

Why Choose APC?

For more than 75 years, the Association of Professional Chaplains (APC) has been a leader in the spiritual care field.

Membership Benefits

Members of APC receive exclusive annual benefits, including:

- Member-rate BCCI/Maintenance of Certification Fees
- Free access to professional, peer-reviewed journals
- Tools for implementing effective spiritual care programs in the workplace
- Events like Online Continuing Educational Courses and Webinars
- Welcome attendance to the APC Annual Meeting during the annual conference
- And more!

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Our Mission

The Association of Professional Chaplains promotes quality chaplaincy care through advocacy, education, professional standards, and service to its members.

Our Vision

- Strengthen the multifaith and multicultural professional competency of chaplains.
- Empower chaplains to demonstrate quality outcomes to those whom they serve.
- Demonstrate the distinctive value of professional chaplaincy, which can be understood by external stakeholders.
- Collaborate with accrediting and hiring institutions, as well as other organizations with which we have a common interest, in order to promote professional chaplaincy.

Our Values

- Dignity and worth of all persons.
- Faith as an essential dimension of wholeness.
- Chaplaincy care of persons, communities, organizations, and systems.
- Inclusivity and diversity.
- Justice and equality for all.
- Professional competency and ethical practice.

Why Choose BCCI?

The unique board certification process that only our chaplains go through is both rigorous and prestigious. APC's affiliate, the Board Certification of Chaplaincy, Inc. (BCCI), requires demonstration of 29 competencies through written essays, presented before a committee of their peers.

Presently, chaplains seeking certification with BCCI must have an advanced education, including a Master's degree of at least 72 credit hours in theology, counseling, or philosophy, four units of Clinical Pastoral Education from an ACPE-accredited program (the equivalent of a year of residency), endorsement by a spiritual/faith group recognized with BCCI or the Department of Defense, and 2,000 hours of supervised on-the-job experience (hours begin to accrue at the completion of the fourth unit of Clinical Pastoral Education).

Every profession has a pinnacle to strive for, and in chaplaincy, the credentials of BCC are the highest level professional stature one can earn. BCCI certified chaplains have unmatched education, training, and experience—making them leaders in the field.

Please visit the BCCI website for further details on the requirements to become an Associate or Board Certified Chaplain—or to learn about Advanced Certification programs.



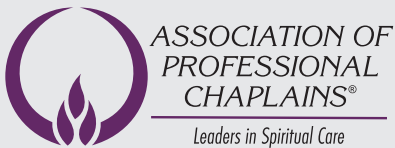
www.apchaplains.org/bcci-site/



Join Today

Join our more than 5,000 member chaplains and affiliates to experience the exclusive networking, resources, collegiality, and educational opportunities available to APC members!

Certification is conducted through APC's affiliate, the Board of Chaplaincy Certification, Inc. (BCCI). APC members receive discounted BCCI application and maintenance of certification fees.



About Us

The Association of Professional Chap-

lains (APC) is a national not-for-profit 501(c)(3) professional association that promotes quality chaplaincy care through advocacy, education, professional standards, and service to its interfaith members who work in healthcare facilities, correctional institutions, long-term care units, rehabilitation centers, hospice, the military, sports, and other specialized settings.



APC's affiliate program, the Board of Chap-

laincy Certification, Inc. (BCCI), is designed to elevate the profession's standards, enhance individual performance, and designate professional chaplains who demonstrate the knowledge essential to the practice of chaplaincy care.



"My membership in APC and certification with BCCI are invaluable to me. They represent the latest and greatest of education, research, and standards in chaplaincy. This membership and certification say to other professionals that chaplains do hard work to do the ministry we offer in our various settings."

– Chaplain Darryl Owens,
BCC Chapel Hill, NC



Are you ready to be a leader in spiritual care?