

AIR FORCE RESERVE CHAPLAIN CANDIDATE PROGRAM



**ANSWERING THE CALL WHILE
YOU COMPLETE YOUR DEGREE**





Chaplain Candidate Program

The Air Force Chaplain Candidate Program is an exciting opportunity for seminary and other professional religious school students to evaluate their compatibility and potential for commissioning as an Air Force Chaplain. The focus is on experiencing ministry in the Air Force during summer training internships. As a Chaplain Candidate, you

will draw upon your background, education and experience to function as part of an Air Force chapel team. Upon entering the program, you commission as a Chaplain Candidate, Second Lieutenant. Upon graduation and ecclesiastical endorsement, Chaplain Candidates may be eligible for reappointment as a chaplain in the USAF.



Program Benefits

Benefits as an Air Force Reserve Officer

- Low-cost Dental Insurance available
- On-base grocery and shopping privileges

Benefits while on Paid Training Tours of Duty

- Annual training tours with Second Lieutenant pay and benefits to include:
 - Base pay
 - Housing allowance
 - Grocery supplement
 - Family separation allowance
 - Travel Pay/Per Diem
 - Servicemen's Group Life Insurance coverage available
- Potential degree credit (with seminary approval)

Benefits of Your Training

- Paid travel to and from training
- Flexibility to meet your school and civilian employment schedules
- Mentoring by seasoned Active Duty, Reserve and Guard Chaplains
- Exposure to a diverse ministry setting and broad Air Force mission
 - Fighter, Bomber, Transport
 - Remotely Piloted Aircraft
 - Space and Cyberspace
 - First Responders
 - Hospital/Medical
 - Special Ops
- Lifetime relationships with fellow candidates and mentors
- Hands-on ministry with Airmen and their families
- Maximize your potential to reappoint as an Air Force Reserve Chaplain

The Training Program

The Air Force Chaplain Corps provides spiritual care and the opportunity for Airmen, their families, and other authorized personnel to exercise their constitutional right to the free exercise of religion. This is accomplished through religious observances, providing pastoral care, and advising leadership on spiritual, ethical, moral, morale, core values, and religious accommodation issues.

Chaplain Candidates train to meet the needs of Airmen and their families as potential future Chaplains. The training program is organized into four phases over multiple years:

- Basic Training to include the five-week Commissioned Officer Training Course.
- Chaplain Candidate Intensive Internship: 35-day multi-base immersion into the Chaplain Corps mission across Active Duty, Reserve, and Guard.
- 35-day tour at an Active Duty base for hands-on practice of Chaplain skill-sets crafted to meet your reappointment goal.
- Additional tours post-degree while you earn your ecclesiastical endorsement to serve as a Chaplain.

Examples of Training Experiences

- Travel on military aircraft and minister to pilots, aircrew, and ground personnel.
- Learn the Explosive Ordnance Disposal mission and encourage Airmen who put their life on the line daily.
- Pastoral care to medical providers and wounded warriors at one of the military's premier treatment facilities.
- Lead worship in the field, at base chapels, and in unit workplaces.
- Provide memorial services for the fallen.
- Spiritually strengthen Special Operations Airmen in a high operations tempo environment.
- Lead first responders (firefighters, police, medical personnel) to spiritual wholeness.



Program Qualifications

Basic Requirements

- Meet all military medical requirements and weight standards.
- Citizen of the United States with potential allowances for permanent residents.
- Less than 40 years of age at the time of appointment. Consideration given to prior service.
- Possess baccalaureate degree with not less than 120 semester hours (180 quarter hours) of undergraduate credit from an accredited college or university.
- Obtain ecclesiastical endorsement from your religious body's military endorser.
- Enrolled full-time in an accredited or recognized theological seminary or professional school of religion.
- Working toward a professional Master of Divinity degree or equivalent (minimum 72 semester hour/108 quarter hour degree program).
- Able to complete approximately 75 days of active duty training for your first summer, and 35 days for the second summer.
- Pass a National Security Agency check on your personal history, background and credit to qualify for a security clearance.
- No disqualifying drug abuse or criminal record.
- Willingness to support and defend the constitutional guarantee of free exercise of religion for all Airmen.
- Unwavering commitment to integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all we do.



**Looking for an exciting,
rewarding opportunity to serve
your nation and your faith?
Contact the Air Force Chaplain
Candidate Program Recruiter
at our office today!**

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