

Federal Association of Christian Counselors and Therapists, Inc.

The Federal Association of Christian Counselors and Therapists, Inc. (FACCT) is a faith-based Christian licensing organization for qualified therapists and counselors. Beginning with thirty original members, FACCT was founded on April 3, 1993, as the Florida Association of Christian Counselors and Therapists, Inc., later becoming the Federal Association in 2013. By God's grace, FACCT overcame numerous challenges regarding the State Professional Licensing Board, Florida Dept. of Health and Rehabilitative Services, law enforcement, and secular therapists. FACCT also met and overcame other challenges via the court system. Success was eventually achieved through acceptance by the Department of Corrections recognizing FACCT-licensed therapists as being qualified sex offender evaluators and treatment providers. Judges have also accepted FACCT therapists as being fully qualified. Acceptance of FACCT by the HRS and the Florida Dept. of Children & Families made it possible for FACCT-licensed members to perform evaluations and do therapy services for state clients.

Over the years, insurance companies such as Champus/Champus VA, Tricare, BlueCross BlueShield, and Cigna have approved FACCT-licensed therapists to become qualified providers. FACCT has been honored by state senators, circuit judges, lawyers, and medical doctors by them referring clients to FACCT-licensed therapists and counselors. There is no doubt a definite need in our world today for faith-based counselors and therapists who are professionally qualified, who wish to be able to employ biblically-based models, share the gospel message of Jesus Christ in their sessions, and help do the work of the kingdom to the glory of God.

FACCT has become self-regulated and is now a national organization with international reach. Today FACCT has membership representation in 19 U.S. States and also in several countries, including Canada, Costa Rica, and Togo, West Africa! Members serve in many areas: the U.S. Armed Forces, the Veteran's Administration, various hospitals, state and local mental health institutions, medical organizations, colleges, attorneys, medical doctors, and chaplains of jails and prisons.

FACCT is open to any Christian now working in the mental health and counseling field who meets the organization's licensing requirements. Psychologists, medical doctors, attorneys, social workers, family therapists, nutritionists, pastors, educators, and church counselors who meet our standards are invited. FACCT recognizes colleges and universities whose course work is acceptable in preparing candidates for licensure.

Pastors desiring licensure must have a four year degree, have at least 5 years experience in ministry, and must also be an ordained minister by an acceptable ecclesiastical body to become licensed. For professional Christian women who belong to a denomination that does not ordain their women, FACCT will accept a Licensed Minister of Counseling certificate that is issued from their local church.

All persons licensed by FACCT must have at least thirty semester hours of Bible or equivalent college hours. Candidates seeking to be Certified Pastoral Counselors must be working toward their thirty Bible hours. All persons are required to pass a background check. Please see our website for other certification or licensure requirements. As a faith-based organization, FACCT reserves the right to refuse membership, certification, or licensure to anyone for any reason.

Please support FACCT by becoming a member! The Association offers five different levels of membership, depending upon degree of education, credit hours earned, and field of practice. FACCT offers many different certifications and licenses (please see FACCT website). There is a place for FACCT-licensed personnel to become Board Certified Supervisors and Instructors. FACCT is also in need of Regional Directors and State Membership Chairs which are open to qualified licensed members (please contact our FACCT headquarters office at 352-429-5600 for more information.)

FACCT exists due to the tremendous need to certify and license qualified Christian providers. After 25 years of hard work, FACCT has an excellent testimony and has proven its worth. The Association has also set an outstanding record in various courts and others (Luke 2:52) in our home state of Florida. Many of the thirty original founding members of FACCT are still active and serving within the organization.

Further information on FACCT's leadership and/or background can be found on the organization's website www.FACCT93.com. For more information, or should you have any questions regarding FACCT, please feel free to call our national headquarters office at 352-429-5600.