

## Professional Career Experiences

*Chaplain Nash provides a flexible non-denominational approach in working with clients, respecting all religious beliefs and spiritual viewpoints.*

Chaplain Nash earned a **B.A. Degree** from Louisiana Tech University in 1961 and a **M.Div. Degree** from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio in 1965.

He was **ordained in the United Methodist Church** in 1963, and he was **endorsed for a Pastoral Care and Counseling Ministry** by its Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries in 1981.

In 1976 he became a **Certified Clinical Member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy**, a **Board Certified Fellow of the Association of Professional Chaplains** (the international agency providing certification for institutional chaplains, formally known as The College of Chaplains), a **Board Certified Member of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors** and in 1995 became a **Board Certified Fellow of AAPC**. In 2000, he became a **Board Certified Diplomate and Fellow of the American Association for Integrative Medicine**, a group advocating the collaborative use of integrative medicine with traditional medicine in treating health care and mental/emotional care needs. In 2004 he became a **Board Certified Diplomate in the International Academy of Behavioral Medicine, Counseling and Psychotherapy**, a multi-disciplinary, professional association dedicated to the pursuit and recognition of excellence and advanced clinical competency throughout the world.

Chaplain Nash received his two Illinois state licenses for mental health therapy within months of their becoming available in Illinois: the **Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist** in 1994, and the **Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor** in 1996.

Chaplain Nash has covered a wide breadth of caregiving ministries in several clinical settings in addition to providing private certified/licensed marriage and family therapy and pastoral counseling over the past two and a half decades.

Regarding **full-time commitments**, he spent nine of his thirteen years in campus ministry, in an exciting **ministry in higher education** at one of the South's leading universities, Tulane University, known as the "Harvard of the South," and also served at Tulane & LSU Medical Centers.

For twelve years, he had challenging and innovative experiences of **hospital chaplaincy caregiving and teaching** in a 600-bed teaching medical center, Memorial Medical Center (Springfield, IL), establishing and managing their first professional hospital chaplaincy program. In addition, he also spearheaded the six-year project which created the early work of the hospital's **Human Values and Ethics Committee**.

Most recently, he provided **pastoral counseling and marriage & family therapy** in a seven-member outpatient mental health group practice, Bohlen and Associates.

In **part-time endeavors**, he co-founded in 1979 the pastoral counseling service, known as **Interfaith Counseling of Springfield**, and served for more than six years as its Clinical Director.

In addition, he served for more than six years as a mental health therapist with the **Cass County Mental Health Association** in Beardstown, IL.

Between 1998-2001, he has had the pleasure of directing the **Sylvan Learning Center**.

In response to a challenging invitation from the Great Rivers Illinois Annual Conference, he served in 2000-2001 for eight months as the **Interim Pastor** of a 385-member United Methodist Church in Mason City, IL.

**Currently**, Chaplain Nash is providing **pastoral counseling and marriage & family therapy**, in a private practice setting with the practice name, **BELIEF-FOCUSED CARE AND HEALING**. This therapy practice is located from his office home on the southwest side of Springfield, IL

Chaplain Nash brings a depth and breadth of experience of caring for persons of all ages – children through the aged – and for all spectrums of the general public. The majority of his ministry and service has been to persons from late teens to the aged – either in a counseling/therapy role, a teaching role, an institutional caregiving role, a supervision role, an administration role, a challenging role, a political organizing role, a pastor's caregiving role, or a consulting role.