

Endorsement

Step Three – Steps to the Endorsement Interview in Candidacy

The Endorsement Interview is arranged by the Candidate, based on the availability of the Candidate's Faculty Advisor and two SPS Candidacy Committee members. This interview normally occurs after CPE is complete and once the mid-point of the academic work required (or its equivalent) has been achieved.

Endorsement Interview Components

1. The **Entrance Decision Form** with noted areas for growth (this is retained in the Candidate's Candidacy file);
2. A copy of the **Endorsement Essay** (the prompt can be found at [elca.org](http://www.elca.org) at <http://www.elca.org/Resources/Candidacy#Essays>);
3. The dated, signed **Final CPE report issued by the CPE Supervisor** and the **CPE Self-Evaluation** by the Candidate (emailed to Laurie@spselca.org or mailed to the Office of the Bishop),
4. The **FERPA Form**, completed, signed, dated, provided to Candidacy and the Seminary, and found at http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Candidate_FERPA.pdf
5. Information on a candidate's participation in seminary community life including **Boundary/Safe Church workshops** (*generally a current transcript will provide these details, or a certificate of participation may be sent to the Synod office*);
6. examples of a candidate's **demonstrated competencies** (section 2.1). (*check out the competencies listed in the most recent Candidacy Manual for questions on this component!*).
7. Be prepared to discuss and elaborate upon your sense of call within the ELCA, the Region, and/or the Synod, and how you envision your call to ministry might unfold as you move ahead in preparation for Rostered Ministry as a public leader in the ELCA.

For more details about the Endorsement Interview process, please visit:

<https://www.elca.org/Resources/Candidacy> for a current version of the Candidacy Manual.

Send Endorsement materials (*three weeks prior to the Endorsement Interview date*) to:

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