

GODMAN SOTERIA ACADEMY OF THEOLOGY
COLLEGE OF CHAPLAINCY AND SPIRITUAL CARE

TRAINING CURRICULUM

Godman Soteria Academy of Theology college of Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care provides courses for Christian carers and counsellors from certificate to doctorate degree.

The courses are designed for people who have received a call from God or are exploring the call to Christian ministry and who may wish to explore the possibility of chaplaincy ministry, either as a full-time calling or in conjunction with other forms of ministry. The course introduces students to the contexts in which chaplains minister, the types of tasks they perform, and the challenging issues that they will face ministering in various settings outside the scope of the traditional church's ministry, such as the military, the workplace, hospitals and retirement homes, prisons, and rescue missions or homeless shelters.

It is the purpose of Godman Soteria Academy of Theology College of Chaplain to:

1. Provide a systematic and practical Bible education for any believer.
2. Help prepare believers for ministries through the local church. Areas of concentration include Biblical Studies, Pastoral Studies, Evangelism and Missions, Christian Education, and Christian Counselling.
3. Encourage and revitalize those currently in the chaplaincy ministry through an invigorating exposure to God's Word.
4. Make a quality, Biblical education affordable and user-friendly for every off-campus student.
5. Grant degrees of recognition for achievement in various levels of Bible education.

GODMAN SOTERIA ACADEMY OF THEOLOGY CHAPLAINCY ADMISSION REQUIREMENT

Entry Evaluation is in the form of an interview and information sharing. The Academy does not discriminate against any person but due to the stressful nature of our function the Academy needs to ensure that we protect the Health and Safety of potential Chaplains by evaluating their suitability to enter this stressful Ministry.

The Academy therefore has an entry interview, evaluation and selection process that includes amongst others, the following Key Principles:

- A strong testimony that they have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their only Lord and saviour.
- A strong alignment with the Biblical Christian Faith, Beliefs and Vision.
- A tangible Calling to the Ministry.
- Commitment to serve faithfully at a specific Emergency Services Station(s).

- A desire to complete the Chaplaincy Course.
 - A Servant Heart that reveals the Love of Christ.
 - Support from a Local Church. Family Support for the Ministry.
 - A desire to Serve or Helping others.
 - A CV of past work and serving experience.
- A Report on this interview is presented to the Board who will make the final approval or rejection of the applicant. This interview report will also form the basis for admittance to the Chaplaincy at the end of the first phase, combined with successful completion of the course and especially the successful practical application work done by the student.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

After completing this course, you will be able to:

1. Understand the Biblical, legal, and historical basis for the role of a chaplain
2. Define the role and basic tasks of a chaplain
3. Understand how to minister as a chaplain in various institutional settings
4. Understand how to minister as a chaplain in a world of racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity
5. Understand how to minister faithfully from a Biblical perspective as a chaplain in a religiously pluralistic society
6. Apply theories of human development and psychological needs to the work of a chaplain
7. Act as a healing presence and apply the discipline of active listening
8. Act ethically and morally as a chaplain, avoiding circumstances that could compromise a chaplain's authority

ADMISSION POLICY

Notice of Non-discriminatory Policy as to Students

Godman Soteria Academy of Theology admits students of any denomination, race, colour, sex, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. The Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, colour, sex, national or ethnic origin in the administration of any of its policies or programs.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Whether you are an experienced chaplain seeking additional training, or a beginner wanting to learn the basics, as a part of our effort to provide ongoing training in the field of chaplaincy, we offer training at an affordable price.

Courses are self-paced and delivered in an easy-to use and highly interactive Learning Management System (LMS) or eLearning platform. Our Chaplain Training Centre specializes in eLearning which uses digital technologies to access educational course content outside of a traditional classroom setting.

Our Training Courses begins from the terrain of Chaplaincy Foundational elements of chaplaincy also include an understanding of role of the chaplain in contemporary society, and the core skills needed to be an effective chaplain. It is designed to equip the believer to be a dispenser of spiritual help to people who are in need. All members of the Body of Christ are called to minister one to another out from that which they have received from God.

The course also aims to equip people to serve as part of a pastoral care team. Topics covered include the Biblical bases for pastoral care, basic pastoral care skills, advanced pastoral care skills. This Course will explore the concepts of lay, pastoral, and professional Christian counselling, explain why there is a need for counselling, and provide a practical introduction to the foundations of a biblical approach and basic counselling theories and skills. Topics covered will also include the concept of Christian counselling, the call to the counselling ministry, characteristics of Christian counsellors, and generic model of the counselling process.

Our Curriculum is designed to develop leadership, organizational and professional skills and knowledge within the field of chaplaincy to provide the basic and fundamental skills and knowledge needed in chaplaincy spiritual care to those people who have been impacted by an emergency, crisis, trauma, or disaster

In this course we will look at the historic roots of chaplaincy and explore the theology that underpins it. The various models of chaplaincy will be examined through the lens of theology and practice with contributions from experienced school chaplains.

