

LEARNING

about one's personal and
pastoral identity

DEVELOPING

awareness
skills • insight

BECOMING

a better
spiritual caregiver

SERVING

our nation's Veterans



VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System's CPE Program is Accredited by the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education to offer Level I and Level II CPE and Certified Educator Training.

CPE Internship

The VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System Clinical Pastoral Education Intensive Summer program is a 11-week training period for individuals seeking an introduction to the profession of spiritual care. This program is designed to equip students with the experiences and resources needed to care specifically for the health challenges our Veterans face.

The training is offered each summer and provides one unit of 400 training hours that are certified through the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education. The program utilizes case studies, resources both within and outside the VA, and a variety of interdisciplinary staff to present on different clinical considerations. This program will demand the best from students while also helping them succeed in each new effort. Chaplains improve their pastoral functioning by developing in both self-awareness and interpersonal awareness.

Students are typically assigned two care wards as a primary clinical assignment. As Chaplains, they provide spiritual assessments, general visitation, intensive and extensive spiritual visitation, sacraments (when ordained), and other spiritual care resources. While functioning in the assigned area, the students participate in interdisciplinary treatment team meetings, planning sessions, and consultations. Along with traditional inpatient / outpatient care, opportunities include working in specialty treatment centers such as: spinal cord injury, hospice and palliative medicine, blind rehabilitation, women's health, post-traumatic stress disorder, addiction recovery, psychosocial resource recovery, homeless and mental health residential rehabilitation, home based care, and long-term residential care.

Qualifications for an Internship

- A Completed ACPE application
<https://acpe.edu/education/cpe-students/cpe-application>
- Documentation of good standing with one's faith group
- Ordination/licensing/commission (or in process)
- An Admission interview

For more information, please call 216-791-3800 Ext. 66300.

You can email your completed application to stacy.kenney2@va.gov or sahra.harding@va.gov

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