

UNITED STATES ARMY CHAPLAINCY



RESERVE OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS



ROTC cadets who are working on an undergraduate degree may apply for the CCP at the beginning of their senior year. How they apply depends on the type of obligation they've incurred within their ROTC program.

Active Duty Obligation (Ed Delay)

Cadets with an obligation to serve on active duty upon graduation may submit a request for an "Educational Delay" to USACC by early September of their senior year. Annual selection for the 30 available slots is competitive. If selected, cadets are allowed to delay their active duty obligation in order to attend graduate school. Upon completion of their qualification to become a chaplain, the cadet is required to fulfill his or her original active duty service obligation (ADSO). If a cadet does not complete the qualification as a chaplain within the reasonable allotted time, he or she will be assigned a new branch and fulfill the original ADSO. The chaplain recruiting team in your region can provide more information.

Requirements

An important part of a cadet's application that will be reviewed by the selection board is the ROTC Cadet Accession Management Sheet. While meeting the normal requirements for commissioning, cadets should acquire the following items as early as possible due to the extensive time it may take to do so:

- Acceptance letter from an accredited graduate school
- Letter of approval from a Department of Defense recognized faith group

Never Too Late to Apply

While meeting the normal suspense dates for application to the CCP is recommended, all cadets may initiate an application for the CCP anytime in their senior year.

For more detailed answers, visit goarmy.com/chaplain



Spiritual Leadership

The U.S. Army Chaplain Corps has benefited from the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) since its inception. Many chaplains began their careers as ROTC cadets.

Unlike most commissioned officers, chaplains begin their career in the Army as a staff officer. They are heavily relied upon for their expertise in the areas of religion, ethics and morale. Chaplains play a vital role, bringing spiritual expertise to the command.

Chaplain Internship Program (CHIP)

The United States Army Cadet Command (USACC) offers summer internships at Army posts for cadets during their junior year in order to experience what it means to be an Army chaplain. For more information, cadets should contact their professor of military science or USACC chaplain.

Chaplain Candidate Program (CCP)

The CCP was created by the Chaplain Corps in order to train prospective ministerial students for the chaplaincy. Cadets that are selected for the CCP serve as chaplain candidates in an Army Reserve unit while completing their academic and ministerial training. They will also attend Chaplain Officer Basic Leadership Course (CH-BOLC) during the course of their seminary and have the opportunity to apply for practicums and other training.