



United Pentecostal Church International Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Chaplaincy

Military Chaplain Candidate Endorsement Requirements and Responsibilities

Endorsement Requirements

- Agree with and practice the UPCI's Articles of Faith.
- Undergraduate degree of 120 semester hours from an accredited institution.
- Full-time graduate student (or have letter of acceptance) at an accredited seminary or graduate school (non-resident programs are acceptable).
- Take the required four doctrinal courses at Urshan Graduate School of Theology (UGST) if attending a seminary or graduate theological school other than UGST (See *UPCI Endorsed Chaplains*: <https://ugst.edu/academics/degree-programs/certificate-programs/>).
- Provide a personal testimony/philosophy of ministry statement to the UPCI Military Chaplaincy Endorsing Agent.
- Letter of approval from the UPCI district superintendent and local sponsoring church pastor. (Non-UPCI candidates will provide a letter of approval from their ordaining bishop or superintendent and their local pastor).
- Familiar with the provisions of the UPCI Manual relating to ministerial licensing in Article VII and with the provisions for military chaplaincy in Article IX, Section 2 paragraph, and OEE Policies, Section 9 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Chaplaincy Policies.
- Signed statement of affirmation concerning UPCI endorsed military chaplain candidate program requirements and responsibilities.
- Apply for ecclesiastical endorsement for the military chaplain candidate program through the UPCI Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Chaplaincy (DMAVAC). Contact the UPCI DMAVAC for an application at **636-229-7959** or **rrobinson@upci.org**.
- Successful interview with the UPCI DMAVAC in Weldon Spring, MO. It is strongly recommended that the candidate's spouse also meet with the UPCI DMAVAC for this interview.
- Letter of endorsement for the military chaplain candidate program from the UPCI DMAVAC Military Chaplaincy Endorsing Agent.

Endorsement Responsibilities

- UPCI endorsed chaplain candidates will operate under the jurisdiction of the Office of Education and Endorsement through the UPCI Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Chaplaincy (DMAVAC).
- Support and advance the strategic plan goals, objectives, and initiatives of the UPCI DMAVAC.
- Provide current contact information, updated status changes, and routine communications (i.e. quarterly ministry reports, annual evaluation report, etc. per the DMAVAC prescribed reporting format) to the UPCI DMAVAC, 36 Research Park Court, Weldon Spring, MO 63304.

- Be a UPCI endorsed military chaplain candidate of honor and nothing negative should be said about chaplain candidates or chaplains of other faiths or about other denominations.
- UPCI endorsed military chaplain candidates will participate in the UPCI DMAVAC's chaplain candidate mentorship program.
- UPCI endorsed military chaplain candidates will pay their tithes from any military pay received from duties performed as a chaplain candidate to the Office of Education and Endorsement, with a percentage to be given back to the chaplain candidate only for current-year General Conference expense.
- UPCI endorsed military chaplain candidates are invited to attend the UPCI DMAVAC's Chaplain Huddles as well as the General Conference of the United Pentecostal Church International for educational and training purposes.
- UPCI endorsed military chaplain candidates are responsible to the local church or district where they are stationed.
- Attend a local church whenever possible and always work in harmony with the district superintendent.
- Attend UPCI district functions only as these do not interfere with their responsibilities in the chaplain candidate program.

I _____ hereby have carefully read the above article and

PRINT NAME

agree to fulfill my requirements to The Department of Military and Veterans Chaplaincy, UPCI to the best of my ability.

SIGNATURE

DATE