



Personalized Shopping Sheet

for Students Intending to Use VA Educational Benefits

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Program Costs

Estimated total cost to complete a program of study based on full-time study, includes tuition, registration fees, supplies and any other additional costs:

| Program | Credits | Length of Full-time study | Tuition and Fees |
|--|------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Doctor of Ministry | 30 credits | 2 years coursework + dissertation | \$17,650 |
| Master of Divinity | 75 credits | 4 years | \$32,750 |
| Master of Arts in Counseling | 60 credits | 3 years | \$26,850 |
| Master of Arts (Theological Studies) | 36 credits | 2 years | \$16,260 |
| Master of Arts in Ministry | 36 credits | 2 years | \$16,260 |
| Master of Christian Care and Counseling | 36 credits | 2 years | \$15,760 |
| Graduate Certificate in Chaplaincy | 18 credits | 1 year | \$8,130 |
| Diploma (Christian Formation) | 96 credits | 4 years | \$19,760 |

The school does not charge different rates for online and on-campus education.

Books are estimated at \$100-150 per course. Other specific fees, such as graduation and dissertation extension, can be found in the most current Academic Catalog listed on the seminary's website (<https://www.cbts.edu>).

Living Expenses

The seminary does not have on campus facilities for room and board. Students will need to secure their own housing. There are cost of living calculators online that can help compare costs. Here are links to a few:

- <https://www.nerdwallet.com/cost-of-living-calculator>
- <https://www.payscale.com/cost-of-living-calculator>

Costs Covered by VA Education Benefits.

How much of a student's program can be covered through VA educational benefits depends on length of eligibility outlined on your Certificate of Eligibility. If eligibility has not expired, tuition and fees costs will be reported each term of registration for payment. The current benefit rate tables can be found here: https://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.asp

Federal Loan Programs

The seminary does not participate in any federal loan programs.



Educational Effectiveness

The seminary produces a statement of educational effectiveness each year that displays specific information related to student outcomes, including graduation, placement, and retention rates. That information along with our accreditations and authorizations can be found at:

<https://www.cbts.edu/who-we-are/accreditations-and-approvals/>

Transfer Credits

Transfer credit policies can be found in the school's most recent Academic Catalog found here:

<https://www.cbts.edu/registration/>

It is the student's responsibility to request any reviews of transcripts, documentation, etc. for possible transfer of credit into the school.

Certifications, Licensing and Examinations

Central Seminary issues degrees, diplomas, and certificates when all requirements for graduation have been completed and all financial obligations to the school have been met. Post-degree requirements related to job placement and licensure are the student's responsibility to complete. These requirements will vary depending on the job placement being sought. The following information can guide students in preparing for their future vocation:

- 1) Ordination for Ministry Service/Leadership – many of the school's programs provide the educational foundation for students who seek to become an ordained minister. The school does not ordain students. Ordination must be sought through a student's church or denomination. Each church/denomination can have its own requirements for ordination. The student is responsible for beginning the ordination process with their church or denomination.
- 2) Chaplaincy Certification – Many students aspire to be a chaplain after completion of their education. There are many types of chaplains and many different settings. Each setting or chaplaincy path may have distinct requirements to achieve the appropriate certifications for chaplaincy. The student is responsible for learning what is required beyond a degree to become certified. Here are some places to start:
 - a. Military Chaplaincy - <https://www.todaymilitary.com/careers-benefits/careers/chaplains>
 - b. ACPE - <https://acpe.edu/programs/cpe-educator-certification>
 - c. Professional Chaplaincy - <https://www.professionalchaplains.org/>
- 3) Licensed Counselor – Students completing the Master of Arts in Counseling program often want to seek licensure in their state. Each state has their own regulations and process for becoming a licensed counselor. It is important that each student become familiar with those regulations and process, which may include passing a national exam, such as the National Counselor Examination (<https://www.nbcc.org/exams/nce>). You can find state licensure information here: <https://www.nbcc.org/licensure>

Additionally, students can review the Occupational Outlook Handbook provided by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics. The handbook can be accessed here: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>



Student Success

The school makes every effort to provide trained personnel and processes that assist students in completing their program of study. During the educational journey, students may need advising related to their academic progress, financial obligations to the school, or need for accommodation. The point of contact for such advising requests is LeAundra Boyice (lboyice@cbts.edu) Student Success Advisor.

Should it become necessary to be absent from class due to service obligations, please contact your Student Success Advisor immediately. They will help you with your enrollment options.