Schedule of Units
Spring Unit: January - April
Summer Unit: May - August
Fall Unit: September - December

How much time is required for one unit of CPE?
A unit of CPE consists of 400 supervised hours. At least 100 hours are spent in the group process, and at least 200 hours are spent in direct ministry to persons.

US Department of Education
ACPE is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. This allows centers to provide educational credits to Seminary and College Students.

Clinical Pastoral Education: Training for Chaplaincy

Mission
We are called to reveal the healing love of Jesus to those in need.

2020 Vision
Inspired by faith and committed to excellence, we will lead the transformation of healthcare in our communities.

Values
Reverence
• Respect for the whole person
• Fair and just treatment of individuals
• Non-judgmental behavior

Compassion
• Empathy
• Responsiveness to need
• Sensitivity

Justice
• Unconditional acceptance of each person
• Serving as advocates for the most vulnerable
• Collaborating with others to empower individuals

Excellence
• Personal and professional integrity
• Promoting and facilitating quality health care services
• Commitment to embrace new technology

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CPE is professional education for ministry. It is an action-reflection-action model of adult education based on the interaction between a student’s ministry and reflection within a supervised peer group. Through their reflection on ministerial encounters, peers and supervisor provide helpful feedback to the student in developing self-awareness as a minister. The CPE environment challenges the student to reach out in new ways and to take risks in an educational environment that is safe and conducive to learning and growing in pastoral ways.

In all of our settings, students gain ministry experiences which become the focus of our Pastoral Consultations, in which students present material for feedback and discussion.

**Essential Elements in CPE Include:**
- The actual practice of ministry to persons.
- Detailed reporting and evaluation of the practice.
- Pastoral supervision by an ACPE/NACC certified supervisor.
- A specific time period (400 hours).
- An individual contract for learning.
- ACPE/NACC accreditation of the CPE center.

**The Individual Learning Contract:**
The CPE participant’s contract is developed around the learning goals of:

- **PASTORAL REFLECTION** - reflection on one’s self as person and pastor in relationship to persons in crisis, the supervisor, and peer-group members, as well as the curriculum and institutional setting.

- **PASTORAL FORMATION** - focus on personal and pastoral identity issues in learning and ministry.

- **PASTORAL COMPETENCE** - deepening and unfolding of competence in pastoral function, pastoral skills and knowledge of theology and the behavioral sciences.

**Sisters of Charity Hospital Clinical Pastoral Education Programs**

**Level I - Level II - Supervisory Education**

**Ministry Placement Sites for Health Care Based Program:**
(ACPE/NACC)
Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Home Health Care, Addiction Treatment Centers.

**Community-Based Program:**
(ACPE/NACC)
Soup Kitchens, Refugee Assistance Programs, Community Centers, Prison Ministry, AIDS Ministry, Residential Programs.

**Application Requirements:**
- A completed application
- A $50 application fee
- An admission interview
- A basic college degree (BA or BS)
- Adequate background in theology (18 graduate credits from an accredited theological school) to participate in theological reflection
- Ability to reflect on ministry and learn from experiences
- Ability to participate in an adult learning model

**Accreditation**
Sisters of Charity Hospital Clinical Pastoral Education Program is accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. (ACPE) and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Commission On Certification and Accreditation (USCCB/CCA).

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