

International Gambling Counselor Certification Board

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IGCCB CLERGY/ LAY MINISTERS CERTIFICATION: *Gambling Addiction Prevention / Education / Awareness and Spiritual Outreach Care*

The International Gambling Counselor Certification Board (IGCCB) provides a process for recognizing and certifying clergy and other faith-based workers who are proficient in gambling addiction prevention, education, awareness, and supportive outreach, non-clinical care. With specialized training leading to national certification, knowledgeable clergy/faith-based workers, can offer guidance, educational materials, support, hope, spiritual care, and other resources, *and* help lead people to certified gambling counselors and recovery support groups.

The IGCCB Clergy / Lay Ministers Certification is designed to provide basic knowledge about gambling addiction and treatment *and* recovery resources, to enhance the clergy person's skills at recognizing compulsive gambling, and to provide information for the gambler's family on dealing with their loved one's addiction.

A new program in 2014, the initial Clergy/Lay Minister Training was implemented in New Jersey by the American Compulsive Gambling Counselor Certification Board. With the 2016 merger of the International and American Boards, the Clergy/Lay Minister Certification (Non-Clinical) is now included with the new merged Board. Trainings are currently in progress in Kentucky. Certification fees have been waived through 6/30/18 (with only a \$50 Administrative Fee to be paid); and those wishing to enter the process are encouraged to enroll during the present year.

The specialized 24 Hour Training for Clergy and Lay Ministers leads to IGCCB Certification (Non-Clinical).

For more information on the Training Schedules and Registration, contact the following: International Gambling Counselor Certification Board through Jeff Beck, ICGC-II at Jbeck@psych.umaryland.edu or Rev. Janet Jacobs at (812)290-3022 or jjacobs@grmumc.org

DETAILS

The Clergy/Lay Ministers Certification is granted by the International Gambling Counselor Certification Board and is **of international certification status**. This certification is for pastors/clergy/Ordained Deacons and designated religious workers or Lay Ministers who will be trained in both clinical information and spirituality issues, along with parish application.

There is a \$50 fee which is the "Administrative Fee" for the International Gambling Counselor Certification Board's administering the certification process of the applicant. This includes the instruction, class materials, and any mentoring for the applicant by the instructors. **The actual Certification Fee of \$185 is being waived through June 30, 2018**, for those applicants taking the training sessions (4 Modules) and doing the required project and oral examination (more of an interview as to what the applicant has learned throughout the certification process).

- The Re-Certification Fee, payable every three years, is \$95 for the Clergy/Lay Ministers Certification. Re-certification requires documentation evidencing **completion of 18 hours of gambling-specific CEU hours earned every three years**.

The "Clergy/Lay Minister" Certification prepares those working and serving in parish settings to provide, for persons seeking help for problem gambling (directly and/or indirectly affected), initial intervention through education, referral assistance, support group referral and enhancement, and spiritual support (specific to gamblers and their loved ones). All four Modules of the Clergy/Lay Ministers Certification include workable and practical application for parish outreach (and in-reach too). Examples of this parish onsite approach are sermon topics, study groups, devotionals, materials for the parish on addiction and problem gambling, 12 Step information and the practical application of these Steps to Recovery, a "script" for initial contact with a gambler (and/or loved ones of gamblers), workshops, guest speakers for parish programs, etc.

Moreover - and very importantly - this Certification will equip clergy/lay ministers to serve as the best *First Responders* to persons seeking help for problem gambling. They will be able to provide knowledgeable consultation, be able to adequately refer individuals to Certified Gambling Counselors and Support Groups (specific to gambling issues), and provide (again) knowledgeable outreach and education to persons within (and outside of) the parish. They will, also, be equipped to serve persons in a problem gambling-specific supportive way during the individuals' processing through recovery.

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IGCCB CLERGY CERTIFICATION:
*Gambling Addiction Prevention Education, Awareness,
and Outreach Care*

Core Curriculum:

- the dynamics and psychology of addiction
- problem gambling defined and described; pathological gambling defined and described; the scope of problem gambling in American society
- the impact of problem gambling on families; the components of effective support for the loved ones of gamblers
- the financial issues that gamblers and their families/members of the problem face
- the goals of problem gambling treatment; the options for treatment
(Note: the clergy certification process does not train clergy to be therapists; rather, clergy will learn about treatment and what individuals in treatment may encounter as they go through the recovery process.)
- *spirituality* and its significant role within the recovery process: the spiritual issues commonly encountered by disordered gamblers and their loved ones
- the unique role of certified clergy within the recovery care process
- problem gambling support groups: GA; Gam-Anon; Celebrate Recovery; others

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Certification Requirements

Certification Training and Continuing Education

The required 24 hour core level training will assist clergy persons in meeting the International Gambling Counselor Certification Board (IGCCB) Clergy Certification professional requirements. The program's emphasis targets (1) early intervention through prevention education, (2) awareness-outreach, (3) informed, supportive consultation to accompany referral care, (4) spiritual care and (5) recovery support.

