



Eastern Maine Medical Center
489 State Street
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Level I & II Extended Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Program at Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center

Spring Extended Unit: March 17, 2020 – August 14, 2020

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 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 Tuesday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 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 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 two and beyond:** CPE educational sessions are held for a minimum of 4 hours each Tuesday evening (5 pm – 9 pm). 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 will be required to do one evening shift (5pm – 9pm) weekly and two 12-hour weekend day (8am-8pm) per month. Assigned clinical days/evenings/weekends will be negotiated with the group.

Admission Requirements: Our training program is open to anyone interest 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 application form and fee and eligibility to be a volunteer at Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center.

2019 Tuition total for the Spring Extended Unit: \$800.00 Application Fee: \$50.00

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. One West Court Square, Suite 325, Decatur, GA 30030-2538 USA; phone 404-320-1472; Web www.acpe.edu