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Understanding the Open Certification Application Process and Quarterly Certification Interview Options

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During 2008 and through the Spiritual Care Summit in Orlando in early February, APC granted certification to approximately 245 people. That is a remarkable statistic! Of that group, 26 were certified during the two days prior to the conference, signifying the inauguration of the open application process. That is a landmark change in the way the association has managed its certification process.

Ewa Aksamit, certification coordinator, has been receiving applications since early fall. Those whose applications were complete and were not interviewed in Orlando will be eligible for interview during the next interview dates, May 10-16, 2009. Five areas will hold interviews - [Areas 1, 4, 7, 9, and 13](#) - during those nine days, giving us coast-to-coast coverage. Committee chairs, formerly known as "conveners," have already begun to be selected, and they have begun to select other committee members, including presenters. The cutoff date to be included in the May interviews for candidates who have complete applications is March 9, 2009. Anyone whose completed application arrives in the Schaumburg office after March 9th will be eligible for interview in the next round – August 16-22, 2009.

At the same time, there may be candidates eligible for interview in May who are from areas other than those holding interviews. Should they wish to be interviewed in May, they will be offered that opportunity in an area other than the one in which they reside. On the other hand, they may choose to wait until another date when their own area is holding interviews.

Additional information on the [certification process](#) is available in the [Certification](#) section of the APC Web site.

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