

CLINICAL SPIRITUAL CARE VS COMMUNITY CLERGY

COMMUNITY CLERGY

- **Serve as leaders and ministers within a specific faith community. Their primary accountability is to their congregation.**
- **Provide care to members of their specific faith tradition, often focusing on religious rituals and theological guidance.**
- **Typically hold a graduate degree in theology. Training focuses on pastoral leadership and serving a particular faith group.**
- **The care they provide is typically shaped by the specific traditions and beliefs of their religious community.**

CLINICAL SPIRITUAL CARE

- **Serve as key players in interdisciplinary healthcare teams. Their primary accountability is to the patient and healthcare staff.**
- **Provide spiritual care to people of all faith traditions, as well as to those who identify as spiritual but not religious, or non-religious ensuring the spiritual needs of all patients are met.**
- **Undergo rigorous clinical training, including a master's degree and a minimum of 1600 hours of supervised clinical education.**
- **Care is tailored to the patient's unique spiritual, emotional, and existential needs, respecting their personal beliefs and values without imposing a specific religious view.**



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