



Fall 2026 Course Offerings

CCS 301 Introduction to Chaplaincy Studies

Dr. Zachary Moon

CCS 409/509 Spiritual Care for Disaster Relief and Recovery

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CCS 420/520 Death, Dying, and the Dead

Dr. Cody Sanders

Important Dates:

Fall Registration: June 15-August 14

Fall Term Begins: September 8

Course Drop Deadline: September 21 (last day for home school Registrars to inform CCS of student drops)

Thanksgiving Recess: November 23-27

Fall Term Ends: December 18

CCS 301 Introduction to Chaplaincy Studies

Course Description: This foundational course introduces chaplaincy studies. Chaplains are rooted in their religious traditions yet serve diverse populations. Students explore ministry resilient to pluralistic demands, complex suffering, and institutional challenges. The course covers five chaplaincy contexts: hospital, military, prison, campus, and hospice.

CCS 409/509 Spiritual Care for Disaster Relief and Recovery

Course Description: This course introduces the best practices for spiritual care in the aftermath of humanitarian and natural disasters. Topics covered include trauma-informed spiritual care, crisis intervention, addressing diverse coping strategies and nurturing resilience, demonstrating empathy and cultural sensitivity, supporting loss and complex grief, and deepening understanding of theologies and traditions that support community recovering and flourishing.

Instructor: Dr. Zachary Moon is a leading voice in the study of moral injury and moral distress. His books include *Coming Home: Ministries That Matter with Veterans and Military Families* (Chalice Press, 2015), *Warriors between Worlds: Moral Injury and Identities in Crisis* (Lexington Books, 2019), *Goatwalking: A Quaker Pastoral Theology* (Brill, 2021), and *Doing Theology in Pandemics: Facing Viruses, Violence, and Vitriol* (Pickwick, 2022). He has served as a chaplain in multiple contexts, and specializes in working with military veterans and their families, training faith communities in post-deployment reentry and reintegration, and building sustainable social movements for justice through holistic compassionate care.

CCS 420/520 Death, Dying, and the Dead

Course Description: This course examines pastoral care at the time of death, funerary practices, and theological perspectives on death and dying.

Instructor: Dr. Cody J. Sanders is Associate Professor of Congregational and Community Care Leadership at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, an affiliated faculty member in Pastoral Theology and Chaplaincy Studies at Chicago Theological Seminary, and a faculty member at the Center for Chaplaincy Studies. He is a former parish pastor and chaplain serving both Harvard and MIT. He has published a number of books, including, *Spiritual Care First-Aid: An All-Hands Approach for Church and Community* (Fortress, 2025), *Corpse Care: Ethics for Tending the Dead* (Fortress, 2023), and *A Brief Guide to Ministry with LGBTQIA Youth* (Westminster, 2019). Cody is an ordained Baptist minister (Alliance of Baptists and American Baptist Churches).