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. The CPE Program is operated by Sharp Memorial Hospital.

SPIRITUAL CARE AT SHARP HEALTHCARE
Spiritual care is available to patients and their families throughout Sharp HealthCare’s Hospitals, Sharp Hospice, and Sharp Home Health. Sharp Memorial Hospital provides 24-hour coverage by a creative blend of staff chaplains; Clinical Pastoral Education intern and resident chaplains; community based volunteer on-call chaplains; and clergy and lay-leaders affiliated with specific religious communities.

THE CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION PROGRAM
Our Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is a graduate level program which provides quality 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.

We offer unique learning opportunities and resources to help students become more proficient in their pastoral skills, knowledge base and professional pastoral integration.

Our CPE program was accredited by ACPE (The Standard for Spiritual Care and Education) in 1984. We are committed to providing a learning environment that emphasizes professional growth and education. The 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 10-15 hours per week. Student clinical placements are either at Sharp Memorial Hospital. 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 both educational time and clinical hours (patient care). After four days of orientation, there is usually one half day or evening 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 provide pastoral care in assigned areas, as well as share responsibility for trauma coverage and on-call coverage.

We review applications on a rolling basis. We recommend submitting applications five to six months prior to the desired dates.

The 2020 Extended CPE unit dates will be
- January to June (with a greater number of clinical hours to complete each week)
- January to August (with fewer clinical hours to complete each week)
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 during the last week of August and runs 53 weeks. This is a three-unit residency. 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 applicant 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 2019 for the 2020-21 residency year.

Dates for 2020-21 residency program: August 24, 2020 – August 29, 2021

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
- Rehabilitation
- Outpatient services
- Elder Care
- Women’s Health
- Palliative Care
- Skilled Nursing
- Neonatology
- HealthCare Ethics
- Behavioral Health
- Oncology
- Home Care
- Rehabilitation
- Palliative Care
- Didactic Seminar
- Open Seminar
- Individual Supervision

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 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.

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.

Individual Supervision is a regular one-on-one session 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 APPLICATION PROCESS
There is no deadline for submitting applications. Our 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 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.
- 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: Follow the instructions on the application for submitting your application. Please compile your entire application (with the face sheet, resume and response to questions) in one Word or PDF document.
- 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.

Sharp HealthCare requires a reference check and background check before a student is fully matriculated into the program. A TB test and specific immunizations are required prior starting. A flu shot is required during flu season. Tuition for the Intern Program is $500 per unit and for the Residency Program Tuition is $1300 for the full year ($100 deposit + $300 per unit), due at the beginning of each unit.

For additional helpful information and FAQ responses, please see: https://www.acpe.edu/ACPE/_Students/FAQ_S.aspx

Thank you for your interest in CPE at Sharp Healthcare, operated by Sharp Memorial Hospital!

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