological Schools accredited seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Courses are not graduate level and are not transferable credits for seminary. Courses are unrelated to licensure or ordination as a Public Safety Chaplain. Students who successfully complete this training program will receive a certificate of completion.

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# What our students have to say

"I recognize more than ever the need for qualified individuals to offer services and protection to officers, their families, or departments in crisis. I am convinced that the public safety chaplain can assist greatly in offering that response."

*Calvin Gallman*
*USC Law Enforcement and Safety*

"I was honored to be able to be a part of such a groundbreaking curriculum structured toward supporting those that are hurting and in need of public safety."

*Chaplain Jay Ortiz*
*City of North Myrtle Beach, Dept. of Public Safety*

"The class is a safe place where we can encourage each other, learn to see situations from different perspectives, and develop new ways of approaching chaplaincy. The deputies I serve are the ultimate beneficiaries of my learning experience."

*Chaplain Paul St. John*
*Richland County Sheriff's Office*

# For more information

To learn more about upcoming program dates, application deadlines, and tuition, **visit lr.edu/afl**.

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