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SUBJ/FY-26 CHAPLAIN CORPS ADVANCED EDUCATION PROGRAM//

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NARR/REF A IS COCINST 1521.1E, CHAPLAIN CORPS ADVANCED EDUCATION PROGRAM.

RMKS/1. This NAVADMIN solicits applications and provides guidance for the FY-26 Chaplain Corps Advanced Education Program (CHC AEP).

2. The CHC AEP raises the level of Navy chaplain professional competency beyond the minimum professional and educational qualifications. Additionally, the CHC AEP provides knowledge, skills, and abilities that complement training and education conducted through the Naval Chaplaincy School (NCS).

Applicants should be available to commence their studies in the Fall term of CY-26. A Navy selection board will convene before 1 June 2025.

3. The FY-26 CHC AEP will consist of: graduate programs at civilian educational institutions in Religion in Culture, Pastoral Counseling, Ethics, and Homiletics; graduate level programs at military service colleges and schools; and pastoral care residencies.

4. Eligibility: All applicants for FY-26 CHC AEP must be Active Component Navy Chaplains (Designator 4100) and must be able to complete a utilization tour without waiver following completion of the program. See reference (a) for additional eligibility criteria.

5. PII-free application packages will be submitted to [nwpt\\_ncs\\_aep@us.navy.mil](mailto:nwpt_ncs_aep@us.navy.mil), with carbon copy to LT Richard W. Griffin at [richard.w.griffin2.mil@us.navy.mil](mailto:richard.w.griffin2.mil@us.navy.mil). Use the subject line "FY-26 Chaplain Corps Advanced Education Program" for the email. Email application package as a single PDF file. All applications must reach NCS NLT 15 April 2025.

6. Point of contact is LT Richard Griffin, Advanced Education Program Manager, who can be reached at (401) 841-3889 or via email at [richard.w.griffin2.mil@us.navy.mil](mailto:richard.w.griffin2.mil@us.navy.mil).

7. Released by RADM Gregory N. Todd, Chief of Chaplains.//

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