The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc.

Through our collective vision and mission, we have created THE Gold Standard for clinical pastoral education and chaplaincy certification. Our standard is internationally recognized by chaplains, institutions, administrators and other disciplines.

It is our desire to see all chaplains become trained by clinical pastoral education that is accredited and recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and to become certified by the highest professional standards. These standards are continually improved by exploring areas of common interest, including consistency in teaching as well as with a parallel process of certification of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education supervisors and board certification.

As more and more chaplains become certified by our organizations and seek to grow in their practice, and the quality and depth of research grows to help advance our practices, the standards will be elevated even higher. We are committed to keep raising the bar to meet the needs of chaplaincy care today and into the future. In a changing world, caring for the spirit is a profound responsibility. We take it seriously. Our strong Common Standards for Professional Chaplaincy prove it.