

What is CPE?

❖ CPE is designed for people at various stages of life, for example, clergy seeking continuing education, laity wanting to explore/develop themselves as pastoral caregivers, and seminarians preparing for ministry.

❖ The curriculum uses transformative learning as an educational framework and emphasizes visitation skills, reflective listening, spiritual assessment, grief and loss counseling, sacramental ministry, and non-directive ministry. Our Educational methodologies include the following: case studies (in a verbatim format), one-on-one education with the CPE supervisor, mentoring by staff chaplains, and interactive learning within the peer group. It also includes leading religious services and delivering sermons.

❖ There is no application fee or tuition cost for the program. For information on applying to the program, contact:

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Instructional Schedule

We have two formats:

1. Full-time 11-week Summer Intensive Internships that run from late May to early August:

Application Deadline

February 23, 2016

Unit Dates

May 23, 2016—August 5, 2016

Application Deadline

February 22, 2017

Unit Dates

May 22, 2017—August 4, 2017

2. Part-time 30-week Extended Internships that run from late September to late April or early May:

Class is full

Unit Dates

September 28, 2015—May 6, 2016

Application Deadline

June 19, 2016

Unit Dates

September 19, 2016—April 28, 2017



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Goal/Classroom

We are committed to the development of compassionate and competent spiritual caregivers. Learning to hear deeply the spiritual and religious dimensions of life in moments of loss and grief helps adult learners articulate their own pastoral theology. This reflective process increases self-awareness and develops pastoral skills. By employing a multicultural and multi-faith perspective in an experiential learning environment, each student can develop a unique style of ministry based on the new insights fostered. The goal of our program is to value the experience students bring with them and to mentor each student's unique path towards growing their pastoral heart while learning the art of spiritual care. This learning will take place in our new state-of-the-art CPE Classroom that will be located near the main Chaplain Service Office at C1X-1.

Statement of Accreditation:

Hunter Holmes McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center will be a satellite of Virginia Commonwealth University/VCU Health System, which is accredited to offer CPE (Levels I/II) and Supervisory CPE by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. One West Court Square, Suite 325, Decatur, GA 30030 (404) 320-1472. www.acpe.edu

Ministry Settings

Chaplain Interns minister to all faith traditions in the following settings:

- Pastoral ministry to individual patients
- Professional help in crisis situations:
 - Serious illness
 - Poly Trauma
 - Impending death
- Sacramental Ministry
- Pastoral Counseling:
 - Individual Veterans
 - Selected Veterans' Groups
 - Veterans' Family Members
 - Medical Center Staff
- Worship
 - Public (as scheduled)
 - Private (as available at other times)

Within these settings, each unit of CPE requires at least **100 hours of class time** and at least **300 hours of clinical work**. Whereas class times are fixed by necessity, there is some flexibility in scheduling clinical hours around student's availability.



McGuire CPE

Hunter Holmes McGuire Veterans Affairs Medical Center is a 2.2 million square-foot facility which offers primary, secondary, and tertiary diagnostic and health care services in medicine, surgery, neurology, rehabilitation medicine, intermediate care, acute and sustaining spinal cord injury, skilled nursing home care, and palliative care.

This 399 operating bed facility, with a wide variety of out-patient specialty clinics, has been a leader in treatment of traumatic brain injury, Parkinson's disease, and cardiac conditions, among others.

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) recognizes that spiritual and pastoral care must be integrated into a total program of health care provided to Veterans and made available to those who desire such care.

Chaplains are integral members in key patient treatment teams to provide a holistic treatment of the health and welfare of veterans entrusted to our care.

*"To care for him
who shall have borne the battle,
and for his widow and orphan."
--Abraham Lincoln*