

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Veterans Health Administration
Washington DC 20420

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The Board of the Association of Certified Christian Chaplains
1600 East 14th Street
Sedalia, MO 65301

Dear Board of the Association of Certified Christian Chaplains,

Thank you for the information which was submitted to demonstrate how the Association of Certified Christian Chaplains is fully utilizing the 31 Common Qualifications and Competencies found in the BCCI Competency Essay Writing Guide.

The National VA Chaplain Service thoroughly reviewed all the information which you have submitted and discussed the reviewed assessment with VHA Workforce Management and Consulting.

We are pleased to announce to you that we clearly believe that the Association of Certified Christian Chaplain is fully utilizing the 31 Common Qualifications and Competencies found in the BCCI Competency Essay Writing Guide. Thus, VA will now officially recognize the Association of Certified Christian Chaplains as a Board Chaplain Certifying Body.

Please note that while Board Chaplain Certification from the Association of Certified Christian Chaplains will now be recognized for employment as a VA Chaplain, chaplains must also meet the following requirements for employment as a VA Chaplain:

1. U.S. Citizenship
2. Master of Divinity or Equivalent
3. 4 Units of Department of Education Accredited Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)
4. Ecclesiastical Endorsement

Thank you for your devoted commitment to the professionalism of clinical chaplaincy. If we can be of further assistance, please contact the National VA Chaplain Service at VANationalChaplainStaff@va.gov.

Sincerely,

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