



Clergy Badge Application Information

1. You must meet all requirements delineated in the document titled "Who should apply for a Clergy Badge?"
2. You must serve as an agent of a LOCAL house of worship.
3. You must supply the name and contact information of the individual officially designated by your house of worship to sign off on all badges. This individual will be contacted as part of the verification process.

Question: How do I know who this individual is?

Answer: Each house of worship must designate someone to fill this role. It can be the Senior Pastor/Leader or some other staff member. There must be someone who will assume the responsibility, on behalf of the house of worship, to personally vouch for each applicant to this department – and of keeping track of the number of badges assigned to the church. This person will assure badges are returned or adequately accounted for. If your church has not assigned such a person, you need to discuss it with church leadership and have this person contact the Spiritual Care office at Mullica Hill/Elmer - 856.508.2105 or Vineland - 856.641.7886.

4. There is no fee to obtain a Clergy Badge – but there is a \$5.00 fee for a replacement badge.
5. If you qualify for a Clergy Badge and have the blessing of the designated person in your congregation, please complete the application. All fields are required unless not applicable, with all information verifiable. Incomplete or inaccurate applications will not be processed and you will be asked to re-apply.
6. Assuming there is no delay in verifying information or contacting the designated individual within your congregation for approval, you will be contacted with information on what to do next.
7. The badge will expire 2 years from the date of issue. The expiration date will be clearly marked on the badge.
8. Upon expiration, you will need to reapply in order to ensure that we have your most recent contact information and that we can communicate with you any changes in policy or procedure.
9. Acceptance of the badge indicates agreement to cooperate with the "Clergy Visitation Guidelines" and that you fully understood your obligations under HIPAA - and that you will act in a manner worthy of your calling within our hospital system. This department reserves the right to revoke visitation privileges if this becomes necessary and ask for your badge to be returned.
10. By accepting the badge you acknowledge the health system's right to ask for you to return it. Any hospital employee may ask you to surrender your badge and you must do so. The department will review any such action. Any expired badges must be surrendered immediately.