ENOCH ASCENSION CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY · HYBRID DUAL DEGREE COMPLETION PLAN

Master of Arts in Chaplaincy + Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Mindset and Mental Health

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

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TOTAL CREDITS	DEGREES EARNED	SHARED CREDITS	FOUR WAYS TO LEARN

Program Overview

The Hybrid Dual Degree pairs the Master of Arts in Chaplaincy with the Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Mindset and Mental Health in one continuous program of 63 credits instead of 72. The Master of Arts in Chaplaincy prepares chaplains for advanced spiritual care, interfaith and institutional ministry, crisis response, moral injury, and chaplaincy leadership. The Doctor of Ministry in Biblical Mindset and Mental Health is a professional doctorate for leaders addressing trauma, moral injury, and mental wellness in their communities.

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.

> **How the dual degree works.** Nine doctoral credits count toward both degrees. The master's degree is conferred after the Master's Portion and the Shared Courses are complete (36 credits). The Doctor of Ministry is conferred after the Doctoral Portion is complete (36 doctoral credits, including the shared courses). Students need a completed bachelor's degree to enter.

Please note: This degree prepares students for spiritual care and mental health ministry. It does not lead to state licensure, professional certification, or clinical practice. 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. Articulate a theology of presence and care.
2. Minister within interfaith and institutional settings.
3. Lead crisis and trauma response.
4. Evaluate research on faith, trauma, and healing.
5. Address moral injury through spiritual recovery.
6. Build sustainable mental health ministries.

Where This Degree Can Lead

- Director of a mental health ministry or center
- Trainer and consultant to churches
- Author and speaker on mental wellness
- Founder of a faith-based wellness organization

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

M.A. Chaplaincy + D.Min. Biblical Mindset and Mental Health

Student: _____

Master's Portion — 27 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	FINC 501	Biblical Finance and Stewardship II	3	
☐	MHLT 501	Biblical Mindset and Mental Health II	3	
☐	BIBL 510	The Old Testament in Its Ancient Near Eastern and Second Temple Context	3	
☐	BIBL 520	The New Testament in Its Second Temple and Greco-Roman Context	3	
☐	CHAP 610	Theology of Presence and Care	3	
☐	CHAP 620	Interfaith and Institutional Ministry	3	
☐	CHAP 630	Advanced Crisis and Trauma Response	3	
☐	CHAP 640	Moral Injury and Spiritual Care	3	
☐	CHAP 650	Chaplaincy Leadership and Administration	3	

Shared Courses (count toward both degrees) — 9 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	
☐	EACU 880	Literature Review and Research Proposal	3	

Doctoral Portion — 27 credits

	CODE	COURSE	CR	TERM COMPLETED
☐	FINC 801	Organizational Stewardship and Ministry Finance	3	
☐	MHLT 801	Trauma, Forgiveness, and Healing	3	
☐	MHLT 810	Faith, Trauma, and Healing Research	3	
☐	MHLT 820	Moral Injury and Spiritual Recovery	3	
☐	MHLT 830	Building Mental Health Ministries	3	
☐	MHLT 840	Teaching Mental Wellness in the Church and Marketplace	3	
☐	EACU 885	Research Design and Ethics	3	
☐	EACU 890	Doctoral Project I	3	
☐	EACU 891	Doctoral Project II	3	

Suggested Sequence

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 3 to 4
Master's Portion	Shared Courses; master's degree conferred	Doctoral core and major	Research Design, Doctoral Project, defense

Credit Summary

Master's Portion	27
Shared Courses	9
Doctoral Portion	27
Total Required	**63**