

2026 HCMA Unit Schedule

The Training Chaplain and Trainee may agree to earlier completion dates if preferred; however, all units will officially begin and end on the dates specified below.

WINTER QUARTER	
December 4, 2025	Deadline for applications and forms for January 2 start
December 15, 2025	Deadline for background check, T-JTA test, and application fee
December 23, 2025	Teaching Chaplain and Area Director assigned
January 2, 2026	Winter Units begin; \$500 deposit due (balance paid within 1 month)
March 24, 2026	Unit and evaluations due
March 25-31, 2026	Evaluation review week

SPRING QUARTER	
March 3, 2026	Deadline for applications and forms for April 7 start
March 13, 2026	Deadline for background check, T-JTA test, and application fee
March 24, 2026	Teaching Chaplain and Area Director assigned
April 7, 2026	Spring Units begin; \$500 deposit due (balance paid within 1 month)
June 23, 2026	Unit and evaluations due
June 24–30, 2026	Evaluation review week

SUMMER QUARTER	
June 2, 2026	Deadline for applications and forms for July 7 start
June 12, 2026	Deadline for background check, T-JTA test, and application fee
June 23, 2026	Teaching Chaplain and Area Director assigned
July 7, 2026	Summer Units begin; \$500 deposit due (balance paid within 1 month)
September 22, 2026	Unit and evaluations due
September 23–30, 2026	Evaluation review week

FALL QUARTER				
September 2, 2026	Deadline for applications and forms for October 7 start			
September 12, 2026	Deadline for background check, T-JTA test, and application fee			
September 23, 2026	Teaching Chaplain and Area Director assigned			
October 7, 2026	Fall Units begin; \$500 deposit due (balance paid within 1 month)			
December 22, 2026	Unit and evaluations due			
December 23–31, 2026	Evaluation review week			

Each quarter lasts approximately 12 weeks, with a one-week gap to review evaluations before the next group begins. Start dates have moved from the 1st of the month to the 7th, except for Winter, which still begins on January 2 following the holiday.

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Four Quarters with 1 Review Week

Quarter	Application Deadline	Background Test & Fee Deadline	Chaplain Assignment	Unit Start	Unit End (Evaluations Due)	Review Week
Winter	Dec 4, 2025	Dec 15, 2025	Dec 23, 2025	Jan 2, 2026	Mar 24, 2026	Mar 25-31, 2026
Spring	Mar 3, 2026	Mar 13, 2026	Mar 24, 2026	Apr 7, 2026	June 23, 2026	June 24-30, 2026
Summer	June 2, 2026	June 12, 2026	June 23, 2026	July 7, 2026	Sep 22, 2026	Sep 23-30, 2026
Fall	Sep 2, 2026	Sep 12, 2026	Sep 23, 2026	Oct 7, 2026	Dec 22, 2026	Dec 23-31, 2026