| | Area of Ministry | | | | | | |
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| Qualifications | Military | Veterans Affairs | Bureau of Prisons | State Corrections | Healthcare | Emergency Services | Specialized |
| Credentials | Ordination | Ordination | Ordination | License or Ordination | License or Ordination | Credentials | Credentials |
| Endorsements* | \checkmark | ~ | ~ | ~ | \checkmark | \checkmark | ~ |
| Master of Divinity | ~ | ~ | ~ | Some | Some | Few | _ |
| Pastoral Experience | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | \checkmark | Most | Most |
| Physical Fitness | ~ | | \checkmark | some | _ | some | _ |
| Age Restrictions** | \checkmark | — | \checkmark | — | — | — | — |

*Endorsement includes an application, background check, references, and district approval. **Age restrictions for the military vary depending on branch of service. Bureau of Prisons age limit is 36.