



What is CPE?

Clinical Pastoral Education is interfaith professional education for ministry. It brings theological students and ministers of all faiths (pastors, priests, rabbis, imams and others) into supervised encounters with persons in crisis.

Out of an intense involvement with persons in need, and the feedback from peers and teachers, students develop new awareness of themselves as persons and of the needs of those to whom they minister. From theological reflection on specific human situations, they gain a new understanding of ministry. Within the interdisciplinary team process of helping persons, they develop skills in interpersonal and interprofessional relationships.



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Student Opportunity Clinical Pastoral Education





Chaplains at OU Health

Chaplains at OU Health provide a safe and confidential relationship to discuss physical, emotional and spiritual concerns. They serve as liaison between patients and their religious communities. When people of all walks of life find themselves in hard, difficult, or traumatic situations, Chaplains are present to help patients and families utilize their spiritual resources as tools of comfort and consolation.

CPE at OU Health

The breadth and scope of medical care at OU Health provides a rich training environment for CPE students. OU Health is the only comprehensive academic health system in the state. CPE students provide spiritual care to persons with a wide variety of medical conditions that reflects the innovated serviced provided here. Chaplain Interns and Residents visit patients and their families in Oklahoma Children's Hospital OU Health and OU Health University of Oklahoma Medical Center.

In addition to the wide range of medical care available, our staff and patients represent a variety of faith traditions, as well as many ethnic and cultural backgrounds. CPE students have the opportunity to expand their knowledge and experience with intercultural and inter-religious diversity through their pastoral work and through formal CPE curriculum elements.

After CPE

Once our Residents have completed four units of CPE, they will be prepared to move forward in the process of earning certification in any of the national cognate groups. Having developed their pastoral identity in CPE as a clinical spiritual care provider, residents are also eligible to be hired in a variety of clinical settings from hospitals, including OU Health, hospices, prisons, and military to name a few.

Residency Program

- Level 1A-2B & 2 Fellowship positions
- Begins in late August every year
- Earn 4 units of CPE throughout a calendar year
- No fees or tuition
- Click here to explore the many benefits!
- Apply NOW!

Internship Program

Part-Time Units of CPE

- Extended 6-month units start in February and August each year
- Summer 11-week program

Contact OU Health CPE Program for specific dates

A Unit of CPE Includes

- 100 hours supervised learning
- 300 hours clinical practice
- On-call responsibilities
- Paid clinical time
- No fees or tuition

How to Apply



To get an application, scan or click the QR Code or visit www.acpe.edu

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