Spiritual Care Encounter Cover Sheet (131.2g4)

Date of Spiritual Care Encounter: ________________________

Spiritual Care Encounter Instructions:
Attach this form to the front of the written description of your spiritual care encounter.

- Your Spiritual Care Encounter narrative should be at least five (5) pages but not more than ten (10) pages.
- One (1) dated written description is required. It should be from the Applicant’s current ministry setting within one (1) year of application submission. The encounter will demonstrate the Applicant’s current level of functioning.
- The written description is a narration that demonstrates the Applicant’s competency rather than what the Applicant learned through the encounter.
- Each written description must demonstrate, at minimum, these three competencies:
  - ITP2 – Incorporate a working knowledge of psychological and sociological disciplines and religious beliefs and practices in the provision of pastoral care. A descriptive reflection and analysis should be used to demonstrate this.
  - PPS10 – Formulate and utilize spiritual assessments, interventions, outcomes and care plans in order to contribute effectively to the well-being of the person receiving care. Spiritual assessment model(s) utilized within the encounter should be included to demonstrate this competency.
  - PPS11 – Document one’s contribution of care effectively in the appropriate records. At the end of the written description, provide an example of spiritual care documentation to demonstrate this competency. A copy of an electronic record with all of the identifying information removed may be included OR an example of spiritual care communication deemed appropriate within the Applicant’s setting. Please be mindful of HIPAA regulations. Applications sent with HIPAA violations will be reported, as required by law.
- Other Competencies may also be demonstrated in the written description of your spiritual care encounter as long as they are clearly identified in the analysis. For example: To address PPS5, the narrative would include spiritual care to a grieving person and the narrative analysis would identify how the spiritual intervention provided effective support. PPS5 would be identified clearly in both the encounter and your theological reflection.
- The Applicant is encouraged to consult with a mentor before submission of the Spiritual Care Encounter.

Format of Written Spiritual Care Encounter:

Part 1. Context of Encounter:  What did you know about the situation? What were your personal observations?
Part 2. Narrative of Encounter:  Include verbatim content of the encounter: i.e. word-for-word. Also clearly identify where you met the demonstrated competencies.
Part 3. Spiritual Assessment (PPS10):  Describe the spiritual assessment model(s) you used within the encounter.
Part 4: Analysis of Spiritual Care Encounter (ITP2):  Clearly identify how you demonstrated this competency. Include your self-evaluation of the encounter, your theological reflection on the encounter and identified ethical considerations applicable to the encounter.
Part 5: Documentation (PPS11):  Include your spiritual care documentation of the encounter.
HIPAA Regulations

A requirement of the Spiritual Care Provision Cover Sheet is to demonstrate PPS11: Document One’s Contribution of Care Effectively in the Appropriate Records. The cover sheet indicates that the Applicant should provide an example of spiritual care documentation. This may be a copy of an electronic record with all of the identifying information removed OR it may be spiritual care communication deemed appropriate by the Applicant’s setting. NACC certification interview teams use this information to determine if the Applicant meets the Competency.

Eliminate all identifiers of the individual, their relatives, employers and/or household members from all application documents.

18 identifiers that NACC uses to check for HIPAA violations are:

1. Names (Both first and last).
2. All geographic subdivisions smaller than a state, including a street address, city, county, precinct, zip code, and their equivalent geocodes, except for the initial three digits of a zip code if, according to the current publicly available data from the Bureau of Census, (1) the geographic unit formed by combining all zip codes with the same initial digits contains more than 20,000 people, and (2) the initial three digits of a zip code for all such geographic units containing 20,000 or fewer people are changed to 000.
3. All elements of dates (except year) for dates directly related to an individual, including birth date, admission date, discharge date and date of death; and all ages over 89 and all elements of date (including year) indicative of such age, except that such ages and elements may be aggregated into a single category of age 90 or over.”
4. Telephone numbers.
5. Fax numbers.
6. E-mail addresses.
7. Social Security numbers.
8. Medical record numbers.
9. Health plan beneficiary numbers.
10. Account numbers.
12. Vehicle identifiers and serial numbers, including license plate numbers.
15. Internet Protocol addresses.
16. Biometric identifiers, including finger and voice prints.
17. Full-face photographic images and any comparable images.
18. Any other unique identifying number, characteristic or code (This would include a patient identifying number).

It is important that all of the listed identifiers be removed, and that no parts or derivatives of any of the aforementioned identifiers be included in any of the certification application documents submitted to NACC. Applications sent with HIPAA violations will be reported, as required by law.