



CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION AT SHARP HEALTHCARE

ABOUT SHARP HEALTHCARE

Sharp HealthCare is the largest healthcare provider in southern California. It consists of six San Diego area acute care hospitals, hospice and twenty-two medical clinics.

SPIRITUAL CARE AT SHARP HEALTHCARE

Spiritual care is available to all patients and their families of patients admitted to Sharp healthcare facilities, as well as for Sharp Hospice Care and Sharp Home Care. This 24 hour coverage is provided by a creative blend of staff chaplains; Clinical Pastoral Education interns; resident chaplains; community based volunteer on-call chaplains; and clergy and lay-leaders serving specific religious communities.

THE CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Sharp Healthcare is a graduate level program which provides quality clinical pastoral training for congregationally-based clergy, those in specialized ministerial fields, seminary students, those discerning professional chaplaincy as a career choice or career change, and in particular, those interested in the field of chaplaincy.

CPE programs at Sharp HealthCare offer unique learning opportunities and resources to help students become more proficient in their pastoral skills, knowledge base and personal/professional integration as they serve in the capacity of a chaplain intern or resident.

The Sharp HealthCare CPE program was accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE) in 1984. Our program is committed to providing a learning environment that emphasizes professional growth and education. The Sharp CPE program is accredited to offer Level 1, Level 2, and Certified Educator CPE.

Intern CPE – Extended Unit

This part-time unit of CPE requires a commitment of 10 - 20 hours per week, depending on whether a student does a 6 month or 12 month unit. For 6 month units, the weekly time commitment will be 16-20 hours per week; and for the yearlong unit, the weekly time commitment will average 10-12 hours. Student clinical placements will be either at Sharp Memorial Hospital or Sharp Home Care. It is an introductory level program. Extended units are generally for those who want to take CPE while they are working or going to school. There is no stipend for the extended unit.

The time structure for the extended unit consists of 3-5 hours of educational time and 10-15 hours of clinical (patient care) time per week. After a three day orientation, there is usually one half day every other week set aside for group seminars (case presentations, didactic, patient case consultation, and debriefing). This is a set time in which the entire group meets for educational sessions. The hours of clinical time can be scheduled around the chaplain intern's schedule.

Chaplain interns placed at the hospital have clinical responsibility to provide pastoral care in assigned areas, as well as share responsibility for trauma coverage and on-call coverage.

The dates for upcoming Extended CPE units for 2018 are:

- Summer - Fall: June 11 - December 21

Residency CPE

Residency CPE is a full time (40 hours a week), one year program that offers advanced clinical pastoral education. The Sharp Program begins each year in the first week of September and runs 52 weeks. The program has six funded residency positions for qualified candidates. The yearly resident stipend is \$32,000. It is generally expected that applicants will apply having already acquired religious group ordination, licensure, and/or endorsement to serve in a professional pastoral capacity. The resident needs to have a Master's level degree for Ministry (or the equivalent) from a nationally accredited educational institution. Applicants are asked to have completed one unit of clinical pastoral education as a prerequisite to the program. Individual exceptions to the above may be considered on a case-by case basis and in consideration of the pool of applicants. Applications may be submitted starting in September 2017 for the 2017-18 residency year.

Dates for 2018 residency program: September 4, 2018 – September 1, 2019

Certified Educatory Education

Sharp does not currently have a funded Certified Educator Training position available. This is an advanced level program for students who are qualified and wish to become an ACPE Certified Educator. Applicants must have significant pastoral experience, successfully completed Level II CPE Outcomes (generally within the context of at least one year of residency CPE), completed a Master's Degree in Divinity (or the equivalent) and have religious group endorsement.

