

UPCI 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) or complete UPCI Ministry Central reading requirements, if attending a seminary or graduate theological school other than UGST.
- Letter of approval from your local sponsoring pastor.
- Letter of approval from your district superintendent.
- Provide a personal testimony/philosophy of ministry statement to the UPCI Military Chaplaincy Endorsing Agent.
- 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, Sections 2 and 5, and OEE Policies, Section 8 Military 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 Chaplaincy. Contact the UPCI Department of Military Chaplaincy for an application at **636-229-7959** or **rrobinson@upci.org**.
- Successful interview with the UPCI Department of Chaplaincy in Weldon Spring, MO. It is strongly recommended that the candidate's spouse also meet with the Department of Chaplaincy for this interview.
- Letter of endorsement for the military chaplain candidate program from the UPCI Department of Military Chaplaincy Endorsing Agent.

Endorsement Responsibilities

- UPCI-endorsed chaplain candidates will operate under the supervision of the Office of Education and Endorsement through the UPCI Department of Military Chaplaincy.
- Support and advance the strategic plan goals, objectives, and initiatives of the UPCI Department of Military Chaplaincy.
- Provide current contact information, updated status changes, and routine communications (i.e. quarterly ministry reports, annual evaluation report, etc.) to the UPCI Department of Military Chaplaincy, 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 Department of Military Chaplaincy'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 Department of Military Chaplaincy'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 Chaplaincy, UPCI to the best of my ability.

SIGNATURE

DATE