

What is CPE?

❖ CPE is designed for persons at various stages of life, for example, persons seeking to become board certified chaplains, clergy seeking continuing education, laity wanting to explore/develop themselves as spiritual caregivers, and seminarians.

❖ The curriculum emphasizes visitation skills, reflective listening, spiritual assessment, grief and loss, and non-directive spiritual care. Methodologies include the following: case studies (in a verbatim format), one-on-one education with the CPE educator, interpersonal relations group, and leading religious services.

❖ There is no application fee or tuition cost for the program. US Citizenship is required. To apply, fill out the application according to the guidelines that can be found at the following website: www.va.gov/richmond-health-care/work-with-us/internships-and-fellowships/ Under “Clinical Pastoral Education,” go to “Learn about the Clinical Pastoral Education Program (PDF).”

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Instructional Schedule

We offer three programs:

1. Full-time 11-week Intensive Internship to earn 1 unit of CPE that runs from late-May to mid-August:

Application Deadline
December 31, 2024
Unit Dates
May 27, 2025—August 8, 2025

2. Part-time 36-week Extended Internship to earn 1 unit of CPE that runs from mid-August to mid-May:

Application Deadline
Feb. 28, 2025
Unit Dates
August 18, 2025—May 15, 2026

3. Full-time year-long Level II Interprofessional Residency (with stipend and benefits) to earn 4 units of CPE that runs from September to September:

Application Deadline
November 30, 2024
Unit Dates
September 8, 2025—September 4, 2026

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Equips Spiritual Caregivers
in Clinical Settings**



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Goal/ Accreditation

We are committed to the development of compassionate and competent spiritual caregivers. Learning to hear and to reflect deeply on the spiritual dimensions of life in moments of loss and grief helps adult learners to articulate their spiritual beliefs and resources that inform their spiritual care. This reflective process increases self-awareness and develops spiritual care skills. By employing a multicultural and multi-faith perspective in an experiential learning environment, each student can develop a unique style of spiritual care based on the new insights fostered. The goal of our program is to value the experience each student brings with them and to mentor each student's unique path towards learning the art of spiritual care.

Statement of Accreditation:

The Central Virginia VA Health Care System is accredited to offer CPE (Levels I/II) and Certified Educator CPE by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. Address: ACPE, Inc., 1 Concourse Pkwy, Suite 800, Atlanta, GA 30328 (404) 320-1472. www.acpe.edu. ACPE CPE is Trademarked by the ACPE.

Ministry Settings

Chaplain Interns and Residents minister to all faith traditions in the following ways:

- Spiritual Care to the following:
 - Individual Veterans
 - Veterans' Groups
 - Veterans' Family Members & Friends
 - Medical Center Staff
- Professional help in crisis situations:
 - Serious illness
 - Polytrauma
 - Impending death
- Sacramental Ministry
- Worship
 - Public (as scheduled)
 - Private

Within these settings, each unit of CPE requires at least 400 hours of combined class and clinical work. Whereas class times are fixed by necessity, there is some flexibility in scheduling clinical hours around students' availability.

Veterans Affairs Mission: "To fulfill President Lincoln's promise to care for those who have served in our nation's military and for their families, caregivers, and survivors."

CVHCS CPE

The Central Virginia VA Health Care System (CVHCS) is one of VA's leading health care systems and serves as tertiary care referral center. CVHCS includes both the Richmond VA Medical Center (VAMC) and five Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs).

The Richmond VAMC is a 1.2 million square foot facility and home to the latest and most sophisticated medical equipment and facilities for healthcare delivery for our Nation's Heroes. This approximately 300 bed facility, with a wide variety of out-patient specialty clinics, has been a leader in treatment of traumatic brain injury, Parkinson's disease, and cardiac conditions, among others.

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) recognizes that spiritual care must be integrated into a total program of health care provided to Veterans. Chaplains are integral members of patient treatment teams to provide a holistic treatment of the health and welfare of Veterans entrusted to our care.

