



Level I & II Extended Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Program at Maine Medical Center September 28th, 2020 – April 23rd, 2021

Program Information: *This ACPE-accredited Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program is designed primarily for theological students, clergy, qualified laypersons, and/or those preparing for professional chaplaincy. This is a 30-week, part-time Level I – II CPE program, designed to accommodate those in a graduate academic program or working in a part-time job with flexibility in their hours. The total in-person hours required to earn ACPE credit for this unit equal 400, of which a minimum of 300 hours are spent in direct patient care and 100 hours in educational activities. Weekly reading and writing assignments are also required.*

Required Weekly Hours: All students must be available on Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., which is the primary class day. A mandatory Orientation will be held on September 28th-October 1st from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Those 4 days will be spent orienting you to the Department of Spiritual Care, our CPE program, your role as a student chaplain and the clinical units where patient visits will occur. Attendance during the full period of Orientation is required. **Additional weekly on-call shift information, beginning week two and beyond:** Starting the week of October 5th, you will begin visiting patients. These are called on-call shifts and they may be individually scheduled on weeknights, weekends and/or holidays. Each student will typically work 1-2 on-call shifts per week over the course of the program. These shifts, which last either 8 or 12 hours depending on the time of day selected, will be scheduled in collaboration with our department to fulfill the ACPE requirement of 300+ total patient care hours over 30 weeks. In addition to class and visiting time, you will also have **one hour of individual supervision time** with the ACPE Certified Educator. This will occur bi-weekly by mutual arrangement.

Admission Requirements: Applicants must have a high school diploma, a bachelor's degree, and some graduate-level theological education and ministry experience. Any request for exceptions to these requirements should be directed to Rev. Heather Weidemann, Director of Spiritual Care and ACPE Certified Educator. Applicants will be assessed by the ACPE Certified Educator, the Spiritual Care Manager, and other staff in an interview for their readiness for clinical learning, suitability for functioning in the chaplain role, and capacity for serving according to the hospital's expectations.

Application: All CPE programs require the use of the ACPE application form found at the ACPE website: acpe.edu/ACPE/Resources/Forms.aspx. **Applications for this unit will be accepted starting February 1, 2020.** Completed applications can be mailed or emailed to kgrover1@mmc.org. Receipt of application is acknowledged within four business days. Due to volume of applicants, not all applicants are interviewed.

2020-2021 Tuition total for Extended Unit: \$900.00

The Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program at Maine Medical Center is fully accredited to offer Levels I & II CPE by ACPE (The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education), Inc. USA; 55 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd. Suite 835, Atlanta, GA 30308; phone 404-320-1472; Web www.acpe.edu.