

# 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 Residency

The VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System Clinical Pastoral Education First Year Residency program is a 12-month training period for individuals seeking to advance their skills in the profession of spiritual care. This program is designed to equip Chaplains with the experiences and resources needed to care specifically for the health challenges our Veterans face.

The Residency year begins each October and consists of four CPE units. The Educator arranges a content specific curriculum for each unit of education. Each unit provides a minimum of 400 training hours that are certified through the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education. Residents spend a minimum of 100 hours in supervised group and individual education and 250 hours in clinical practice. The remaining 50 hours focus on what the educator and student deem as most beneficial for learning. The program utilizes case studies, resources both within and outside the VA, and a variety of interdisciplinary staff to present different clinical considerations.

Chaplain Residents rotate through different clinical foci. Residents provide spiritual assessments, general visitation, intensive and extensive spiritual visitation, sacraments (when ordained), and spiritual care resources. Residents 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 a Residency

- A Completed ACPE application  
<https://acpe.edu/education/cpe-students/cpe-application>  
Including resume and all prior CPE self and supervisor evaluations
- Successful completion of one unit of CPE
- Masters of Divinity
- Document 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](mailto:stacy.kenney2@va.gov) or [sahra.harding@va.gov](mailto:sahra.harding@va.gov)



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