

Clinical Pastoral Education

Our spiritual care department is designed to facilitate holistic growth. We offer a setting of professional advancement with ample opportunity for development and role clarity through interdisciplinary conferences, and interaction with a variety of professionals. The focus is on patient and family care with emphasis on pastoral identity and development. Further focus is given to spiritual assessment and increasing awareness of how values, attitudes, and assumptions affect ministry. Students are challenged to make optimum use of their own religious heritage and to function as a spiritual care member of the healthcare team. All CPE units include case conferences, peer group process, individual supervision, and unit assignments for ministry. Time is granted for interpersonal relationship work, multi-generational understanding, spiritual care management skills, and specialized area study groups. Program participants are acknowledged as professionals who are granted the necessary freedom and autonomy to practice spiritual care. Clinical requirements in all units include in-hospital overnight on-call and designated supervised ministry in assigned patient areas. Clinical placements depend upon current needs throughout the health system.

Summer Intensive

This 11-week full unit (a minimum of 400 hours) of CPE meets Monday through Friday and consists of five full days. Classes typically start the first Monday of June and end the second week of August. (Dates may be adjusted slightly each year to correspond with participants' seminary schedules).

Extended 6-Month

Group meetings for these units are held one time per week for four hours. Specific day of weekly meetings varies unit to unit (typically Mondays or Tuesdays). We will also have two all day Sundays during the unit. These 4-hour weekly times and Sunday hours along with scheduled individual supervision every other week will make up the 100 structured supervisory hours for the unit. The 300 clinical hours will be completed through regular overnight on call (staying at the hospital overnight) each week AND regularly schedule hours of clinical time each week. Clinical hours can be scheduled and completed Monday – Friday between the hours of 8 am - 8:30 pm.

Residency

This is a full-time, 12-month residency program in spiritual care, leading to 3 full units of CPE credit. Residents receive a stipend of \$58,656 plus employee benefits. They receive 20 paid days off front loaded, which may be used for vacation, sick days, holidays or personal leave. An evaluation committee is available for consultation concerning Level II progress with CPE goals.

Certified Educator

The Certified Educator Program is a full-time program for the learning and practice of ACPE supervision. Training begins depending upon position availability. Staff level competency and practice in spiritual care are required. Certified Educator Training is a highly streamlined program with ingredients largely dependent upon the education and experience background of each certified educator student. In addition to local training curriculum, each student is required to present clinical materials and participate fully in the North/Central Florida Certified Educators Consortium (2 Fridays per month), and the Florida Certified Educators' Consortium (2 meetings per year).