

A complete list of Ecclesiastical Organizations that the Department of Veterans Affairs recognizes as Ecclesiastical Endorsing Organizations is available here:

https://www.patientcare.va.gov/chaplain/Ecclesiastical_Endorsement.asp

Board Chaplain Certifying Bodies – Needed for GS-11 Chaplain and Above:

1. Association of Certified Christian Chaplains (ACCC) - www.certifiedchaplains.org/
2. Association of Professional Chaplains® (APC®) - www.professionalchaplains.org
3. National Association of Catholic Chaplains (NACC) - www.nacc.org
4. Neshama Association of Jewish Chaplains (NAJC) - www.najc.org
5. National Association of Veterans Affairs Chaplains (NAVAC) - <https://www.navac.net/>
6. Spiritual Care Association (SCA) – www.spiritualcareassociation.org/

Accepted Specialty Certifications from BCC Bodies (above) Required for GS-12 Chaplain

Association of Certified Christian Chaplains (ACCC):

1. Grief Recovery Method Specialist: [ACCC Grief Support Specialization – A
society of Certified Christian Chaplains \(certifiedchaplains.org\)](http://www.certifiedchaplains.org)

Association of Professional Chaplains (APC):

1. Palliative Care & Hospice:
<https://bcciprofessionalchaplains.org/content.asp?admin=Y&pl=42&sl=42&contentid=45>

National Association of Catholic Chaplains (NACC):

1. Palliative Care & Hospice:
[Palliative Care and Hospice Advanced Certification \(PCHAC\) - The National
Association of Catholic Chaplains \(nacc.org\)](http://www.nacc.org)

National Association of Veterans Affairs Chaplains (NAVAC):

<https://www.navac.net/competencies>

1. Hospice & Palliative Care
2. Drug & Alcohol Addiction
3. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
4. Mental Health
5. Moral Injury
6. Suicide Prevention

Spiritual Care Association (SCA):

1. Hospice & Palliative Care:
[Hospice and Palliative Care Specialty Certification \(APBCC-HPC\) \(spiritualcareassociation.org\)](http://www.spiritualcareassociation.org)

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