

Required Evidence for SCA Membership

In addition to the online application process, each applicant must provide evidence for meeting the criteria as outlined below.

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Member (Waged and Unwaged) Membership

Suitable level for people working or volunteering in spiritual care at the 'Member' level in the SCA Standards of Practice.

Experience	ONE PIECE of evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A one-page statement in point form of <i>relevant</i> experience (paid or voluntary) and study including whether you are currently employed, volunteering or retired 	
Training	Completion of a training program in supervised pastoral practice or equivalent	ONE PIECE of evidence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate from highest level of CPE completed OR Certificate from other program OR Transcript and course description if done as part of a degree or certificate program OR Statement from supervisor in the placement
Education	Evidence of studies in faith development/religion/theology and/or a recognised philosophy of human thought	ONE PIECE of evidence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Degree, diploma or certificate along with a brief description of the course or certificate from the institution's website or course catalogue OR Transcript of coursework done that did not result in completing an award
Statement	Evidence of studies in how people establish spiritual meaning and purpose through their faith, philosophy, religion and theology.	ONE PIECE of evidence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A short statement (no more than 250 words) outlining how you have studied this, which might include formal study and/or reading and/or personal reflection.



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Certified Membership

Suitable for people working professionally in spiritual care.

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Experience	ONE PIECE of evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A one-page statement in point form of <i>relevant</i> experience (paid or voluntary) and study including whether you are currently in the active workforce (working or looking for work) or retired 	
Education	A degree (bachelor's or master's) in humanities or human care studies	ONE PIECE of evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diploma from highest degree obtained in the humanities or human care studies. <i>Examples:</i> BA, MA, BTheol, BDiv, MDiv. If not stated on the degree certificate, explain briefly the course of study. <i>Examples:</i> spiritual care, counselling, pastoral care, psychology, the philosophy of theology of a worldview or religion, social work, spiritual direction.
	OR	
	A tertiary degree in another discipline AND at minimum a graduate certificate in human care studies as outlined above.	TWO PIECES of evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diploma from tertiary degree in a discipline other than those listed above. <i>Examples:</i> degrees in accounting, law, education, physiotherapy, speech pathology, nursing. Graduate certificate or degree in human care studies such as those listed above
Training	Supervised training in providing spiritual care (one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education or equivalent) as outlined on the SCA website	ONE PIECE of evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of successful completion from most recent CPE unit OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of successful completion from other program of supervised spiritual care practice including a statement of how the required hours were achieved.



Prior Learning	Optional	<p>ONE PIECE of evidence</p> <p><i>If you do not meet the criteria above, you may submit a ONE PAGE statement about study or work done that you believe qualifies you for this level. Note that years of work in spiritual care do not, in and of themselves, replace the CPE requirement. Years of supervised practice and structured reflection about your work might qualify. Please document briefly.</i></p>
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Certified Advanced Membership

Suitable for people working professionally in spiritual care at a higher level of experience and qualification.

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Experience	<p>ONE PIECE of evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A one-page statement in point form of <i>relevant</i> experience (paid or voluntary) and study, including evidence of at least five years' work in spiritual care including whether you are currently in the active workforce (working or looking for work) or retired [could perhaps be a tick box] 	
Education	A degree (bachelor's or master's) in humanities or human care studies as outlined for Certified Level PLUS postgraduate studies	<p>TWO PIECES of evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diploma of first degree obtained in the humanities or human care studies. <i>Examples:</i> BA, BTheol. If not stated on the degree certificate, explain briefly the course of study. <i>Examples:</i> spiritual care, counselling, pastoral care, psychology, the philosophy of theology of a worldview or religion, social work, spiritual direction. Evidence of postgraduate study – GradDip, Masters, Doctorate – in an appropriate field as outlined above
	OR	
	A tertiary degree in another discipline AND postgraduate studies in humanities or human care studies as outlined for Certified level.	<p>TWO PIECES of evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diploma from tertiary degree in a discipline other than those listed above. <i>Examples:</i> degree in accounting, law, education, physiotherapy, speech pathology, nursing. Evidence of postgraduate study – GradDip, Masters, Doctorate – in an appropriate field as outlined above



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Training	Supervised training in providing spiritual care (two units of Clinical Pastoral Education or equivalent) as outlined on the SCA website	TWO PIECES of evidence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of successful completion from most recent CPE unit (preferably at the Advanced level) • Certificate of successful completion from next most recent CPE unit OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificates of successful completion from other programs of supervised spiritual care practice including a statement of how the required hours were achieved.
Prior Learning	<i>Optional</i>	ONE PIECE of evidence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>If you do not meet the criteria above, you may submit a ONE PAGE statement about study or work done that you believe qualifies you for this level. Note that years of work in spiritual care do not, in and of themselves, replace the CPE requirement. Years of supervised practice and structured reflection about your work might qualify. Please document briefly.</i>

Associate Membership

Suitable for a person with an interest in or commitment to encouraging spiritual care; not a practitioner level.

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ONE PIECE of evidence

- A brief statement (no more than 250 words) providing evidence of your interest in or commitment to promoting, encouraging or assisting wellbeing through chaplaincy, pastoral and spiritual care.

Associate Student Membership

Suitable for those studying or training for a career in spiritual care. Appropriate studies would be those outlined in the Certified levels, or a CPE program or comparable.

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ONE PIECE of evidence

- Evidence of enrolment in a recognised training program such as a certificate, a degree, a graduate certificate or diploma in any of the fields of study outlined in the Certified Levels, or a CPE program.



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Retired Membership

Available only to SCA members at any level who have retired.

TWO PIECES of evidence

- Previous membership number
- A statement that you have retired.

Organisational Membership

Open to any organisation that has an interest in or commitment to promoting, encouraging or assisting wellbeing through spiritual care.

Ensure your organisation's name and contact person's details are visible on any item sent or uploaded. Please do not upload an entire annual report or a general brochure. Please send excerpts that speak directly to the criteria.

THREE PIECES of evidence

- Brief description of your organisation including its sector (health, aged care, corrections etc.) and its scope (local, statewide, national)
- Evidence of your commitment to promoting, encouraging or assisting wellbeing through spiritual care, pastoral care and chaplaincy (for example, your mission statement or strategic plan)
- Evidence of your support for the objects and purposes of SCA (for example, show that you use our standards and membership criteria in hiring new staff or in position descriptions)