

Programs at the JTS Center for Pastoral Education

The Center addresses essential dimensions of pastoral competence through Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) programs and innovative online training opportunities.

<http://www.jtsa.edu/programs-at-the-jts-center-for-pastoral-education>

Clinical Pastoral Education Units

Our Clinical Pastoral Education programs enable interns to connect with vulnerable people in their shared humanity as they search for meaningful responses to the challenges of life and death. Interns engage in small group seminars and receive individual supervision, deepening their pastoral identities, theology, and skills.

Seminary students, clergy, and professionals from all faith traditions and all Jewish movements are welcome to enroll in the center's CPE programs.

JTS Rabbinical and Cantorial Students

As part of their training, students in JTS's Rabbinical School and H. L. Miller Cantorial School complete a 400-hour unit of CPE and academic coursework in pastoral care and counseling. They also have the option of enrolling in the [Certificate in Pastoral Care and Counseling](#).

- **Prospective students:** for more information contact us at infocpe@jtsa.edu.
- **Current students:** find more information on the JTS intranet.

Hospice, Elder Care, and Prison/Reentry CPE for Seminarians

FULL-TIME SUMMER UNIT: MAY 20-AUGUST 9, 2019

Monday–Friday, 9 AM–5:30 PM

In the full-time unit, interns spend three days a week providing pastoral care at hospice, elder care, or prison/reentry settings and the other two days at JTS for educational seminars.

Tuition: \$800

For descriptions of current clinical sites, contact us at infocpe@jtsa.edu.

Hospice and Prison/Reentry CPE for Seminarians

PART-TIME ACADEMIC YEAR UNIT: SEPTEMBER 10, 2019–MAY 5, 2020

Tuesdays, 1–5:30 PM plus 12 clinical hours/week

In the part-time unit, chaplain interns meet at JTS on Tuesdays from 1–5:30 p.m. and complete 12 hours of clinical work a week on a flexible schedule at an MJHS hospice site or a prison/reentry facility.

Tuition: \$800

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Clergy and Religious Leaders

PART-TIME HALF UNIT: OCTOBER 22, 2018–JUNE 3, 2019

Participants in this part-time program delve into the unique aspects of pastoral work that arise in congregational settings and places of professional pastoral practice. Participants in this program complete 20 hours of pastoral work per month in their places of employment.

At JTS: meets one Monday a month, in person.

Remote: meets every other Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.–1 p.m., via Zoom. Includes one in-person retreat in the fall in Toronto.

Tuition: at 3080 Broadway, \$600; remote, \$1,200

“JTS offers an incredible CPE program. I learned a tremendous amount about the links between self-care and transformation, and the creation of a more caring and compassionate world.”

—Rabbi Annie Lewis, JTS alumna

The CPE Method

- CPE is grounded in the “reflective practitioner” model of learning, which helps students integrate their identities, theologies, and prior knowledge with new insights that emerge through the process of practicing pastoral care.
- The educational components of CPE include student presentations of verbatims—written reports of pastoral visits—as well as group seminars emphasizing attuned engagement with others, seminars on pastoral topics, and individual supervision.

Stipend Support

Students in Hospice and Elder Care CPE are eligible for a stipend granted to the Center through the Caring Commission of the UJA-Federation of New York. JTS rabbinical and cantorial students are also eligible to receive the Paul A. Kaplan Memorial Fellowship in Pastoral Care.

Application Materials and Instructions

All materials must be submitted electronically (as a PDF or Word document) to infocpe@jtsa.edu. Admissions are on a rolling basis.

- [Summer 2019 and 2019–2020 CPE Application](#)
- [Fall 18–Spring 19 CPE Units](#)
- [CPE reference form](#)

Accreditation

All units of CPE offered are accredited through the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE). For comprehensive information about Clinical Pastoral Education, please go to [ACPE](#).

Creating Caring Communities Through Bikkur Holim

This free, online, self-guided course for groups or individuals offers Jewish congregational leaders and volunteers an opportunity to become conversant with carefully selected resources and texts from Jewish tradition and contemporary scholarship in the caring professions.

[Access Creating Caring Communities Through Bikkur Holim](#)

Sexuality Issues for Jewish Clergy

A reflective online course designed to increase knowledge and skills at the intersection of faith and sexuality, which blends interactive peer-learning elements into an asynchronous, self-directed program. The program is suitable for Jewish clergy of all movements.

Military Chaplaincy

The Center for Pastoral Education facilitates the process for students to pursue military chaplaincy training. The U.S. Military Chaplain Candidate Program gives rabbinical and cantorial students the opportunity to experience firsthand what military chaplaincy entails, preparing them to move into the position of military chaplain or reserve chaplain after ordination and to enrich their rabbinate or cantorial path. The [Jewish Welfare Board \(JWB\)](#) offers an array of resources to prospective, current, and former Jewish military chaplains.