

The CPE Center

The Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Program at the G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi is accredited with the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. The Center is accredited to offer both Level I and Level II CPE.

CPE residents provide pastoral care to patients, residents and families while developing pastoral competency through supervised clinical practice. Pastoral competency involves the following:

- Formation of a pastoral identity
- Theological/spiritual integration
- Self and interpersonal awareness
- Development and application of psychosocial models to spiritual assessment and pastoral care
- Understanding of systems and a proven ability to function as an effective leader in an institutional setting
- Development of pastoral skills in short and long term pastoral care
- Utilization of professional supervision and consultation for growth personal and professional growth
- A knowledge of the ethical, religious, and cultural contexts in individual experience

The Residency Program

The residency program provides a year of intensive, postgraduate pastoral care training. This training offers the student an opportunity to experience a wide range of clinical assignments. Some of the areas offered are:

Psychiatry, Cardiology, Surgery, Medical-Surgical Intensive Care, Oncology, Chemotherapy, Infectious Disease, Substance Abuse, Nursing Home Care, Medicine, Healthcare Ethics and more.

Objectives of Level I and Level II CPE

- To develop students' awareness of themselves as ministers and of the ways their ministry affects others.
- To develop students' awareness of how their attitudes, values, assumptions, strengths and weaknesses affect their pastoral care.
- To develop students' ability to engage and apply the support, confrontation and clarification of the peer group for integration of personal attributes and pastoral functioning.
- To develop students' awareness and understanding of how persons, social conditions, systems and structures affect their lives and the lives of others and how to address effectively these issues through their ministry.
- To develop the students' skills in providing intensive and extensive pastoral care and counseling to persons.
- To develop students' ability to make effective use of their religious/spiritual heritage, theological understanding, and knowledge of the behavioral sciences in their pastoral care of persons and groups.
- To teach students the pastoral role in professional relationships and how to work effectively as a pastoral member of a multidisciplinary team.
- To develop students' capacity to use one's pastoral and prophetic perspectives in preaching, teaching, leadership, management, pastoral care, and pastoral counseling.

For more information about the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Residency program at the G. V. (Sonny) Montgomery Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi please complete and return this card. For questions please call (601) 364-1397 or email walter.benson2@va.gov.

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The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education,
Inc. (ACPE) is nationally recognized as an
accrediting agency in the field of clinical pastoral
education by the U.S. Secretary of Education
through the U.S. Department of Education.

Requirements

- CPE Application
- Graduation from an ATS accredited seminary
- Successful completion of one unit of CPE preferred
- On-site interview
- Qualified laypersons without the above qualifications may apply.

How to apply

If you would like an application sent to you or if you have more questions about the CPE residency program please complete and return the perforated section of this brochure or call: (601) 364-1397.

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