



Chaplaincy Ministry within Agencies of New York State

Have you ever considered using your gifts of ministry to bring the message of God's love to people in New York State Correctional, Childrens and Family Services, and Mental Health Facilities? Chaplaincy ministry provides an opportunity to bring hope to those cut off from family, community, church and the opportunities of daily life.

The Council is looking for highly qualified individuals for an increasing number of vacancies in our state institutions. Applicants should have the following qualifications, qualities and experiences:

1. Full Ordination and good standing in a recognized denomination.
2. Three years of parish ministry experience in an ordained capacity
3. A Bachelors degree plus a Master of Divinity degree or 96 hours of graduate theological training.
4. One unit of CPE
5. A compassionate person with a good sense of boundaries and an ability to work in complex organizational settings.
6. Ability to work in a caring and respectful way with people of many different faiths or no faith.
7. Excellent writing and speaking abilities.
8. Willingness to move to different locations of the state as assigned.

Pay and benefits are generous.

The New York State Council of Churches has been the certifying body for Protestant Chaplains in New York State facilities for many years. We have Certification Committees located in different areas of the state for the purpose of interviewing candidates for Certification for Chaplaincy Ministry.

The process begins with completing an application for certification and meeting the required criteria with evidence of education, ordination, denominational endorsement, special training such as Clinical Pastoral Education, and experience in pastoral ministry. If the Council certification committee approves you, your name will be sent to the state agency, which is the hiring body, and will interview as positions become available.

Please visit the Chaplaincy page of our website for much more information as well as access to an application and necessary criteria. WWW.NYSCOC.org

Or send an email to office@nyscoc.org and we will reply with the necessary documents, etc. You can also call our office at 518 436-9319. If you would like to explore the possibilities of being a chaplain before submitting an application, please contact The Reverend Peter Cook at 508-380-8289.