Nothing tests religious beliefs more than many situations our Airmen face throughout the course of their service. Providing pastoral care ministry and counseling to those of faith and those of no faith,

Air Force chaplains are religious ministry professionals who support the spiritual resilience of our Airmen all over the world. As spiritual leaders, chaplains are relied upon for faith and personal guidance.

They are also advocates for our Airmen and consult with leadership on moral, ethical and quality-of-life issues.

Manage and support spiritual centers on military installations around the world
Conduct worship services, liturgies and rites
Advise leadership on spiritual, religious, ethical, moral, morale and quality-of-life issues
Supervise and manage chapel personnel, operations and religious ministry programs

Required Education
Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution with a minimum of 120 semester hours
Master of Divinity or equivalent theological degree with no less than 72 hours from an accredited institution.

Pastoral Ministry Requirements
Two years of religious ministry leadership experience

Qualifications
Must be a U.S. citizen, no dual citizenship
Receive an Ecclesiastical Endorsement from a DoD-recognized endorser
No violations of privileged communication and/or confidentiality
No violations or compromises of noncombatant status
No convictions by courts-martial or by civilian courts (except for minor traffic violations or similar infractions)
No record of disciplinary action for failure to exercise sound judgement with respect to morale or welfare of subordinates
No disciplinary action for engaging in an unprofessional or inappropriate relationship
No record of disciplinary action for financial irresponsibility, domestic violence or child abuse
Must be between the ages of 18 and 40

Personnel Status
Officer*

*When you join the chaplain corps, you will be commissioned as an officer. Your rank will be based on education level and experience.