

## CPSP Statement on the use of the BCCI® Common Qualifications and Competencies for Professional Chaplaincy

**Summary:** The College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy is a nationally recognized certification body that utilizes the BCCI® Common Qualifications and Competencies for Professional Chaplaincy. The attached crosswalk is provided to assist CPSP membership in understanding chaplain professional certification within the CPSP as part of the broader community of professional chaplain certifying organizations, and individuals seeking certification will find the BCCI® Competency Essay Writing Guide helpful.

**Background:** The College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy has been an actively participating chaplain organization in the cognate groups that began meeting in 2009 to develop the Common Qualifications for Professional Chaplaincy Standards. As a leader in chaplain clinical training and chaplain qualifications for over 30 years, as well as being a nationally recognized chaplaincy organization and member of The COMISS Network: The Network on Ministry in Specialized Settings, CPSP leadership has continued to ensure that CPSP uses the 31 common standards as a minimum benchmark for certifying chaplains and diplomates.

In 2021, in response to requests from members, CPSP leadership commissioned a group of CPSP Diplomates, Endorsers Conference for VA Chaplains members and current Department of Veterans Affairs Chaplains to come together and complete an extensive and intensive review of CPSP certifications to ensure that continued use of the BCCI® Common Qualifications for Professional Chaplaincy is consistent with both past and continuing practices. That review, completed in 2022, resulted in the attached crosswalk, designed to assist the CPSP certifying bodies in ensuring continuing fidelity to the BCCI® minimum Common Qualifications for Professional Chaplaincy.

The College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy provides, as of 2022, the following Board Certifications and Specialty Certifications:

**Board Certifications:**

- Board Certified Clinical Chaplain
- Board Certified Pastoral Counselor

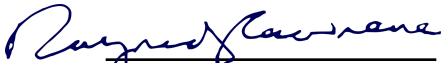
**Advance Practice / Specialty Certifications:**

- Hospice and Palliative Care
- Substance Use and Addiction
- Board Certified Diplomate in Pastoral Supervision
- Board Certified Diplomate in Pastoral Psychotherapy
- Board Certified Diplomate in Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy

Additional information about the CPSP Governing Structure and Key Documents, including *By-laws*, *Standards*, *Code of Professional Ethics*, and regarding Board Certification can be found at: <https://www.cpsp.org/key-documents>

The CPSP Certification Standards and BCCI® Crosswalk demonstrates, as does our diverse, large and professional membership, the high standards and accountability that CPSP certifications have always and continue to represent.

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