

About ACPE

Our program is provisionally accredited by the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE). Our program aligns with the overarching ACPE goals of spiritual formation and integration, awareness of self and others, relational dynamics, spiritual care interventions and professional development. These goals work in conjunction with the student's individual learning goals. University Health focuses on these five core competencies and combines them with ACPE outcomes:

1. Spiritual awareness and assessment
2. Self and interpersonal awareness with a special emphasis in story theology
3. Spiritual care theory integration and competency with a special emphasis on family systems theory
4. Consultation, mentoring and supervision

University Health offers a comprehensive clinical pastoral education program to qualified applicants without regard to race, culture, ethnicity, gender/gender identity, religious/spiritual beliefs or sexual orientation.

PROVISIONALLY ACCREDITED BY:

ACPE: The Standard for Spiritual Care and Education

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UNIVERSITY HEALTH CPE PROGRAM

(Bexar County Health District: University Health CPE Program)

A provisionally accredited Center for Level 1, Level 2 and Certified Educator Training



CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION

Spiritual Care Department



Spiritual Care/CPE Department

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Thinking beyond

OUR MISSION

Our center's mission is to foster the development of professional spiritual care providers through the expressed values of empathy, excellence and innovation.

OUR VALUES

EMPATHY

Empathy is essential to effective spiritual care. University Health is committed to providing patient-centered, trauma-informed care. Throughout our education process, we encourage students to be empathic and courageous as they learn about themselves and others.

EXCELLENCE

We take accountability for the care we provide and the curriculum we teach by using emerging evidence and best practices. This helps ensure that students meet ACPE standards and outcomes while providing the highest level of care for our patients, their families and our team members.

INNOVATION

We embrace innovative approaches to education and spiritual care. As an academic medical center, students learn alongside other clinicians in a setting that prepares them for the next steps on their journey.

OUR VISION

We aim to be a trusted leader in spiritual care education to all, for all.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Students will gain a broad range of clinical experience at University Hospital and the Women's & Children's Hospital, including overnight on-call responsibilities. Foundational skills such as listening, self-awareness and crisis support will be emphasized in a diverse, interfaith, multi-cultural community. Students will work with an ACPE Certified Educator and a small group of peers, alongside clinical preceptors who support students as they care for others and reflect critically on themselves, both personally and professionally. Please note that University Hospital is a Level I trauma center, receiving patients from across the region who may be victims of traumatic injury, including physical, emotional, sexual, and psychological abuse. Inherent in the provision of spiritual care is bereavement support following death of a loved one.

We acknowledge students' need for safety and well-being, and encourage all students to take advantage of our available support services as needed.

WHY UNIVERSITY HEALTH?

- Flexible shifts with accommodations for working professionals
- Competitive compensation and benefits for residents and educator candidates
- Wide range of clinical specialties:
 - Trauma
 - Emergency
 - Intensive Care
 - Surgery
 - Transplant
 - Neurology
 - Oncology
 - Psychiatry
 - Pediatrics
 - Rehabilitation
 - Women's Services

PROGRAMS WE OFFER

One unit of Clinical Pastoral Education is 400 hours, of which 100 hours are classroom education, at least 250 are supervised clinical practice, and the remaining hours are used as needed. The program does not require an application fee.

RESIDENCY (3 UNITS)

Prerequisite: 1 unit Clinical Pastoral Education
The residency is a full-time, one-year program beginning each September. Residents discuss a variety of beliefs and theological perspectives, selected readings in spiritual care research and outcome-oriented chaplaincy throughout the program.

Annual Stipend - \$41,183.00 + Benefits

Tuition - \$225 - \$400 each unit.

EXTENDED UNIT (1 UNIT)

An extended unit is a full-time, 11-week summer or part-time, 22-week unit. Students learn essential skills in spiritual care and gain valuable experience in hospital ministry. The summer internship includes a \$3,000 stipend.

Tuition - \$400

CERTIFIED EDUCATOR TRAINING

Certified Educator Training is a full-time program of continued Clinical Pastoral Education and service focused on developing skills to become a certified ACPE educator. Certified educator candidates are accepted for three years. They undergo an annual review for continued participation. Certified educator candidates will complete a minimum of 1,600 hours of supervised learning each year.

Administration Fee - \$350 /Tuition Fee - \$850

***University Health Employee - Administration and tuition fees are waved**