

# CHAPLAIN CANDIDATE PROGRAM



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# LAUNCH YOUR HIGHER CALLING

## PASTORAL MINISTRY

You are answering a call to ministry. Your belief in spiritual care has led you in your faith tradition to serve.

The Air Force Chaplain Candidate Program can help you further your discernment with opportunities to experience ministry in a military environment during summer tours.

Chaplains care for Airmen and Guardians more than anyone thinks possible. The four pillars of Comprehensive Airmen Fitness are physical, social, mental, and spiritual. As a Chaplain Candidate you will learn, train, and mentor other Airmen in the spiritual pillar. The Chaplain Candidate program allows you to grow and develop as a minister, pastor, leader and mentor from world class Air Force training and leaders.

## COMMISSIONED OFFICER

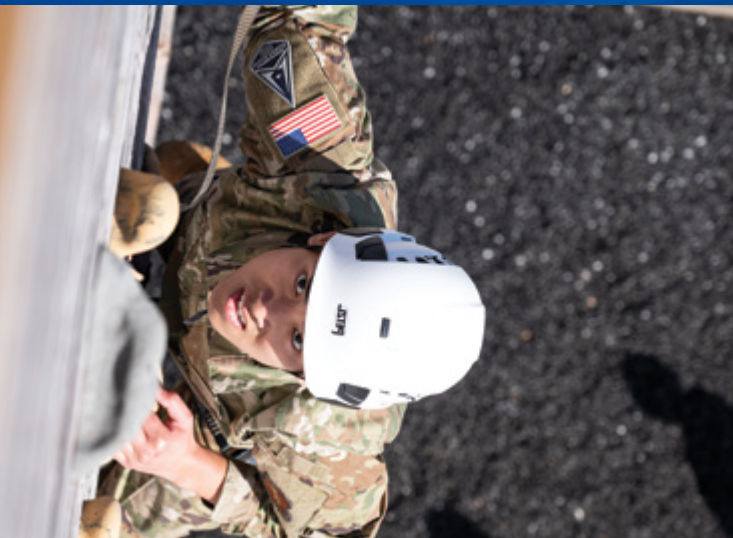
The Chaplain Candidate Program (CCP) is open to students enrolled in a qualifying degree program.

Upon entering the program, you're commissioned as a Chaplain Candidate in the rank of Second Lieutenant. You'll continue in your development as a Candidate within the military environment until you have completed seminary and obtained ecclesiastical endorsement as a chaplain.

When you complete the CCP and received ecclesiastical endorsement by your faith tradition, you will be eligible for reappointment as a Reserve (or Air National Guard) chaplain, First Lieutenant and receive military benefits while on duty.

## INITIAL TRAINING

Your first summer training tour will be challenging as you train alongside other future Air Force leaders at Officer Training School. You learn about Air Force heritage, leadership, organization, and mission. Course work will be mentally and physically challenging where you will learn to rely on teammates to lead with courage and character. You will be introduced to the Chaplain Corps ethic, heritage, and mission through the Chaplain instructors at OTS and in the Initial Candidate Training (ICT).





## ADVANCED TRAINING

Upon completing OTS and ICT, you will be required to complete annual training tours typically scheduled for the summers between school semesters. You will be provided travel to an Air Base or Space Delta to have first-hand mentoring in the day-to-day life of Air Force Chaplains. The on-site chaplain mentor will oversee your training and development as a Chaplain Candidate.

## EXPERIENCE

Chaplain Candidates receive a variety of experiences through the various training and mentoring tours. Typically, Candidates assist with worship service planning, preaching, partnering with Religious Affairs Airmen, unit engagement events, physical fitness with squadrons, flight-line ministry, some faith group specific engagement, and other Airmen events. Each training tour will be different and provide experience designed to give you a great snap-shot of the ministry as an Air Force Chaplains.

## AIR FORCE QUALIFICATIONS

- Be a U.S. citizen.
- Be 42 years of age or less at the time of commissioning.
- Enrolled full-time in qualifying degree program.
- Eligible to train for at least 3 summers.
- Completing accredited bachelor's degree with no less than 120 semester hours.
- Meet military commissioning and physical standards.
- Pass a National Security Agency check and qualify for a security clearance.

(Your recruiter can provide you with additional specific qualifications and requirements needed.)



## BENEFITS

Here is the value you'll receive that will complement your seminary education:

- Potential seminary internship credit (requires school approval)
- Expand your skills in the craft of leadership
- Diverse ministry setting
- Supplement/Expand/Enrich your ministerial education
- Support the defense of our freedom
- Ensure the free exercise of religion
- Second Lieutenant pay for training days
- Comprehensive medical care for you and your dependents through Tricare Reserve Select
- Travel to and from all Internship Tours is paid by the government
- Gain career long mentoring relationships across the Air Force Components
- Generous retirement system with the Thrift Saving Plan. (TSP).
- Earn Tuition Assistance toward your degree. (may incur a service commitment).



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## SERVE YOUR WAY, FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME

You can choose one of several paths that allow you to serve either full-time or part-time. No matter which path you select, you'll become a member of our total Air Force family. For more information, contact a recruiter today. Visit [WWW.AIRFORCE.COM](http://WWW.AIRFORCE.COM) or call **1-800-423-USAF**.



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