



Eastern Maine Medical Center
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Level I & II Extended Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Program at Eastern Maine Medical Center

2021- 2022 Fall Extended Unit: September 7, 2021 – March 8, 2022

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 26-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 equals 400, of which a minimum of 250 hours is spent in direct patient care, plus 50 hours in other clinical support practice and a minimum of 100 hours in educational activities. Weekly reading and writing assignments are also required.*

Required Weekly Hours: All students must be available on Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., which is the primary class day. The first two CPE class days will occur from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and are devoted to orientation. Those days will be spent orienting you to Eastern Maine Medical Center and the Department of Spiritual Care, Volunteer Services, 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 mandatory. **Additional weekly visiting hours and on-call shift information, beginning week three and beyond:** CPE educational sessions are held for a minimum of 4.5 hours each Tuesday afternoon (1pm – 5:30pm). 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.

Weekly on-call shifts also occur throughout the unit, and these may be individually scheduled on weekday/nights, weekends and/or holidays. Each student will typically work 1 clinical day, 8-hour shift per week over the course of the program (9am - 5pm). **On-Calls:** Students may be required to do one evening shift (4:30pm – 9pm) weekly and two 12-hour weekend days (8am-8pm) per month. Assigned clinical days/evenings/weekends will be negotiated with the group.

Admission Requirements: Our training program is open to anyone interested in spiritual care. Applicants must have a high school diploma, a bachelor's degree or equivalency, and some theological education and ministry experience. Any request for exceptions to these requirements should be directed to Rev. Dr. J. Bernard Richardson, Director of Spiritual Care and ACPE Certified Educator. Applicants will be assessed by the ACPE Certified Educator, the CPE Professional Advisory Group, 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 and department's expectations. Pre-requisites also include: a completed CPE application form and fee and eligibility to be a volunteer at Eastern Maine Medical Center.

2021 Tuition total for the Fall Extended Unit: \$850.00 Tuition | Application Fee: \$50.00 | \$200.00 Deposit

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