

Foundations and Practice of Chaplaincy

Fall, 2023 | Meeting Online, Friday, 6:30 – 9:00PM (Central)

Course Description

This is a semester-long course that introduces the ministry of spiritual care as expressed through chaplaincy. We draw from discussions in pastoral care and counseling, theological reflection, and the practice of clinical skills in order to situate the role of the chaplain, to outline particular functions of the chaplain, and to imagine unique contexts in which the chaplain serves. We negotiate with foundational elements of professional chaplaincy, orient toward competencies of professional chaplaincy, and work to familiarize ourselves with the practices embedded within chaplaincy. Given that this is a new course, the instructor may make changes as we move along. Those will be made in Moodle, with a message sent to your Garrett accounts to make you aware of the same.

Required Course Texts

Cadge, Wendy & Shelly Rambo. (2022). *Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care in the Twenty-First Century: An Introduction*. Chapel Hill: UNC Press. (\$24.95). 978-1-4696-6760-7.

Oxhandler, Holly. (2022). *The Soul of the Helper: Seven Stages to Seeing the Sacred Within Yourself So You Can See It in Others*. Templeton. (\$24.95). ISBN: 978-1599475912.

One of the following:

- Some, Sobonfu. (2003). *Falling Out of Grace: Meditations on Loss, Healing, and Wisdom*. North Bay Books. ISBN: 978-0972520027.
- Tuama, Pádraig. (2021). *In the Shelter: Finding a Home in the World*. Broadleaf Books. ISBN: 978-1506470528.
- Weems, Renita J. (2000). *Listening for God: A Minister's Journey Through Silence and Doubt*. Touchstone. ISBN: 978-0684863139.
- Wiman, Christian. (2014). *My Bright Abyss: Meditation of a Modern Believer*. Farrar, Straus and Giroux; Reprint edition. ISBN: 978-0374534370.