Clinical Pastoral Education

Our pastoral 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 pastoral 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, pastoral care management skills, and specialized area study groups. Program participants are acknowledged as professionals who are granted the necessary freedom and autonomy to practice pastoral 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. In some cases, service in the student’s faith community or other approved settings beyond the health system may count for a portion of clinical requirements.

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

**Extended Units**

**Six Month Weeknight** - Group meetings for this alternative offering are held weekly on Tuesday evenings from 4 PM to 8 PM. Classes begin the first week of October and end the last week of March. Routine clinical requirements may be flexed throughout the week with patient visitation possible on weekdays, weekends, and early evenings.

**Nine Month Weekday** - Group meetings for this full unit are held on two Mondays per month from 8:30 AM to 12 Noon. Classes begin the first week of September and end the last week of May. Routine clinical requirements may be flexed throughout the week with patient visitation possible on weekdays, weekends, and early evenings.

**Residency** - This is a full-time, 12-month residency program in pastoral care, leading to 3 full units of CPE credit. The residency year begins September 1 and ends August 31. A $26,000 stipend is available and includes employee benefits. Each resident receives 20 paid days off, which may be used for vacation, sick days, or personal leave. An evaluation committee is available for consultation concerning Level II progress with CPE goals. American Association of Pastoral Counselors and American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy curriculum and supervision are available at the student's expense. Second year residencies may be available in subspecialties. **Due to VISA stipulations, all international residents must apply four months prior to applications being due.**

**Supervisory** - The supervisory education student (SES) 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 pastoral care are required. Twelve month contracts are negotiated annually as the supervisory education student moves toward certification. Supervisory Training is a highly streamlined program with ingredients largely dependent upon the education and experience background of each SES. In addition to local training curriculum, each student is required to present clinical materials and participate fully in the North/Central Florida Supervisory Consortium (2 Fridays per month) and the Florida Supervisory Education Consortium (2 meetings per year).