Policy Regarding Accepted CPE for NACC Certification

Our goal is to ensure that candidates for NACC Certification have successfully navigated rigorous, high-quality CPE programs that are accredited by a US Department of Education recognized accreditor in the field of clinical pastoral education.

As ACPE is the only US Department of Education recognized accreditor of programs of clinical pastoral education centers and Certified Educator CPE programs, the NACC Certification Program requires candidates for Board Certified Chaplains to have successfully completed a minimum of 4 units of ACPE Certified CPE and candidates for Certified Associate Chaplains to have successfully completed a minimum 2 units of ACPE Certified CPE to enter the certification process.

A candidate for certification may apply for an equivalency for 1 unit of CPE successfully completed in a non-ACPE accredited program. For consideration, the candidate must submit the appropriate Clinical Pastoral Education Equivalency Worksheet along with the appropriate fee.