



Clinical Pastoral Education

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WAKEMED HEALTH & HOSPITALS

WakeMed Health & Hospitals is a private, not-for-profit 884-bed health care organization based in Raleigh, N.C. Our team of more than 8,300 employees, 1,500 volunteers, more than 1,200 affiliated physicians and 255 physicians employed by WakeMed Physician Practices use the most advanced technologies to ensure the finest in health care.

A Joint Commission accredited health care provider, WakeMed has been a leader and innovator for more than 50 years. Centers of excellence include cardiac and vascular care, women's and children's services, emergency and trauma, physical rehab and specialization in orthopaedics and neurosciences. Specialty facilities include the WakeMed Heart Center, Children's Hospital, Women's Pavilion and Birthplace, Rehabilitation Hospital, Adult and Children's Emergency Departments and a Level I Trauma Center.

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION

The Mission of our Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program is to offer experiential and process oriented education to a diverse group of theological students, clergy and laypersons in accordance with ACPE Standards.

WakeMed's CPE program has been accredited since 1975 by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE), Inc. WakeMed offers Level I, Level II and Supervisory Education CPE programs.

CPE is an interfaith professional education for ministry. It brings theological students, ministers and qualified laity into supervised encounters with people in crisis. Through intense involvement with persons in need of spiritual care, along with feedback from peers and educators, students gain a new understanding of ministry. Students can develop a new awareness of themselves and the needs of others. They also develop skills in interpersonal and inter-professional relationships using the interdisciplinary team process of attending educational seminars, reviewing written reports and helping each other.

ADMISSIONS

We welcome applicants who are currently enrolled in theological education and/or meaningfully involved as clergy or laity rendering spiritual care to a congregation, hospital, or other ministry context. WakeMed does not discriminate against any individual for reasons of race, gender, age, faith group, national origin, sexual orientation or physical disability. Students need to sustain sufficient physical and emotional health to deliver effective spiritual care.

PROCEDURE

- Submit a completed application. Consult our website for application fee and tuition information.
- Intern and resident applicants must demonstrate, through the written application and interview, the ability to participate in CPE.
- A bachelor's degree is required, and interns often have successfully completed at least one year of theological school.
- Residents must have earned a Master's Degree and successfully completed at least one unit of CPE.

OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

We offer a variety of CPE options at WakeMed including:

- Intern units are offered three times each year: From August to December, January to May and a full-time summer unit from late May through mid-August. Students can choose to be involved in Hospital-based or Urban Ministry CPE. All units require a minimum of 400 hours of supervised ministry.
- Residency year at WakeMed builds upon the educational prerequisites of a master's degree and successful completion on an initial unit of CPE. The year is divided into three CPE units, providing opportunities for students to further understand the practice of ministry for patients, families and staff within the context of a major health care system. Residents receive a stipend for the year and have WakeMed employee benefits.



CURRICULUM AND METHODOLOGY

The CPE Curriculum is developed to help students gain insight into pastoral formation, competence and reflection through hands-on ministry experience.

The experiential nature of the learning process employs an action/reflection/action methodology, providing opportunity to critique actual ministry experiences presented in verbatim reports by students. Integration of learning can then be incorporated into future ministry encounters.

Didactic Seminars provide discussion of important information and concepts to facilitate student learning throughout the unit of CPE. Interpersonal/Professional Relationship Group (IPR) is an unstructured group time for participants to engage personal and professional concerns that impact pastoral functioning. One hour of weekly individual supervision with the primary Clinical Pastoral Educator permits students to discuss educational issues and process events that have surfaced during the week. CPE provides a rich blend of instruction and experience.



PROVIDING SPIRITUAL CARE

CPE students are encouraged to creatively engage in ministry through the use of their gifts and talents such as music, artistic expression, worship leadership, rituals, religious texts, meditation and healing presence. CPE offers students the opportunity to provide spiritual care to patients, their families and the WakeMed staff.



ABOUT THE COMMUNITY

Raleigh, Durham and the many nearby towns and communities consistently rank as some of the best places to live in the United States. Raleigh – the City of Oaks – is the capital of North Carolina and is just a short drive to either the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains or the Atlantic Ocean. When you combine our mild climate with the natural beauty of the region and our Southern hospitality, you have a winning combination. The benefits of living and working in the Greater Raleigh area are endless. Our community boasts an array of cultural, educational and entertainment opportunities, including world-class museums and universities, professional and amateur sports and a vibrant local music and theatre scene.

