

## WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM?

- Those with a heart for the hurting
- Those who find pleasure in helping people
- Those who relate to people going through hard times in life
- Those who live with the comfort of Jesus

Many chaplain positions require additional credentials, such as ministerial training, for hired positions. The WELS Chaplain Certification Program is open to pastors, teachers, staff ministers, and lay people, both men and women with a high school diploma, a basic knowledge of Lutheran doctrine, and a willingness to dedicate approximately 10 hours a week for each 3 credit college class.



## WELS CHAPLAIN CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

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# WELS CHAPLAIN CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

## WHY A CHAPLAIN CERTIFICATION PROGRAM?

Because of growing security concerns, it is becoming increasingly difficult to minister the love of Christ to people who are in the midst of unique life situations such as:

- People receiving medical care in hospitals or in care facilities.
- People in correctional facilities.
- People serving in law enforcement, fire departments, or the military.

Christian men and women are increasingly drawn to reach out to people in these unique life situations.

At the same time, there are growing requirements to carry qualifying credentials, certificates, or degrees showing an expertise in various forms of chaplaincy care.

The WELS Chaplain Certification Program was designed and implemented to train pastors, teachers, staff ministers, and lay people for these specialized ministries so they can minister in areas formerly closed to them. This training is also useful for volunteer positions.



## WHERE CAN CHAPLAINS SERVE?

In the medical field:

- Hospitals
- Nursing homes
- Group homes
- Hospice care

With defenders of public safety:

- Law enforcement
- Fire departments
- Military

In unexpected arenas:

- Sports
- Private sector companies

## HOW DO I BEGIN?

Register for classes through Martin Luther College (MLC). The following online courses are available to anyone.

- Communicating Forgiveness
- A Scriptural Approach to Addiction Counseling
- Your Chaplaincy and Ethical Issues
- Your Chaplaincy and Ethical Issues Seminar (5 days at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary)
- Frontline Chaplaincy
- Ministry to the Incarcerated
- Geriatric & Care Facility Ministry
- Spiritual Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

For Chaplain Certification, apply to the program through MLC. Upon acceptance, you will be required to take the first four courses listed and one elective from the last four courses.