ACOM has been providing excellent training for ministry for seventy years and is a member institution of the Sydney College of Divinity who offer internationally recognised higher education awards. This emphasis on preparing people for Chaplaincy is a part of our ongoing commitment to prepare people to change their corner of the world.

This program is designed as professional development for those already engaged in ministry with an undergraduate degree in Ministry or Theology. A graduate of the Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Masters Degree with a special focus on Chaplaincy will have:

- a deeper understanding of people and how they may think, respond, feel and act in a wide variety of circumstances
- a knowledge of effective ways of communicating theological truth to people in distressful situations or traumatic circumstances
- an understanding of how to work cooperatively with representatives of other professions (nurses, managers, doctors, ministers, community carers, teachers, officers, police etc) as you provide care and support for those in need
- a clear understanding of the chaplain’s professional and pastoral role in complex, clinical situations
- a knowledge of professional standards, ethics and boundaries within the pastoral and clinical contexts

Be a light in a dark world...

A chaplain is a spiritual leader who works to support the health and wellbeing of those they encounter. Chaplains are a growing part of the Australian workforce operating as paid staff or volunteers in different contexts including:

- Aged care centres
- Community aged support services
- Disability services
- Medical centres
- High schools and universities
- Hospitals
- Teen residential centres
- Refuges
- Welfare initiatives
- Sporting associations
- State emergency services
- Crisis and disaster relief teams
- Defence force
- Rescue missions
- Crisis counselling centres
- Business and industrial organizations
- Police, ambulance and fire
- Prisons

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Further Study
Students wishing to complete further study can continue into a Graduate Diploma or Master of Arts. Contact your local Learning Support Manager for more details.

Professional Development Units

Issues and Ethics in Professional Practice (C9636)
This unit aims to examine the critical ethical, legal and professional issues faced by chaplains, pastors and counsellors in a wide variety of ministry contexts.

The Art and Science of Chaplaincy (C9695)
This unit aims to equip the participant to face the unique dilemmas, challenges and opportunities faced by chaplains in a wide variety of situations.

Understanding and Working with Grief and Trauma (C8565)
This unit examines the theory behind trauma counselling and a number of different ways of working with those affected by trauma.

Chaplain as Coach (C8525)
This unit helps chaplains to develop conversational and listening skills to facilitate energising, inspiring and life-changing encounters with people.

Materials for these units are provided by distance with a compulsory three day facilitation. Facilitations are a concentrated learning environment where you gather with peers and professionals to maximise your learning experience.

Graduate Certificate in Arts... with a focus on Chaplaincy
is the place to start your development toward the skills needed for the challenging world of chaplaincy. The following chaplaincy units make up this Graduate Certificate:
1. Issues and Ethics in Professional Practice
2. The Art and Science of Chaplaincy
3. Understanding and Working with Grief and Trauma
4. Chaplain as Coach

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