



Narrative Statement III – Board Certification

- The Narrative Statement III document should note how the Applicant meets each of the Common Competencies required for Board Certification for Veteran’s Affairs (BCC-VA).
- Please follow the document formatting instructions:
 - **The Narrative Statement III document may not exceed five (5) pages.** This includes your 3-page written response, this instruction page, and the headings.
 - All written text must be formatted in single-spaced, 12-point type (Arial, Garamond, or Times New Roman), with one-inch margins (CP131.3). This template is already formatted to meet these requirements.
 - Applicants must provide responses using this template; responses are to be typed into the fields marked with brackets: []. If text is copied/pasted into the bracketed area, be sure to delete blank spaces to stay under the required page limit.
 - Before submitting this document to the NACC, the document must be converted to PDF and the file name updated with the Applicant’s last name and first name.

Writing Guide

The writing guide is designed to provide a clearer understanding behind the meaning for each competency and what your Interview Team will be looking for when reading your essays. As you write your essays/Narrative, please keep these thoughts in mind:

1. The Essay(s)/Narrative Statement provide an opportunity for you to articulate the theory (theology) and practice that you have developed through your education, formation, training, and experience.
2. Your Interview Team will be looking for a balance of theory and practice. What is your understanding of each of the competencies, and how do you apply it to your provision of spiritual care in this particular setting? Be clear in your working definition of each and then give examples to demonstrate them.
3. Writing your essays is not a time to be shy about your competence. Let your Interview Team know that you demonstrate these competencies. If you don’t tell the committee, then they will determine you do not understand the competencies and/or you are not demonstrating them. Claim your strength and value as a quality spiritual care provider!

APPLICANT NAME:

INTEGRATION OF THEORY AND PRACTICE

ITP4.3: Demonstrate theoretical understanding of Just War Theory and Roman Catholic social teaching as it relates to war and conflict in our world.

What are the psychological and sociological theories and insights that influence and support what you do within the context of spiritual care? Demonstrate how you integrate these key theories in your spiritual care.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE SKILLS

PPS3.1: Provide spiritual care to Veterans with respect to their specific needs as they relate to military service, combat, and the different Eras in which they served.

What are the psychological and sociological theories and insights that influence and support what you do within the context of spiritual care? Demonstrate how you integrate these key theories in your spiritual care.

PPS3.2: Provide spiritual care to Veterans who suffer from PTSD, TBI, mental illness, substance abuse, military sexual trauma as well as other pains and sufferings of veterans.

Competent spiritual care respects diversity and differences. How do you act with openness to serve all people with trauma, cultural and mental illnesses? Demonstrate, using examples, on how to provides inclusiveness to all who have witnessed traumatic events are demonstrated in your practice.

PPS3.3: Provide spiritual care to Veterans in special care settings such as palliative care and long-term care facilities.

Many Veteran care-recipients present with more spiritual needs than can realistically be addressed. How do you establish priorities in the face of a crisis to provide the most effective spiritual care? Demonstrate using examples from crises how you assess the underlying dynamics, triage, develop, and evaluate interventions in your spiritual care?

PPS3.4: Provide competent spiritual care to Veterans who experience a variety of emotions and deal with moral conflict/moral injury related to war and combat.

What are indicators of "effective spiritual support" and "well-being" from your perspective? How do you assess them? Demonstrate using examples the skills, strategies, and interventions you utilize to provide effective spiritual support and foster well-being with Veteran care-recipients, their families, and staff.