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DACUM Workshop – Update Letter

***The Certified Spiritual Care Professional
(Specialist, Pastoral Care)***

To all Members
October 17, 2006

Dear Colleagues

This is a brief report on the work of your colleagues at the DACUM (Developing a Curriculum) workshop, held in Lumsden, SK, September 21-23, 2006. For background information on the DACUM methodology and the process followed to select participants for the workshop, please see the previous newsletters and files on the CAPPE/ACPEP website.

The practice of spiritual care was well represented by ten certified members of CAPPE/ACPEP from across Canada who met under the very able facilitation of Dr. Ann and Lawrence Wilson of Wilson Education Consultants, Inc. All but one of the DACUM Panel are current Specialists in Pastoral Care who reflect the diverse qualifications, experience and clinical practice settings typical of our certified members. There was a rich and sometimes passionate exchange of the theory and practice of spiritual care. The product of the workshop is an occupational analysis profile entitled ***The Certified Spiritual Care Professional (Specialist, Pastoral Care)***. This language is consistent with that found in our Handbook and in the 2004 Standards of Practice. Participants' names, certifications and places of employment will be released with the document.

Many of you will be excited to see this work. The profile is currently in the process of final content validation by the participants. It is expected that the official version will be delivered to the Education Standards Commission in November. At some point shortly thereafter, I expect that it will be released to members for review and a process of discussion. If you have further questions, please direct them either to Gary Myatt, Chair (ESC) or Dan Cooper (Convenor, DACUM Workshop).

Sincerely,

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