

AACPE

The Standard for Spiritual Care & Education

Recognition Task Force

January 2025



Main Objectives:

- Review recent USDE feedback alongside [the official guidelines](#) and recent ACPE application materials.
- Assess and strengthen ACPE's accreditation processes overall.
 - Identify & recommend improvements to Board and ACPE Membership
 - Deliver a feasible implementation plan for accreditation revisions as adopted.
- Explore alternatives for recognition of ACPE as an accrediting body.
- Prepare and submit application(s) for appropriate recognition.

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January – November
2025



ACPE Recognition Task Force Facilitator

Alice W. Hunt

Alice Hunt Consulting

Relevant Experience:

- Executive Director,
American Academy of Religion (2018–23)
- President,
Chicago Theological Seminary (2008–18)
- Board of Commissioners (Accreditation),
Association of Theological Schools (2008–16)
- Associate Dean - Academic Affairs,
Vanderbilt Divinity School (2001–08)

“In human terms, I am a student of life, an author, a parent, a way finder, a contrarian, a rebel, a catalyst, a guide, an explorer, a seeker, and a graduate from the school of hard knocks.”

ACPE Recognition Task Force Composition

ACPE Recognition Task Force Members	
> Board Members	David Carnish, Tammerie Day; Katherine Higgins
> Accreditation	Amy Seat (Chair); Pat Kelly (Chair-elect)
> Certification	Jeff Holman (Chair-elect)
> Professional Ethics	Marianne Robbins (Chair-elect)
> Psychotherapy	Tom Knowles-Bagwell
> Research	Judy Ragsdale
> VA/Military	Alicia Po Ching (VA); Col. Mark Lee (Army)
> Other	Angela Hill Flack; Robin Brown-Haithco
External Consultants	
> Academic (1-2)	Alice Hunt (Consultant) – Facilitator
	<i>Pending - Limited consult only</i>
> Gov. Rels. (1)	<i>Pending - Limited consult only</i>
Final Composition	<i>Executive Committee will be ex-officio members</i>

Qualities Sought:

- Experience with Accreditation
- Research Capabilities
- Government relations
- Academia (and legal) expertise
- Positive, solution-focused collaborator

*Advisory Council

to capture unique expertise may also form to assist Task Force (4-6 members)

ACPE Recognition Task Force Timeline

with key actions/deliverables indicated

Formation – Nov/Dec 2024

- External Consultant/Facilitator contracted by 12/20
- Task Force Members selected and invited to join by 12/30

Phase I - 15 Jan. 2025

- **Forensics (Strategic Review and Analysis)**
 - Deep dive into recent USDE and accreditation materials
 - Small Team of Task Force members and facilitator
 - Begin Alternatives Exploration

Phase II - 12 Mar. 2025

- **Tactical Planning with FULL Task Force**
 - Review of Phase I findings and amend objectives (pg. 2) as needed
 - Devise strategic work plan; assign sub-teams to begin work

Phase III - 30 Apr 2025

- **Task Force Execution of Work Plan**
 - May 20th – Share Alternatives Exploration findings during annual conference
 - By Aug 1st – Share recommendations for accreditation process revisions
 - By Oct 30th – Applications submitted for preferred recognition(s)

Wrap Up - Nov 2025

- Present accreditation revision implementation plan at Fall Leadership Meeting

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The logo for ACPE features the letters 'A', 'C', 'P', and 'E' in a bold, sans-serif font. The letter 'A' is colored orange, while the letters 'C', 'P', and 'E' are colored grey. The letters are closely spaced and have a slight shadow effect.

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