The IGCCB Certified Clergy should have the following:

- Documented completion of 24 hours of IGCCB Clergy/Lay Minister Certification Training requirements
- Adherence to a Professional Code of Ethics
- Completion of the Recommended Readings. (See included list of required readings.)
- Attendance to at least one Open Gamblers Anonymous Meeting and one Open Gam-Anon Meeting including written reflections on both experiences
- Successful Completion of Class Project/Paper
- Completion of the Application for Certification and remittance of Administration Fee of \$50.00
- Passing score on Oral Examination based on the Core Training and Recommended Readings
- Annual Accountability Attestation
- Documented completion of 18 hours of gambling-specific Continuing Education hours every three years following initial Certification.

The IGCCB Clergy/Lay Minister Certification is designated by the International Gambling Counselor Certification Board as one of national/international certification.

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Application Form

Instructions:

Complete all sections of this application including Personal Data, the Training Hours Summary [attach copy/copies of the required Core Problem Gambling Training(s)], the Ethics Page, the Reflections Section, and the Candidate Affirmation and Application Checklist. Sign and date the application, and include the \$50 Administrative Fee. Unsigned applications will be considered incomplete.

**Mail the completed application form, along with the required payment to:
IGCCB, 730 11th Street NW, Suite 601, Washington, D.C. 20001**

Personal Data

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (w)

_____ / _____ (h) _____ / _____

Fax _____ / _____ E-mail _____

Highest Education Level Achieved _____

Current Employment _____

Job Title _____

Required Training: indicate the date(s) and location(s) of the Required Training Event(s)

**** ALSO: Attach copy of the Four-Module Problem Gambling Training Certificate here.**

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PROFESSIONAL CODE OF ETHICS **FOR CERTIFIED CLERGY / FAITH WORKERS**

In Gambling Addiction Prevention Education, Awareness, and Outreach Care

I DO AFFIRM:

That my primary goal is recovery for the client and his/her family; that I have a total commitment to provide the highest quality of care for those who seek my service.

That I shall evidence a genuine concern in all clients, and do hereby dedicate myself to the best interest of the client, and to helping them to help themselves.

That I shall maintain at all times an objective, non-possessive, professional relationship with all clients.

That I shall be willing to recognize when it is in the best interest of the client to release him/her or refer him/her to another program or individual.

That I shall adhere to the rule of confidentiality of all records, materials, and knowledge concerning the client.

That I shall not in any way discriminate against clients or fellow professionals.

That I shall respect the rights and views of other counselors and professionals.

That I shall maintain respect for institutional policies and management functions within agencies and institutions, but will take the initiative toward improving such policies when it will better serve the interest of the client.

That I have a commitment to assess my own personal strengths, limitations, biases, and effectiveness on a continuing basis; that I shall continuously strive for self-improvement; that I have a personal responsibility for professional growth through further education and training.

That I have an individual responsibility for my own conduct in all areas, including abuse or misuse of alcohol, drugs, and gambling.

Signature:

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Reflections Section

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) and Gam-Anon Meetings

Please indicate the G.A. and Gam-Anon Meetings attended.
Include a reflection on each meeting (no more than one page).

1. G.A. Meeting Time and Site: _____

2. Gam - Anon Meeting Time and Site: _____

Reflections on the G.A. Meeting:

Reflections on the Gam-Anon Meeting:

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Payment:

Amount Enclosed: _____
__ Check: Payable to IGCCB (for \$50 Administration Fee)

NOTE: The Certification Fee of \$185 is waived through June 30, 2018.

Candidate Affirmation:

I certify that the information on this application is accurate, correct and complete.

Signature and Date

Application Checklist

- ____ Application Form Completed
- ____ Education/Training Certificate(s)
- ____ Ethics Page
- ____ Reflections Section (GA and Gam-Anon Meetings) completed
- ____ Payment of \$50.00 (Administration Fee)
- ____ Your Signature
- ____ Completed recommended readings from the bibliography

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Recommended Readings

“Congregational Ministry to Problem Gamblers” by Deborah Haskins, Ph.D.
www.baylor.edu/content/services/document.php/145419.pdf

Sections: “Ministry”; “Myths & Facts”; and “Procedure for Initial Contact”
www.grmumc.org

“Types of Gamblers” *Read ALL sections.*
www.grmumc.org

Excerpts from the “Gamblers Anonymous Yellow Combo Book”
<http://www.gamblersanonymous.org> “About Us”; “Questions and Answers”;
“20 Questions”; “Recovery Program”; “Unity Program”

Excerpts from www.gam-anon.org
“Questions, Answers, and Suggestions” and “Personal Experiences”

“Pathological Gambling & Chemical Dependency”
www.projectturnabout.org

“Personal Financial Strategies for the Loved Ones of Problem Gamblers”
File Format: PDF/Adobe Acrobat
www.ncpgambling.org/files/loved_ones_guide_ncpg_booklet.pdf

“Understanding Compulsive Gambling” (Hazelden)
“When Someone You Love Gambles” (Hazelden)
“Releasing Guilt about Gambling” (Hazelden)

When Luck Runs Out: Help for Compulsive Gamblers and Their Families (Robert Custer, M.D.)

“Freedom from Problem Gambling” (UCLA Gambling Studies Program)
<http://www.adp.ca.gov/OPG/pdf/sample%20workbook%20v3.pdf>