



# International Fellowship of Chaplains

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## Advanced Chaplain Certification Program

### Tier 1

**Vision:** To equip current I.F.O.C. Chaplains with Advanced Training and expand opportunities for service by increasing knowledge and opening more doors for engagement.

### **Required Skill Sets (see sections on page 2 for classes that meet each skill set requirements):**

Crisis Intervention  
Advanced Crisis Intervention / Strategic Planning  
Advanced I.F.O.C. Chaplain Classes  
Grief & Trauma (Manna U course covers this skill set)  
Spirituality & Resilience (Manna U course covers this skill set)  
Supervised Chaplain Experience

Applicants must fulfill the required number of Contact Hours (CH) for each category from the listed classes. The CH requirement can be met with one class or any combination of the listed classes in that category.

### **Acronyms:**

- ICISF: International Critical Incident Stress Foundation [www.icisf.org](http://www.icisf.org)
- CRC: Crisis Response Care [www.crisisresponse.org](http://www.crisisresponse.org)
- I.F.O.C.: International Fellowship of Chaplains
- FEMA: Federal Emergency Management Agency
- SPRC: Suicide Prevention Resource Center [www.sprc.org](http://www.sprc.org)
- Manna: Manna University [www.manna.edu](http://www.manna.edu)

### **Additional Requirements:**

- 50 hours of Chaplain experience with written review from direct supervisor(s). A direct supervisor is either the Chaplain's Corps Commander, or an agency representative that oversees the Chaplain at the agency/organization where they volunteer/work as a Chaplain.

Following completion of training and experience requirements, I.F.O.C. Chaplains will be awarded Advanced Chaplain credentials.

This is a 3-year credential with I.F.O.C. Advanced Chaplains will receive a unique ID card indicating they are an I.F.O.C. Advanced Chaplain. There is an initial \$100 fee for the credentials. Advanced Chaplain standing is renewable every 3 years for \$100 with completion of 14 hours of Continuing Education in content relevant to Chaplaincy over the 3-year period. Chaplains will be able to choose where to receive their continuing education. The certificate they are awarded must relate to Chaplaincy, a topic that is relevant to their area of Chaplaincy, or a skill that will enhance their Chaplaincy. The certificate must include the agency, list the contact hours for the course, and must have a representative's signature from the training agency to count toward renewal.

Manna University has combined their CAC credential with the required Advanced Chaplain course (item 4). Upon credentialing as an Advanced Chaplain with I.F.O.C., Chaplains will automatically receive the CAC Credential from Manna.



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## APPLICATION

### Advanced Chaplain Certification Program – Tier 1

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#### Section 1- PERSONAL DATA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Secondary

I.F.O.C. Chaplain ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

#### Section 2- Skill Set Requirements (each skillset category must be met)

✓ Check off that the Certificates for the courses listed below & forms are attached.

#### 1) Crisis Intervention (both are required, 28CH)

- a) \_\_\_\_ Assisting Individuals in Crisis (ICISF, 14CH) **and**,
- b) \_\_\_\_ Group Crisis Intervention (ICISF, 14CH)

#### 2) Advanced Crisis Intervention / Strategic Planning (14 CH required)

- a) \_\_\_\_ Advanced Assisting Individuals in Crisis (ICISF, 14CH)
- b) \_\_\_\_ Advanced Group Crisis Intervention (ICISF, 14CH)
- c) \_\_\_\_ Strategic Response to Crisis (ICISF, 14CH)
- d) \_\_\_\_ C-CISM Certification (ICISF – University of Baltimore, 14CH)
- e) \_\_\_\_ Effective Tools for Prevention, Intervention, and Survivor Support (ICISF, 14CH)
- f) \_\_\_\_ Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention (ICISF, 14CH)
- g) \_\_\_\_ Strategic Planning & Implementation (CRC, 14CH)
- h) \_\_\_\_ ICS 300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents (FEMA, 14CH)
- i) \_\_\_\_ ICS 400 Advanced ICS (FEMA, 14CH)
- j) \_\_\_\_ Assist Suicide Intervention (SPRC, 14CH)
- k) \_\_\_\_ Peer Para-Counseling (IFOC, 14CH)

#### 3) \_\_\_\_ I.F.O.C. Advanced Chaplain Class (1 Class) (any advanced class or conference offered on [www.ifoc.org](http://www.ifoc.org))

#### 4) \_\_\_\_ Manna University CAC Class (CED 491 Certified Advanced Chaplaincy)

#### 5) \_\_\_\_ Supervisor Assessment form is attached



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## Section 3- PAYMENT INFORMATION

**Application Fee:** \$100.00. Please do not send cash.

\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ MC \_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_ AMEX \_\_\_ Check or Money Order # \_\_\_\_\_

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Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV# \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby state that all the information contained herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge and I take full responsibility for the correctness of the information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## APPLICATION

### Advanced Chaplain Specialties Program – Tier 2

(Optional – In addition to Tier 1 – Advanced Chaplains can apply for specialties at any time without additional cost)

### Section 1- PERSONAL DATA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip Code  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Secondary  
I.F.O.C. Chaplain ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

### Section 2- NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Narrative Statement written by the Advanced Chaplain applicant explaining why each Specialty is chosen.

