

## About the Program

Focus your doctoral studies on the critical issue of moral injury. The Doctor of Ministry Program at Oral Roberts University is launching this one of a kind concentration in moral injury designed specifically for chaplains.

- A new concentration in Moral Injury for the Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy Track in the Doctor of Ministry Program.
- Complete the Doctor of Ministry degree in three years while continuing to work as a chaplain.
- Six specialized courses in Moral Injury.
- Complete a research project in moral injury that has application for your chaplaincy context.
- Develop competencies in assessing, treating and researching moral injury.
- Develop a theological framework for moral injury.



I'm excited about this opportunity to pool the unique resources that we have both in our Seminary and community to address the critical issue of moral injury. I believe that adding this concentration to the Pastoral Care & Chaplaincy track in ORU's DMin program will enable our doctoral students to receive the training needed to bring healing to these deep wounds.

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Moral injury is a particularly important issue for our veterans, who face devastating and potentially traumatic situations as part of their duties as soldiers. Veterans are now faced with a 21% greater risk of death by suicide than other adult civilians in the U. S. In response, community service agencies are aggressively seeking opportunities to better care for our veterans. Not only do we need community mental health services, but we also need education and involvement from churches and religious resources. We need to consider how we might individually, religiously and systemically approach the problems that lead to tragic outcomes, and to cultivate healing, with veterans and other individuals who face moral injury. This new moral injury track, as part of the DMin program at ORU, answers this call.

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