

Clinical Pastoral Education Programs at St. John's Springfield, MO

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CPE Residency

Description: Full-time, twelve (12)-month, four-unit CPE program from early September to late August. Intended for persons aiming at a level of competence that permits them to attain professional board certification as chaplains and/or admission to Supervisory CPE.

Pre-requisites:

- Education: Graduate theological degree (Master of Divinity; may be theology, religious studies, pastoral ministry, pastoral studies, spirituality if accepted by certifying body). If a person has not yet completed his/her degree when beginning a residency it is understood that (s)he would be able to be certified within 24 months of completing the residency.
- Experience: Pastoral experience. **STRONGLY PREFERRED:** Successful completion of one previous unit of CPE.
- Skills and knowledge: appropriate to, and sufficient for, expectations and realities of the program. Evidenced in application materials, interview, and references.

Stipend and benefits: CPE Residents receive a stipend and benefits. They are St. John's coworkers for the time that they are in the program.

Tuition: \$400 per CPE unit, payable at the beginning of the respective unit, unless financial payment plan is worked out in advance with CPE Supervisor.

Calendar: Limited group work on breaks between CPE units and around holidays, but clinical responsibilities continue.

Applications are accepted after October 1 of the previous year. Application deadline: when program is full. Application fee \$25.00 non-refundable.

Certification: consult www.nacc.org or www.professionalchaplains.org for chaplain board certification requirements. Consult www.nacc.org or www.acpe.edu for supervisory certification process and requirements.

Summer Unit (Interns)

Description: Full-time, 10-week, program from early June to August. One unit of CPE. Intended for seminarians as part of their ordination process and for other qualified persons—lay and ordained—who wish to discern their future ministry options, hone their ministry skills, or prepare to do a CPE residency.

Pre-requisites:

- Education: Bachelor's degree or other professional designation; e.g. RN, with sufficient theological background for program.
- Experience: Pastoral experience sufficient for program.
- Skills and knowledge: appropriate to, and sufficient for, expectations and realities of the program. Evidenced in application materials, interview, and references.

Stipend and benefits: No stipend. Benefit: meal discount.

Tuition: \$400 per CPE unit, payable at the beginning of the unit, unless financial payment plan is worked out in advance with CPE Supervisor.

Calendar: The program is fulltime for the 10 weeks of its duration. July 4 is a holiday.

Applications are accepted after October 1 of the previous year. Application deadline: when program is full. Application fee \$25.00 non-refundable.

Extended Unit (Interns)

Description: Part-time, nine-month program for CPE Interns. One unit of CPE. Intended for qualified persons—lay and ordained—who wish to discern their future ministry options, hone their ministry skills, or prepare to do a CPE residency. The program seeks to accommodate persons with commitments (e.g. job or profession) that do not permit fulltime CPE.

Pre-requisites:

- Education: Bachelor's degree or other professional designation; e.g. RN, with sufficient theological background for program. Any person who has two units of CPE is expected to do a consultation for Level II CPE and not to amass any more CPE units before completing **graduate theological degree** as explained above.
- Experience: Pastoral experience sufficient for program.
- Skills and knowledge: appropriate to, and sufficient for, expectations and realities of the program. Evidenced in application materials, interview, and references.

Stipend and benefits: No stipend. Benefit: meal discount.

Tuition: \$400 per CPE unit, payable at the beginning of the unit, unless financial payment plan is worked out in advance with CPE Supervisor.

Applications are accepted year-round. Application deadline: when program is full. Application fee \$25.00 non-refundable.

Program calendar

Duration	September-May with break at Christmas
Orientation	Four (4) full days at beginning of unit. Includes St. John's new employee orientation and CPE.
CPE Group Work	6:00-10:00 p.m. weekly on Tuesdays
Individual Educational Supervision	One (1) hour every other week. Schedule negotiated between CPE Supervisor and Intern.
Clinical Work	7-8 hours weekly. Schedule negotiated between CPE Supervisor and Intern.
On-Call	Two (2) weekends on-call shadowing with a staff chaplain during the course of the unit.

Occasionally, St. John's offers a CPE extended unit offsite. The decision is based on need, interest, and availability of supervisory personnel. For information contact Center for Pastoral Education, 417-820-7440 or 417-820-2736.

Supervisory Education

For information about supervisory education, contact the ACPE Supervisor at St. John's: Barbara.Brumleve@mercy.net or 417-820.2736. Consult www.acpe.edu or www.nacc.org for supervisory certification process and requirements.

Through these CPE programs St. John's continues to express its commitment to pastoral formation and education throughout its health system, in southwestern Missouri and northern Arkansas.

Mission Statement

St. John's Clinical Pastoral Education Program prepares ordained, professed, and lay persons for chaplaincy and faith-based ministry. The program provides experience-based theological education in three key areas: pastoral formation, pastoral competence, and pastoral reflection.

We value our Christian heritage which gives expression to the mission of compassion through the healing ministry of the Roman Catholic Church. We honor the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy respecting the dignity and the unique diversity of all CPE students as we prepare them to serve others in these three key areas. (PCC approval, 5/6/09)

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