### Section 3- CERTIFICATE / ID CHECKLIST

✓ *Check off that the Certificates for the courses listed below & letter are attached.*

#### DR (Disaster Response) Chaplain: 6 courses required

- 1) \_\_\_ ICS 100- Introduction to Incident Command System (FEMA)
- 2) \_\_\_ ICS 200- Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response (FEMA)
- 3) \_\_\_ IS 700- Introduction to the National Incident Management System/NIMS (FEMA)
- 4) \_\_\_ IS 800- National Response Framework, An Introduction (FEMA)
- 5) \_\_\_ Emotional and Spiritual Care in Disasters (ICISF)
- 6) \_\_\_ Strategic Response to Crisis (ICISF)

#### Community Chaplain: 4 of 6 Courses

- 1) \_\_\_ Mental Health First Aid (Mental Health Association)
- 2) \_\_\_ Crisis Care in Diversity (CRC)
- 3) \_\_\_ Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention (ICISF)
- 4) \_\_\_ Trauma Impact on the Family (CRC)
- 5) \_\_\_ CISM Application with Children (ICISF or CRC)
- 6) \_\_\_ Managing School Crisis (ICISF or CRC)

#### First Responder: Item 1 is required, + 3 of 5 Courses ( Items 2-6)

- 1) \_\_\_ Certificate of Completion of a Citizens Police, Fire, or Sheriff's Academy  
Or: \_\_\_ letter from dept. Chief stating applicant has the training equivalency of a citizen's academy if one was offered.  
Or: \_\_\_ professional identification of Active First Responder  
Or: \_\_\_ professional identification of Retired First Responder
- 2) \_\_\_ Line of Duty Death: Preparing the Best for the Worst (ICISF or CRC)
- 3) \_\_\_ Stress Management for the Trauma Service Provider (ICISF)
- 4) \_\_\_ Suicide Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention (ICISF) or Effective Tools for Prevention, Intervention, and Survivor Support (ICISF)
- 5) \_\_\_ Understanding Uniformed Services Family Stress (ICISF)
- 6) \_\_\_ Moral Injury (CRC)



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### **School Chaplaincy:** Items 1-5 are required, + 1 of 3 Courses (Items 6-8)

- 1) \_\_\_ I.F.O.C.'s School Chaplaincy Training Class
- 2) \_\_\_ I.F.O.C.'s Talking to Children About Death & Dying Training Class
- 3) \_\_\_ Stop The Bleed (<https://www.stopthebleed.org/training/online-course/>)
- 4) \_\_\_ Behavioral Threat Assessment Prerequisite (<https://sslp.txssc.txstate.edu/>)
- 5) \_\_\_ Active Shooter ALICE (<https://www.alicetraining.com/training-options/individual-certification/>)
- 6) \_\_\_ Managing School Crisis: From Theory to Application (ICISF)
- 7) \_\_\_ Suicide Prevention, Intervention, & Postvention (ICISF)
- 8) \_\_\_ CISM Applications with Children (ICISF)

### **Church Chaplaincy:** Item 1 is required, + 3 of the others listed (Items 2-7)

- 1) \_\_\_ I.F.O.C.'s Church Chaplaincy Training Class
- 2) \_\_\_ Pastoral Crisis Intervention ICISF (I, II, or Fundamentals)
- 3) \_\_\_ Grief Following Trauma ICISF
- 4) \_\_\_ Cultural and Religious Diversity ICISF
- 5) \_\_\_ Peer Para-Counseling ICISF
- 6) \_\_\_ Stephens Ministry Leader Training
- 7) \_\_\_ Bachelor or higher degree in Christian religious studies from an accredited university

# Supervisor assessment of Chaplain core competencies

*A candidate for certification will demonstrate competency in the following standards, as observed by the supervisor in an active service setting.*

Applicant name \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor name \_\_\_\_\_

	STANDARD	Thoroughly & consistently meets standard (4)	Meets standard most of the time (3)	Sometimes meets standard (2)	Rarely meets standard (1)	Not applicable/ not observed	Explanation or clarification
<b><i>Functional:</i></b>							
1.	Effectively establish, maintain, and conclude empathic encounters with care recipients						
2.	Triage and manage crisis situations calmly and efficiently						
3.	Enable catharsis and reflection in care recipients						
4.	Collect and assess relevant information regarding care recipients' spiritual/religious needs and support systems						
5.	Coordinate with clergy/faith group to access religious/spiritual resources, materials, and services for care recipients						
6.	Facilitate group processes such as family meetings, crisis debriefings, or support groups						
<b><i>Philosophical:</i></b>							
7.	Advocate for and contribute to the well-being and best interests of care recipients						
8.	Respect the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual boundaries of care recipients						

## Supervisor assessment of Chaplain core competencies

9.	Honor differences in abilities, beliefs, cultures, or identities without judgement						
10.	Exhibit proper handling of power dynamics in the role of spiritual care provider						
<b><i>Environmental:</i></b>							
11.	Present oneself appropriately for the setting, including availability, attire, and grooming						
12.	Function within the guidelines of the host organization's culture, systems, values, and mission						
13.	Maintain proper boundaries and working relationships among key team members						
<b><i>Technical:</i></b>							
14.	Accomplish tasks independently with minimal instruction or monitoring						
15.	Protect the privacy and confidentiality of care recipients, within the limits of federal and state laws and regulations						
16.	Communicate effectively verbally and, if needed, in writing						
17.	Act in accordance with the Code of Ethics						
<b><i>Personal:</i></b>							
18.	Confidently serve without excessive need for recognition or affirmation						

## Supervisor assessment of Chaplain core competencies

19.	Demonstrate self-awareness of one’s own strengths and limitations						
20.	Set aside personal beliefs, attitudes, and values that may conflict with those of others						
21.	Practice healthy self-care by attending to one’s own physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being						
22.	Engage in ongoing personal development and continuing education						
<b>TOTALS</b>							

Supervisor  
comments  
(Required)

**CHECK ONE:** Based on my observation of this applicant in an active service setting, **I do [ ]** **I do not [ ]** support their credentialing.

Supervisor signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Agency, Department, or Corps Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_