

# UNITED STATES ARMY CHAPLAINCY



## CHAPLAIN CANDIDATE PROGRAM



Our Chaplain Candidate Program (CCP) is designed for ministerial students who desire to explore the Army chaplaincy while still in school. All Chaplain Candidates are commissioned officers assigned to the Army Reserve.

### Requirements:

- Complete or possess a baccalaureate degree (120 semester hours) from an accredited university; college seniors may apply within six months of graduation
- Able to secure an endorsement for military service from your faith group
- Enrolled or accepted as a full-time student in an accredited graduate program that will qualify applicant for ordination/ministry
- Pass a military physical exam
- Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Pass a National Agency Security Clearance
- Meet current age requirements

Should you decide to become an Army chaplain by participating in the CCP, you will have a head start on entering the Army as a chaplain and enjoy the many benefits and privileges associated with being an Army officer. The training and experience you will receive as a Chaplain Candidate will enhance your ministerial education and training.

### Spiritual Leadership

The Army has established itself as the world's most respected institution in leadership training and will equip you to be a spiritual leader of Soldiers. This begins with attendance at the Chaplain Basic Officers Leadership Course conducted by the U.S. Army Chaplain School and Center at Fort Jackson, SC.

### Chaplain Basic Officers Leadership Course (CH-BOLC)

All Chaplain Candidates must attend CH-BOLC. Candidates may opt to split CH-BOLC during the summer periods of graduate studies. Candidates who enter the CCP as seniors in seminary may complete all of CH-BOLC at once.

### Practicum Program

Chaplain Candidates have an opportunity to enroll in a practicum during the summer in order to shadow and active duty chaplain. Chaplain Candidates may participate in these mentorship programs at Army installations. While practicums may vary in length, candidates may be involved in chapel ministry, hospital ministry, prison ministry, and basic training ministry. While serving on a practicum, Chaplain Candidates earn their respective salary and allowances.

### Scholarships

Depending on the situation, Chaplain Candidates may be eligible for tuition assistance. For information, contact a chaplain recruiter.

### Obligation

Chaplain Candidates are responsible for beginning duty as an Army chaplain within six months of qualifying for the chaplaincy. Typically, a service obligation is only incurred if tuition assistance monies were utilized.

### Non-Deployable Status

All Chaplain Candidates are non-deployable and cannot be used as chaplains.

For more detailed answers, visit [goarmy.com/chaplain](http://goarmy.com/chaplain)

