

### ***Special Introductory Period***

NACoA and NAADAC announce a special offer. From April 2 – December 31, 2007 the Certificate in Spiritual Caregiving to Help Addicted Persons and Families will be available for an introductory price of \$50. Beginning January 1, 2008, the regular fee will be \$90.

### ***Application Package***

The application package contains details about the certificate program, the forms you need to complete, and instructions on how to submit the application. Once your application has been reviewed and deemed complete, you will receive an email with a password to access the short exam. Upon successful completion of the exam you will be able to immediately obtain your Certificate in Spiritual Caregiving to Help Addicted Persons and Families.

To obtain the application package you can go to: [www.nacoa.org](http://www.nacoa.org) and click on Clergy and then Certificate or [www.naadac.org](http://www.naadac.org) and click on Certification.

For More Information please call:  
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## ***Certificate in Spiritual Caregiving to Help Addicted Persons and Families***

*Millions of people are affected  
by alcohol and drug dependence  
-their own or a loved one's.  
Many live in fear and confusion.  
They live in your community,  
are part of your congregation,  
volunteer and work in  
your church, synagogue,  
temple or mosque.*

**T**hese people usually suffer in silence because their faith community is often silent about addiction being a disease that hurts the whole family. **When they feel safe enough to ask for help they often turn to a trusted faith leader for support and guidance.** As a faith leader you can help individuals and families begin the road to recovery.

Become part of a special group of faith leaders who are committed to healing and supporting the many individuals and families ravaged by the disease of alcoholism and drug dependence. As a respected leader, trusted religious advisor and spiritual guide, you have a key role to play in your faith community and the community-at-large to reduce the terrible toll that alcoholism and drug addiction exact. **Your understanding can help bring about the promise of recovery from addiction for both the individual and family.**

*Clergy are often the “first point of contact” for those seeking help. Congregational leaders who obtain this certificate will undoubtedly enhance their skills and capacity to care for individuals, families and children.*

*Douglas M. Ronsheim, D. Min.,  
Executive Director, American  
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Help individual and family members re-build emotional, physical and spiritual health by obtaining the Certificate in Spiritual Caregiving to Help Addicted Persons and Families.

The National Association for Children of Alcoholics (NACoA) and NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals have created this certificate program to enhance your ability to help your congregants and faith-community deal with the devastating impact of addiction on children and adults in your congregation.

This certificate is designed:

- to give you basic knowledge about addiction and its impact on family members
- provide opportunities to learn about treatment and recovery resources in your community to which you can refer people
- enhance your skills at recognizing alcoholism and drug addiction
- give you tools and strategies to help the hurting children living in families with alcoholic and drug addicted parents.

This certificate is a symbol of your caring concern, and will help individuals and families begin and sustain recovery.

### ***Certificate Requirements***

The requirements for the Certificate in Spiritual Caregiving to Help Addicted

Persons and Families include:

- 6 hours of face-to-face or online training
- completion of the required readings that are available free of charge on the NACoA website
- on-site visits to a minimum of three local agencies (any combination of outpatient, detox, residential/inpatient, pastoral counseling center, etc) to tour the sites and interview staff
- attendance at an open Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) and an open Al-Anon meeting
- written reflection about your experiences at the A.A. and Al-Anon meetings
- and lastly, successful completion of an online exam of up to 35 questions.

*This certificate program for pastoral leaders acknowledges, addresses and embraces the spiritual needs of persons afflicted with alcoholism and drug dependence. Pastoral leaders who earn this certificate will be equipped to use their faith resources more effectively when families come to them for help. It is a “must have” resource for the modern pastor.*

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