CORE COURES

- Introduction to Chaplaincy
- Duties of the Emergency Service Chaplain
- Law Enforcement Chaplaincy
- Pastoral Confidentiality and Ethics
- Dealing With Suicidal People
- Death Notifications
- Biblical Counselling Overview
- Establishing Relationships
- Gathering Information
- Para-Linguistic Communication
- Personal Data Inventory
- Biblical Process of Change

- Critical Situation Stress
- Traumatic Stress Reactions and Children
- Grief and Bereavement
- Healing Conversations
- Preparing For Approaching Death
- Chaplain Volunteers in the Prisons

PASTORAL CARE EDUCATION

- Spiritual Pastoral Care
- The Process of Spiritual Pastoral Care
- Listening and Responding Skills
- Counselling and Interventions
- Confronting Guilt, shame and fear
- End of Life Chaplaincy Care
- Spiritual Care of Staff
- Gender issues in Pastoral Care
- Working with Community Religious Resources
- Transdisciplinary Relationships
- Ministry to International and Immigrant Patients
- Sensitivity and Diversity
- Behavioural Health / Sexual Orientation
- Life Review Prayers and Ritual
- Chaplains and Charting
- Creating and Implementing a Spiritual/Pastoral Care Plan

CATEGORIES OF ADMISSION

A. BASIC CHAPLAINCY EDUCATION

- Certificate of Higher Education in Chaplaincy

B. UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

- ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMME
 - Associate of Arts in Christian Counselling & Psychotheology
- BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAMMES
 - Bachelor of Science in Pastoral Care & Psychotheology
 - Bachelor of Art in Christian Spirituality (CS)

- Bachelor of Art in Biblical Literature (BL)
- Bachelor of Art in Biblical Languages (NT & OT)

C. GRADUATE PROGRAMMES

- MASTER DEGREE PROGRAMMES
 - i. Master of Science in Clinical Pastoral Care & Psychotheology
 - ii. Master of Art in Intercultural Studies (IS)
 - iii. Master of Art in Ministry Leadership (ML)
 - iv. Master of Art in Youth Ministry (YM)

D. POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

- DOCTORATE DEGREE PROGRAMMES
 - i. Doctor of Clinical Pastoral Care & Psychotheology
 - ii. Honorary Professional Doctorate
- PH.D. & DSC DEGREE PROGRAMS
 - i. Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)
 - ii. Doctor of Science (DSc.) Pastoral Care & Psychotheology
 - iii. Doctor of Science (DSc.) Spirituoprovilaxis and Psychotheology

PHILOSOPHY AND AIM

A Clinical Spirituoprohylaxist is someone who is trained and grounded in the use of the scriptural methods and power of the Holy Spirit to cure ailments of the soul of man. This enables the soul to be free from all forms of afflictions and torments. The spirit of man will be healthy. Once the spirit and soul of man become pure and healthy, his body will function properly and be very active to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ his creator.

Spirituoprohylaxist is needed in our time of faithless generation to care for the problems of man with God's solution. Psychotherapist and psychiatrist have not been able to the problems confronting man in God's perspective because only God who created man can fully lead us to understanding the problems and fix the solutions. Secular humanistic psychology is a product of human depravity so we need to turn to God for accurate diagnosis and perfect restoration through His spirit of truth – Psalm 139

A PSYCHOTHEOLOGIAN

A Psychotheologian is one trained in the understanding of the psychology of God's word with the help and leading of the Holy Spirit to turn inward and meditate deeply on every word of God spoken and written to every situation from God's perspective. To do effectively, there will be a tremendous dependence on the Holy Spirit in the life of man. This course will expose the students to develop deeper relationship with God for spiritual

understanding and necessary skills to dealing with diverse issues problems confronting man.

The Psychotheologian is needed in our time of polluted living. it is necessary requirements for living a life, pleasing and acceptable unto the Lord. Not until we turn inward and conduct sessions of meditations over the word of God as spoken to every generation as revealed in the Holy Bible, we can never reach that level of understanding that our creator desires.

Spirituoprohylaxist and Psychotheologian is a Christian soldier with the word of God as his spiritual weapon of warfare. When we are sound in the psychology of God's message, we tend to appreciate the purpose of man in the physical reality and his destiny. These would in a great deal help man to develop the skills to helping the lost and troubled souls out of their confusion.

An equipped Clinic of Spirituoprohylaxist and Psychotheologian is where people can come to share the problems and receive professional and Godly advices and solution to their problems of the Body, Soul and Spirit.

The client of a Clinic of this sort enjoys longevity of life, happiness, fulfilment, breakthrough, and productive life time.

To be duly trained in the course(s) for a Professional appointment in the Pastoral, Spiritual Care of Patients and people in crisis.

1. He must be knowledgeable in the Word of God.
2. He must be prayerful\He must be a law- abiding citizen
3. He must have genuine love for the people; hate the evil and not the person committing the evil.
4. He must be able to see beyond people's actions and should know that all behaviour is caused.
5. To uphold the Seven – points of Valour Building Honour, Courage, Chivalry, Purity, Loyalty, Obedience and Dedication in the Performance of his/her duties.
6. To submit to the authority of the scripture in matters of faith and conduct and to the control of the Holy Spirit.
7. To cooperate respectfully with those in authority.