SPECIALIZED CLINICAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

With many rich and diverse clinical settings, the CPE programs at Sharp Healthcare regularly provide specialized pastoral learning opportunities within interdisciplinary settings such as:

- Trauma and Critical Care
- Elder Care
- Skilled Nursing
- Behavioral Health
- Rehabilitation
- Women's Health
- Neonatology
- Oncology
- Outpatient services
- Palliative Care
- HealthCare Ethics
- Home Care

SEMINARS AND CURRICULUM

The **Clinical Seminar** teaches how to evaluate the effectiveness of one's pastoral encounters. It offers students the opportunity to look at their strengths and areas of potential growth. The clinical seminar also assists students in learning conduct a spiritual assessment and how to develop a pastoral care plan. The learning process of a Clinical Seminar consists of a supervised peer group in which students present written verbatim clinical accounts of their pastoral encounters for peer and supervisory feedback.

The **Spiritual Assessment Seminar** teaches various methods of performing a holistic spiritual assessment of patients and/or family members. These seminars utilize the student pastoral encounter as a focal point to assist individuals in developing the skills necessary to assess the spiritual needs of patients. This written method also assists students in developing appropriate patient and family care plans. Compassionate and effective care plans help the chaplain to encourage patients and family members to use their own spiritual and religious resources during a time of crisis, challenge, and transformation.

The **Didactic Seminar** is a professional presentation on a topic relevant to clinical pastoral care in a hospital setting.

The **Open Seminar** is an open agenda seminar that allows the student to utilize the group time to discuss their learning, debrief personal reactions to a patient cases, pastoral integration in the clinical milieu, discuss group dynamics, address questions encountered during CPE or their clinical work.

The **Story Theology Seminar** uses a method of spiritual/theological reflection to teach the role of story in helping assess a patient and/or family's spiritual and emotional needs during their hospitalization. This model translates to clinical patient care in helping patients and families connect with their core beliefs to strengthen coping.

Individual Supervision is a weekly one-on-one sessions between the ACPE Certified Educator and student are provided for the student to gain supervision of their learning and clinical work.

Personnel, library, and multimedia resources are available to all students. The Sharp HealthCare CPE program is well established and maintains relationships with local pastoral care and counseling programs.

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

There is no deadline for submitting applications. Sharp Healthcare CPE Program has a *rolling admissions process* meaning that applications are received during the start of the application window. Then interviews are offered for qualified applicants and when the CPE group is filled, the admissions process will close.

It is strongly preferred that students applying for the **Intern Program** will have completed or be in the process of completing a master's level degree program for ministry. Exceptions may be considered on a case by case basis. It is also strongly preferred that students applying for the **Residency Program** will have a Master's Degree (or in progress) for ministry and have completed a previous unit of CPE at the intern level. Exceptions may be considered for individual cases.

For further information, please go to www.sharp.com/cpe

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Applying for the Clinical Pastoral Education Program:

- Please go to www.sharp.com/cpe
- Complete Entire Application: Please make sure the application is complete prior to sending it and make sure all the relevant questions are adequately addressed. Incomplete application may not be considered.
- Quality of Application: This is a professional and graduate level program, so it is important that the application and responses to questions are of professional and graduate level quality.
- Sending your Application: If you are emailing your application, email it to SMH.CPERegistration@sharp.com. Please compile your entire application (with the face sheet, resume and response to questions) in one Word or PDF document.
- Mailing your Application: While email applications are preferable, applications may also be submitted by postal mail. The address for mailing is on the application.
- Confirmation of Receipt of Application: A Certified Educator will contact you within 2-3 weeks from the submission of your application to confirm that it has been received.
- Review of Application: When an application is received it will be reviewed. Qualified prospective students may then be invited for a personal interview.

When a student is preliminarily accepted into the CPE program a deposit of \$100 will be required in order to reserve a position in the program. In addition to a letter of acceptance, Sharp HealthCare will require a TB test, reference check and background check before a student is fully matriculated into the program. A flu shot is required during flu season. Tuition for the **Intern Program** is \$500 and for the **Residency Program Tuition** is \$1300 for the full year (\$100 deposit + \$300 per unit), due at the beginning of each unit. Upon acceptance to the program, a non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required to reserve a place in the program.

Thank you for your interest in CPE at Sharp Healthcare!!

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