



FRONT PORCH CHAT

Hello there. My name is Chaplain Jana Troutman-Miller and I am the Chair for the BCCI Commission on Certification.

On behalf of the APC Board of Directors, the APC Standards Committee and the BCCI Commission on Certification I am excited to announce the updated 2017 Common Qualifications and Competencies for Professional Chaplains.

As you may already be aware, in 2004 the APC came together with colleagues from the 5 other Spiritual Care Cognate Groups to create what we have known as the Common Standards for Professional Chaplaincy and as part of those standards was the 29 competencies.

Over the last year these same organizations came back together to reevaluate the common standards that we share in order to lead the profession and ensure that Board and Associate Certified Chaplains continue to represent the best of what it means to be a professional chaplain.

From these meetings came the reaffirmation of these qualifications and some much needed changes and updates to the 29 and now 31 competencies.

Details about these changes and updates can be found in our webinar entitled “2017 Common Qualifications and Competencies for Professional Chaplains.” Links to this webinar and other additional resources can be found at the end of this video and will be sent to our members via email and can be found on the APC website.

It is important that all of our members have a clear understanding of these changes.

We are all ambassadors for professional chaplaincy.

Knowing what the current qualifications and competencies are for board and associate certification will equip us all in spreading the word about the importance of hiring and maintaining certified chaplains.

And we rely on all our members to have the most up-to-date information about certification requirements, especially if you are mentoring someone seeking certification, or sitting on a certification committee.



We need you to have a clear understanding of what is required for board and associate certification.

So please, be looking for emails and other information on the 2017 Qualifications and Competencies and share this information with your fellow chaplains and anyone who might be seeking certification.

We need all of our members to help us get the word out.

In closing, I want to share a quote with you that has inspired me and I think inspires us all to do what we do.

"We are called not to see through each other, but to see each other through."

It is APC's and BCCI's hope that these updates to our Common Qualifications and Competencies will help us all be even more equipped and empowered as professional chaplains in seeing each other through the journeys that we find ourselves on as caregivers and as colleagues.

Thank you all for watching and blessings on your journey.