



# Ecclesiastical Endorsement for Professional Organizations\*

Basic requirements include:

- Ordained ministerial standing or a commission in the United Church of Christ
- Bachelor's degree or its equivalent
- Master of Divinity degree, or its equivalent, from an accredited seminary for ordained. Master's degree in an appropriate field of study from an accredited university for commissioned.
- One quarter of clinical pastoral education
- Three years' experience in the practice of ministry
- Perceived gifts in the ministry of pastoral care and counseling

Additional information is available in the United Church of Christ Manual on Ministry, Section 9, available online at [www.ucc.org/ministers/manual](http://www.ucc.org/ministers/manual). A paper copy is available from United Church of Christ Resources at: 800-537-3394.

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\*Examples: APC, ACPE, AAPC, ACCA, ICPC, NIBIC