

MTW257.5 Introduction Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care

Name of Unit 1 (Unit Code 1)

Introduction to Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care (MTW257.5)

SECTION 1 – GENERAL INFORMATION

Administrative details

Associated higher education awards	Duration	Level	Unit Coordinator
Bachelor	One semester	Introductory	Bruce Hulme

Core or elective unit

Indicate if the unit is a

- core unit
 elective unit
 other (please specify below):

Core: Undergraduate Certificate in Chaplaincy, Diploma of Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care

Elective: Diploma of Ministry and Theology, Bachelor of Ministry, Bachelor of Theology

Unit weighting

Using the table below, indicate the credit point weighting of this unit and the credit point total for the course of study (for example, 10 credit points for the unit and 320 credit points for the course of study).

Unit credit points	Total course credit points
6 credit points	144 credit points

Student workload

Using the table below, indicate the expected student workload per week for this unit.

No. timetabled hours per week	No. personal study hours per week	Total workload hours per week
3	6	9

For those students requiring additional English language support, how many additional hours per week is it expected that they will undertake?

Additional English language support: 0 hours per week

Pre-requisites and co-requisites

Are students required have undertaken a prerequisite or co-requisite unit for this unit?

- Yes No

If **YES**, provide details of the prerequisite or co-requisite requirements below.

Pre or Co-requisite: MTW250.5 Pastoral Health and Care

SECTION 2 – ACADEMIC DETAILS

Brief description of the content of the unit

This unit introduces chaplaincy and spiritual care (CSC) ministry, with particular reference to the Christian tradition. It connects strongly with the MTC formation domain *Engaging the World & Others' Stories* in Tabor MTC's curriculum paradigm. *Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care* aims to explore key understandings, skills and dispositions in CSC work to prepare students interested in a CSC work integrated learning placement and possible career. Key topics include Orientation to the nature and scope of CSC; theological and spiritual groundings; ethics and codes of ethics in CSC, and key CSC bodies; survey of secular culture and its impact on CSC; CSC in contemporary secular, spiritual and multifaith contexts; dispositions and skills for CSC ministry, such as silence, waiting, and comfort with discomfort; CSC in systems and organisations; input from practitioners from a variety of CSC contexts.

Learning outcomes for the unit

- 1) Explain the nature and scope of CSC with reference to the biblical text, contemporary scholarship and best practice
- 2) Analyse key ethical issues in CSC ministry with reference to a recognised CSC code of ethics
- 3) Reflect upon their philosophy of CSC in secular/multifaith/spiritually diverse contexts in light of their formation for this ministry, and with reference to a recognised CSC code of ethics
- 4) Identify and respond appropriately to common issues encountered in chaplaincy and spiritual care contexts, including grief and loss

Assessment tasks

Type	Learning Outcome/s assessed	When assessed	Weighting
1. Forum Responses: Students engage with resources on theology, spirituality, and the practice of CSC ministry, developing responses to common issues encountered in CSC contexts. (1,500 words)	1, 4	Various throughout the semester	30%
2. Oral Presentation: Students presents reflections on interviews with two different CSC practitioners, examining insights and issues for the student's own professional and personal formation for CSC ministry. (1,000 words)	1, 2	Week 7	20%
3. Philosophy Paper: Students prepare a theology and philosophy CSC paper, with application to an ethical case study involving grief and loss and in light of a recognised CSC code of ethics. (2,500 words)	1-4	Week 14	50%

2.1 Prescribed and recommended readings

Provide below, in formal reference format, a list of the prescribed and recommended readings for the unit.

Required Text:

Evans, Keith. *Essential Chaplain Skill Sets: Discovering Effective Ways to Provide Excellent Spiritual Care*. Bloomington, IN: WestBow, 2017.

Recommended reading:

Anderson, Nancy K. *Professional Spiritual & Pastoral Care: A Practical Clergy and Chaplain's Handbook*. Woodstock, VT: SkyLight Paths Publishing, 2012.

Boyce, Geoff. *An Improbable Feast: The Surprising Dynamic of Hospitality at the Heart of Multifaith Chaplaincy*. 1st ed. Glandore, SA: G. Boyce, 2010.

Caperon, John, Andrew Todd, and James Walters, eds. *Chaplaincy and Christian Theology*. Philadelphia, PA: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2017.

Kelly, Ewan, and John Swinton, eds. *Chaplaincy and the Soul of Health and Social Care: Fostering Spiritual Wellbeing in Emerging Paradigms of Care*. London; Philadelphia, PA: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2019.

Pohlmann, David. *School Chaplaincy: An Introduction*. Preston, Vic: Mosaic Press, 2013.

Reid, Stephen Breck, and Philip J. Hughes. *The Values and Benefits of Sports Chaplaincy in Australia*. Research Paper (Christian Research Association) ; No. 13. Nanawading, VIC: Christian Research Association, 2013.

Root, Andrew. *Faith Formation in a Secular Age: Responding the Church's Obsession with Youthfulness*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2017.

Root, Andrew. *The Pastor in a Secular Age: Ministry to a People who No Longer Need a God*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2019.

Root, Andrew. *The Congregation in a Secular Age: Keeping Sacred Time against the Speed of Modern Life*. Grand Rapids: Baker, 2021.

Seeley, Martin, Ben Ryan, Margaret Whipp, Charlotte Bradley, and Rowan Williams. *A Christian Theology of Chaplaincy*. Edited by John Caperon, Andrew Todd, and James Walters. Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2017.

Shay, Laura. *Exploring Hope in Spiritual Care: A Practical Theological Guide for Chaplains*. Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2018.

Stewart-Darling, Fiona. *Multifaith Chaplaincy in the Workplace: How Chaplains Can Support Organizations and Their Employees*. London: Philadelphia: Jessica Kingsley Publishers, 2017.

Swift, Christopher. *Hospital Chaplaincy in the Twenty-First Century: The Crisis of Spiritual Care on the Nhs*. 2nd ed. Explorations in Practical, Pastoral, and Empirical Theology. England: Ashgate Publishing Ltd, 2014.

Taylor, Charles. *A Secular Age*. Cambridge, MA: The Bellknap Press, 2007.

Todd, Andrew. *Military Chaplaincy in Contention: Chaplains, Churches, and the Morality of Conflict*. Explorations in Practical, Pastoral, and Empirical Theology. Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2013.