

Step 1 - Selecting Your Application Path

To begin, click on the orange “Select a Pathway” button

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Pathway	Equivalency Requested
Required	

 **Select a Pathway** ...

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Click the drop-down menu(1) and select the certification type that you're applying for, then click the "Next" button (2).

Application Pathway: Select Pathway: Certification Desired

Your response to the following questions will dictate the application requirements.

Certification Desired

Equivalency >

The application requirements vary based on the selected application pathway:

- **Board Certified Chaplain (BCC)**
 - Minimum of 4 CPE Units
 - Minimum of 72 graduate semester hours
 - 2,000 employer-verified work experience hours
- **Provisional Board Certified Chaplain (PBCC)**
 - Minimum of 4 CPE Units
 - Minimum of 72 graduate semester hours
- **Associate Certified Chaplain (ACC)**
 - Minimum of 2 CPE Units
 - Minimum of 48 graduate semester hours
 - 2,000 employer-verified work experience hours
- **Provisional Associate Certified Chaplain (PACC)**
 - Minimum of 2 CPE Units
 - Minimum of 48 graduate semester hours

Please choose your application pathway from the list below, then click the Next button.*:

Select Application Pathway

- Board Certified Chaplain (BCC)
- Provisional Board Certified Chaplain (PBCC)
- Associate Certified Chaplain (ACC)
- Provisional Associate Certified Chaplain (PACC)

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Cancel Confirm Pathway

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If you wish to request an Equivalency, select “yes” from the drop-down menu (1), otherwise, select “no” and click the “Confirm Pathway” button (2) to move on to the next step.

Application Pathway: Select Pathway: Equivalency

Your response to the following questions will dictate the application requirements.

Certification Desired

Equivalency

An "equivalency" indicates a form of education or training that varies from the usual route but complies with national standards established by APC. It enables an individual to qualify for board certified chaplain, provisional certified chaplain or associate certified chaplain status through BCCI. Standards regarding theological education, clinical pastoral education training, and/or work experience as a chaplain, are very specific. Competence in these areas is required.

If you do not possess the minimum requirements for any of the following areas, you may request Equivalency and submit alternate documentation for BCCI review.

- Education: Qualifying Graduate Degree
- Education: Required Graduate Semester Hours
- Education: Professional Competency Courses
- Work Experience **this is not required for Provisional Certification*

Equivalency requests must be approved by BCCI before the Chaplaincy Certification application is eligible for submission. The Equivalency review process takes several months to complete. It is strongly recommended that you submit all Equivalency materials at least 180 days before the Certification Committee Interview Registration Deadline.

Do you wish to request Equivalency for the Education, Work Experience, or CPE Units?*

Select Equivalency Request

Yes

No

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Confirm Pathway