Mission Integration and Spiritual Care

Clinical Pastoral Education is part of Adventist HealthCare’s Mission Integration and Spiritual Care Department (MISC).

MISC chaplains offer spiritual and emotional support to patients, their families and hospital staff. This focus helps to set the spiritual climate of our healing institutions. Chaplains are formed by their own spiritual tradition, and practice an inclusive ministry of respect for all people.

In this setting, CPE students will have opportunity to work alongside professional Chaplains in the delivery of excellent spiritual care in our hospitals. Ministry experiences may include:

- Regular patient visitation.
- Responding to crises and referrals.
- Participation in interdisciplinary meetings.
- Connecting patients with their own spiritual community.
- Sacred rituals such as anointing, baptism, or memorial services for deceased patients.
- Weeks of Spiritual Emphasis twice a year.
- Blessing of the Hands during Nurses Week
- Staff Support.

The heart of CPE is your ministry with people and learning from that ministry, through reflection, discussion, and evaluation with your peers and supervisor.

Our Mission
We demonstrate God’s care by improving the health of people and communities through a ministry of physical, mental and spiritual healing.

Our Vision
Adventist HealthCare will be a high performance integrator of wellness, disease management and health care services, delivering superior health outcomes, extraordinary patient experience and exceptional value to those we serve.

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Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is interfaith, graduate level, professional education for ministry. It brings clergy, theological students, and qualified lay-persons of all faiths into supervised delivery of pastoral care to patients, family and staff as well as clinical learning for the student.

CPE Program Sites

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital is a 340-bed, state-of-the-art medical and surgical acute care facility that serves as a primary health care resource for more than 250,000 local residents.

Adventist Behavioral Health provides a wide-ranging spectrum of services and treatment options for children, adolescents, adults and seniors. Services are provided in a variety of settings including hospital-based programs, residential treatment centers, school programs, residential group homes, outpatient services and community-based services.

Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital of Maryland offers comprehensive rehabilitation programs for traumatic brain injuries, spinal cord injuries, strokes, amputations, orthopedic injuries and surgeries, sports related injuries, work-related injuries, cardiopulmonary conditions and neurological disorders. ARHM is the first and only acute rehabilitation hospital in Montgomery County.

CPE Program Formats

Under ACPE guidelines, the AHC-CPE program is accredited to offer Level I & Level II CPE. Each unit is designed to be a minimum of 400 hours of education for ministry (100 hours structured group and individual education and 300 hours supervised clinical practice in ministry). Currently, we offer two program formats:

Full Year CPE Residency: This 3 unit program begins in September and ends the following August. The Residency position has a stipend.

Intensive CPE Internship: Individual units beginning in September, January and June.

Admissions

For CPE Internships, a minimum of 1 year of graduate level theological education from an ATS or CHEA accredited school is preferred.

Now accepting applications for spring, summer and fall internship units; and year-long residency.

For CPE Residency, completion of M.Div. (or equivalent) preferred; minimum of 1 year graduate level theological education from an ATS or CHEA accredited school required.

The tuition cost per unit is $650. There is a $25 non-refundable application fee and a $50 fee for a supervisor interview for another center.

ACPE

To find the application form, go to www.acpe.edu and click the sidebar option for “Membership Fees and Forms”. You will find the application under “Forms.”

Applications are accepted all year long on a rolling admissions basis.

For more information:

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