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Facilitating the religious requirements of those from all faiths.

Caring for all service members and their families, including those subscribing to no specific faith

Advising the command in ensuring the free exercise of religion.

## Qualifications and Requirements

A candidate seeking to serve as a Navy Chaplain and [Officer](#) must:

- Have a bachelor's degree from a qualified four-year undergraduate educational institution
- Have a graduate degree in theological or related studies from an accredited educational institution (note that a qualifying degree program requires no fewer than 72 semester hours or 108 quarter hours of graduate-level work with 2/3 of those course hours completed in residence; also note that related studies may include graduate courses in pastoral counseling, social work, religious administration and similar disciplines when one-half of the earned credits include topics in general religion, world religions, the practice of religion, theology, religious philosophy, religious ethics and/or the foundational writings from the applicant's religious tradition)
- Have two years of full-time religious leadership experience that's compatible with the duties of a Religious Ministry Professional (RMP) in their respective Religious Organizations (RO) and relevant to the settings of military chaplaincy
- Must be able to obtain an Ecclesiastical Endorsement from a religious faith organization registered with the Department of Defense.

General qualifications may vary depending upon whether you're [currently serving](#), whether you've [served before](#) or whether you've [never served before](#).

To learn more and see if you qualify to serve as a Navy Chaplain, please call 855-904-4002.