

What is CPE?

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

❖ The curriculum emphasizes visitation skills, reflective listening, spiritual assessment, grief and loss counseling, and non-directive ministry. Methodologies include the following: case studies (in a verbatim format), one-on-one education with the CPE educator, interpersonal relations group and leading religious services.

❖ There is no application fee or tuition cost for the program. US Citizenship is required. To apply, fill out the application that can be found at acpe.edu under the menus "Education" and "CPE Application." Send application to Unique McKibbens

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For more information on the CPE programs and guidelines on filling out the application visit:

www.richmond.va.gov

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Instructional Schedule

We have three programs:

1. Full-time 11-week Intensive Internship to earn 1 unit of CPE that runs from late-May to mid-August:

Application Deadline
December 31, 2021
Unit Dates
May 31, 2022—August 11, 2022

2. Part-time 36-week Extended Internship to earn 1 unit of CPE that runs from mid-September to mid-May:

Application Deadline
Feb. 28, 2022
Unit Dates
September 12, 2022—May 19, 2023

3. Full-time year-long Level II Interprofessional Residency (with stipend and benefits) to earn 4 units of CPE that runs from mid-August to mid-August:

Application Deadline
November 30, 2021
Unit Dates
August 15, 2022—August 11, 2023

Clinical Pastoral Education



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Equips Spiritual Caregivers
in Clinical Settings**



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Goal/ Accreditation

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 each student brings with him/her and to mentor each student's unique path towards growing a pastoral heart while learning the art of spiritual care.

Statement of Accreditation:

The Central Virginia VA Health Care System is accredited to offer CPE (Levels I/II) and Certified Educator CPE training by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. 55 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard, Suite 835, Atlanta, GA 30308 (404) 320-1472. www.acpe.edu. ACPE CPE is Trademarked by the ACPE.

Ministry Settings

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

- Spiritual Care to individual patients
- Professional help in crisis situations:
 - Serious illness
 - Polytrauma
 - 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 400 hours of combined class and clinical time. Whereas class times are fixed by necessity, there is some flexibility in scheduling clinical hours around students' availability.

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

CVHCS CPE

The Central Virginia VA Health Care System (CVHCS) is one of VA's leading health care systems and serves as tertiary care referral center. CVHCS includes both the Richmond VAMC and five Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs).

The Richmond VAMC is a 1.2 million square foot facility and home to the latest and most sophisticated medical equipment and facilities for healthcare delivery for our Nation's Heroes. This approximately 350 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 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 of patient treatment teams to provide a holistic treatment of the health and welfare of Veterans entrusted to our care.

