

Georgia Sheriffs' Association
Chaplains Basic Certification Course
New Curriculum
January 1, 2020

The revision of the Chaplains Basic Certification Course curriculum in 2012 greatly improved the quality of training during the past seven years. The presence of chaplains, combined with their knowledge and honed skills acquired through chaplain's training and applied in the field, provided a vital service to our sheriffs and other law enforcement agencies.

To continue offering present-day educational information to maintain the integrity and caliber of this program, the Chaplains Basic Certification Course curriculum has undergone revision once again. The training requirements to achieve the basic certification is outlined below.

Part 1: Complete the online pre-requisite classes prior to attending the 20-Hour-Basic Certification Classroom Instruction

Five one-hour classes must be successfully completed. The classes are available in GSA's Office of Sheriff Online Training (OSOT) system. Fee: \$0. Contact GSA's Shelly Daniel at sdaniel@georgiasheriffs.org for access.

- Intro to Criminal Justice (1 hour)
- Office of Sheriff (1 hour)
- Introduction to Law Enforcement Chaplaincy (Role of Chaplain) (1 hour)
- Law Enforcement Ethics (1 hour)
- Law Enforcement Family (1 hour)

Part 2: Complete Peer Support for Individuals Experiencing Distress (PSIED) prior to attending the 20-Hour Basic Certification Classroom Instruction.

- Our partners in training, Crisis Support Solutions, offers the 16-hour course at multiple locations statewide.
- A schedule of classes and registration fee is available on the GSA website.

NOTE: If the student does not complete Part 1 and/or Part 2 prior to registering for Part 3, the student will not be eligible to apply for certification until all requirements are satisfied. Part 1 and Part 2 must be completed within one year completing the Basic Certification Classroom Instruction.

Part 3: 20-Hour-Basic Certification Classroom Instruction

This portion of the course is offered during odd numbered years. (March 2021, 2023, etc.)

- Orientation (1)
- Substance Abuse (2 hours)
- Grief & Loss and Death Notification (3 hours)
- Family Violence (3 hours)
- Post Shooting Syndrome (3 hours)
- Officer Injury and Death & Funeral Protocol (3 hours)
- Suicide Awareness (2 hours)
- Law Enforcement Chaplaincy (2)
- Graduation (1)