

EMOTIONAL & SPIRITUAL CARE PROVIDER CREDENTIALING

Introduction:

This training program equips individuals to serve as credentialed responders after disasters and other traumatic events. Approved instructors use standardized, recognized curricula and resources developed by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF), Adventist Community Services (ACS), and others. While recognized ACS community partners may attend training events, ACS credentials are issued to Seventh-day Adventist members in good standing. Students are able to receive credentials at the following three levels of recognition:

Emotional & Spiritual Care Provider I:

ONLINE PREREQUISITES** (Free independent study classes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the Incident Command System (FEMA, ICS-100.C, approx. 3 hrs) https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-100.c • National Incident Management System, An Intro (FEMA, IS-700.B, approx. 3 hrs) https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-700.b • Overview of ACS Disaster Response Operations (ACS, approx. 2 hours) https://www.adventistlearningcommunity.com/courses/1118
ON-SITE CLASSES (Two-day intensive program)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting Individuals in Crisis (ICISF, 13 hours) • Special Issues in Emotional & Spiritual Care (ACS, 2 hours)

***Students unable to complete these prerequisites must do so within ONE month after the first onsite class, in order to qualify for credentialing as Emotional & Spiritual Care Provider I.*

Emotional & Spiritual Care Provider II:

REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain Emotional & Spiritual Care Provider I credentials.
ON-SITE CLASSES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Crisis Intervention (ICISF, 14 hrs) • Grief Following Trauma (ICISF, 14 hrs)
EXAMINATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of Certification in Critical Incident Stress Management System (CISM) from the University of Maryland/Baltimore County Training Centers. https://ccism-cert.org/ccism-exam/ • <i>Contact ACS about financial assistance through reimbursement of certain expenses.</i>

Ecclesiastical Endorsement as Community Chaplain (Disaster Response):

Issued by NAD Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries (ACM) to qualified Adventist pastors in collaboration with Adventist Community Services.

REQUIREMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obtain Emotional & Spiritual Care Provider I and II credentials. • Meet all other ACM requirements for endorsement as a community chaplain.
FURTHER INFORMATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact NAD Adventist Chaplaincy Ministries 9705 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD 21046 Phone: 443-391-7249 Email: acm@nadadventist.org.