



Clinical Pastoral Education Fellowship Application-Supplemental Questions

*Each written response should be at graduate level, single-spaced, 12pt. Font, and no more than five (5) pages.

1. **Theology/Philosophy of Spiritual Care Paper:** Articulate your theological/philosophical/grounding foundation for your approach to spiritual care and the various tributaries that influence your understanding. Key to responding to this question is to articulate your theological/spiritual meaning-making journey and development and to highlight those who contributed to your grounding. Be sure to include descriptions of your concept of *the divine*, *humankind*, *suffering*, and *community*, and how each influences your practice of spiritual care.
2. **Cultural Awareness Paper:** Providing spiritual care at WakeMed requires encountering people of many different traditions and cultures. Articulate your own cultural background and its impact on the manner in which you provide spiritual care in a multicultural environment. Please speak to particular elements of your cultural background that shape your spiritual care and how these might impact (helping or hindering) your ability to provide effective spiritual care.



OUR EXPECTATIONS OF A CPE FELLOW:

- The CPE Fellow candidate will be motivated to engage in a rigorous training program and schedule leading to certification as an ACPE Certified Educator.
- The candidate will be committed to a 2-4 year program. If completed, the candidate will have assigned clinical and on-call responsibilities in addition to beginning work towards applying to the Certified Educator Candidate program.
- The candidate will possess a strong pastoral identity and will be able to provide a high level of pastoral care while continuing to make progress towards certification as an ACPE Certified Educator
- The candidate selected to enter Certified Educator Candidate (CEC) process will possess a high level of the following qualities (adapted from ACPE Certification Manual):
 - *a sense of personal initiative*
 - *face-to-face authenticity*
 - *a high level of emotional maturity*
 - *theological depth and congruence*
 - *strong writing skills*
 - *openness to other cultures and traditions*
 - *collegial autonomy*
 - *capacity to function professionally in situations of high anxiety*
 - *demonstrated leadership*

WHAT THE CPE FELLOW CAN EXPECT FROM US:

- A spiritual care department of faculty, staff, CPE students, and contract chaplains who:
 - are dedicated to providing compassionate and effective spiritual care to patients, families, and staff.
 - are valued and integrated members of the WakeMed care team.
 - embody a culture of self-care, hospitality, and teamwork.
 - value joy, community, and celebration - who work hard and play hard!
- A seasoned, engaged, and diverse ACPE-CPE faculty who:
 - work together to assure that students receive the most supportive, relevant, challenging, and rich experience possible.
 - value ACPE-CE training and routinely evaluates the various programs for improvement.
- An experienced, creative, and committed staff who:
 - will be honest, open, and excited to work with students.
 - are available to provide mentoring, professional development, and precepting.
 - will support your goals to become an ACPE Certified Educator.