



Chaplain Services

at the Milwaukee VA

VA Hospital Chaplains at a Glance

Chaplains do more than just pray.

They offer spiritual, pastoral, emotional and/or social support to patients and families. Using the insights and principles of psychology, spirituality, and theology, chaplains are able to support those of faith and without faith. Chaplains are versed in many faiths and cultures.

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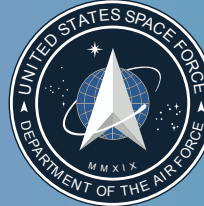
VA chaplains support individual patient care and hospital programs, such as the Domiciliary, Mental Health or Whole Health. They counsel on spirituality and moral injury, and partner with hospital programs and providers.

Specialties

VA chaplains complete internships, residencies, and fellowships. They are endorsed, ordained, and certified as spiritual caregivers. This training helps them provide support with sensitivity to a person's worldview, age, or specific situation.

Chaplains are specially trained in many areas such as:

- Crisis intervention
- Family support
- Whole Health
- Moral injury
- Inpatient/outpatient
- Presurgical and postsurgical
- Trauma
- Mental/Behavioral Health (such as PTSD, addiction recovery)
- Substance abuse disorder
- Suicide prevention post-vention
- Grief and bereavement
- Palliative care
- Hospice



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Location

We are in the main hospital (building 111), on the first floor next to Matousek Auditorium, room D101 or room 1570C.

Hours and Contact Information

Monday through Friday, 7:30 am-8:30 pm, and on-call after hours. Outpatient appointments are available for patients and their families.

Call 414-384-2000, extension 42160.

- After hours, contact the AOD who will contact the chaplain on-call.
- Ask your primary care team to place a consult for Chaplain Service.

Care

You do not have to belong to a certain faith for help and support. Our diverse staff will make every effort to connect you with someone from your desired faith tradition. They also connect with local faith groups for aid and resources.

Chaplains are not here to judge. We walk alongside those who are ill, uncertain, questioning, or going through life challenges. We don't pressure anyone toward a specific faith.

Worship Services

- **Jewish Service**
Tuesdays at 10 a.m.
- **Protestant Worship Service**
Sundays at 10:00 am
- **Catholic Mass**
Sundays at 8:30 am

Please check the Chaplain website for additional services, Bible studies, meditation offerings, gospel concerts, and special events.

<https://www.va.gov/milwaukee-health-care/chaplain-services/>

