ENOCH ASCENSION CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY · DEGREE COMPLETION PLAN

Doctor of Ministry in Chaplaincy

Catalog Year 2026–2027 · 100% Online · *We don't teach what to think. We awaken truth and walk in love.*

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CREDITS BEYOND THE MASTER'S	COURSES	CREDITS PER COURSE	FOUR WAYS TO LEARN

Program Overview

The Doctor of Ministry in Chaplaincy is a professional doctorate for chaplains who lead programs and shape spiritual care. Students study chaplaincy models, moral injury and recovery, program leadership, and spiritual care outcomes.

How EACU Is Different

Chaplains serve people of every faith and none. Students learn to understand beliefs from every side, provide care without coercion, and remain grounded in their own faith while serving in hospitals, the military, prisons, first responder agencies, and the workplace.

At the doctoral level, EACU students become the ones who walk others through the evidence. Every course requires students to examine a question from every side, then build and defend their own position, and the doctoral project turns that work into something that can be taught, published, or put into practice.

> **Required in every EACU degree:** Biblical Interpretation (Rightly Dividing the Word), Biblical Finance and Stewardship, and Biblical Mindset and Mental Health. Every course is built with visual, auditory, reading and writing, and hands-on learning.

Please note: This degree prepares students for spiritual care in ministry, church, and community settings. It does not lead to state licensure or professional certification. Many chaplaincy positions also require clinical pastoral education (CPE) units, ecclesiastical endorsement, or board certification, which are obtained separately. Some chaplaincy settings, such as hospitals and the military, also require degrees from recognized accredited institutions.

Program Outcomes

1. Evaluate chaplaincy models across contexts.
2. Lead recovery from moral injury and trauma.
3. Direct chaplaincy programs.
4. Measure spiritual care outcomes.
5. Design, conduct, and defend an original doctoral project.

Where This Degree Can Lead

- Director of chaplaincy services
- Senior military, healthcare, or corporate chaplain
- Trainer of chaplains
- Author and consultant

Admission

A completed master's degree. See Admissions for full requirements.

Career paths above are examples only; EACU does not provide job placement or promise employment (Handbook Section 12).

EACU Required Core — 12 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	EACU 800	Doctoral Orientation and Research Methods	3	
☐	BIBL 801	Advanced Interpretation: Rightly Dividing the Word at the Doctoral Level	3	
☐	FINC 801	Organizational Stewardship and Ministry Finance	3	
☐	MHLT 801	Trauma, Forgiveness, and Healing	3	

Major: Chaplaincy — 12 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	CHAP 810	Chaplaincy Models and Contexts	3	
☐	CHAP 820	Moral Injury, Trauma, and Recovery	3	
☐	CHAP 830	Leading Chaplaincy Programs	3	
☐	CHAP 840	Spiritual Care Research and Outcomes	3	

Research Sequence — 12 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	EACU 880	Literature Review and Research Proposal	3	
☐	EACU 885	Research Design and Ethics	3	
☐	EACU 890	Doctoral Project I	3	
☐	EACU 891	Doctoral Project II	3	

The Doctoral Project. Students identify a real problem in their ministry or field, review the literature, design and carry out a study or intervention, and present their findings in a written project defended before a faculty committee. The project may lead to a published book, curriculum, or program.

Credit Summary

EACU Required Core	12
Major	12
Research Sequence	12
Total Required	**36**

Suggested Sequence

Year 1
Doctoral Orientation, Advanced Interpretation, Finance, Mental Health

Year 1 to 2
Major courses

Year 2
Literature Review and Proposal, Research Design

Year 2 to 3
Doctoral Project I and II, defense