

# CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA



Internship and residency  
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## ROPER ST. FRANCIS

Roper St. Francis (RSF) is the South Carolina Lowcountry's only private, not-for-profit healthcare system. The 657-bed system consists of 95 facilities and services in seven counties. Member hospitals include Roper Hospital, Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital, Roper St. Francis Mount Pleasant Hospital and Roper Rehabilitation Hospital. Roper St. Francis Physician Partners is a comprehensive network of more than 200 physicians that covers a complete range of primary care and 20 subspecialties. With more than 5,400 employees, RSF is Charleston's largest private employer. Ranked No. 41 among the Top 100 Integrated Health Networks in the nation, Roper St. Francis annually earns numerous national awards recognizing high levels of patient, physician and employee satisfaction.

## THE CPE PROGRAM

The CPE program, established in 1992, is an integral element of Roper St. Francis. CPE students are assigned clinical responsibilities at system facilities and at sites throughout the community. The hospital settings provide unique opportunities for clinical exposure, ministering experiences and a wide range of learning opportunities.

## BEAUTIFUL, HISTORIC CHARLESTON, SC

Charleston is a beautifully preserved city with a rich architectural and cultural heritage. Charleston's historic district includes more than 2,000 buildings, 73 of which predate the Revolutionary War. The charming city is world-renowned for its gracious hospitality, elegant homes and beautiful gardens.

Charleston boasts some of the oldest churches and graveyards in the country and is known as the Holy City because steeples define the skyline. In colonial times, Charleston was known for religious diversity and tolerance, and today, a broad mix of faith backgrounds offers a strong ecumenical dimension to the Roper St. Francis CPE program.

Charleston has a thriving arts and culture scene, as well as numerous recreational opportunities including water sports, golf, fishing and more. With 90 miles of sandy beaches and an average annual temperature of 65 degrees, the quality of life in Charleston is second to none. Home of the Spoleto Arts Festival, the Southeastern Wildlife Expo, the Volvo Cars Open and numerous collegiate and semi-professional sports teams, there is never a lack of things to do in historic Charleston.

For additional information about the Roper St. Francis Clinical Pastoral Education Program, contact:

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## ACCREDITING AGENCIES

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## CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is an intense, 400-hour theological education program for ministers, priests, rabbis, religious and laypersons who seek to learn pastoral ministry in a healthcare setting. This integrated program of theory and practice is directed by certified supervisors in collaboration with a professional staff. Through seminars, lectures, group dynamics, individual supervision and specific assignments, chaplain interns and residents deepen their understanding of their professional/pastoral identity (relationship to others), their personal identity (relationship to self) and their spiritual identity (relationship to God).

## PROGRAM GOALS & OBJECTIVES

**Clinical Pastoral Education chaplain interns and residents have the opportunity to:**

Reflect on and integrate theological, psychological and educational theory with clinical skills in order to develop more effective pastoral care skills

Increase understanding and acceptance of strengths and limitations of one's self and others

Deepen one's spiritual life by sharing the healing role of prayer, scripture and sacraments with others

Become aware of one's personal identity, pastoral and/or professional identity and spiritual identity

Sharpen communication skills, especially those of listening and empathy, and to understand the underlying meaning of the patient's words, actions and feelings

Increase ability to work on a team with healthcare professionals to provide holistic care

Enhance competence in skills such as spiritual assessment, theological reflection and crisis intervention

Increase understanding of the impact of illness and disease on patients as well as on families and other support systems

Increase ability to work within a diverse religious and spiritual framework

Develop skills to bridge clinical learning between the hospital and the local communities, congregations and institutions one serves or anticipates serving

Prepare written material to be submitted to either the Association for Professional Chaplains, the National Association of Catholic Chaplains or the National Association of Jewish Chaplains in order to become certified as a Chaplain.

[www.rsfh.com/pastoralcare](http://www.rsfh.com/pastoralcare)

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

One unit of CPE consists of 400 hours of supervised learning. Internships and residencies are offered in the following formats:

### Internship

#### Full-time Internship

Summer: Five days a week for 11 weeks  
May through August  
On-duty experience

#### Part-time Internship

Two days a week for 18 weeks  
Spring and Fall units offered  
On-duty experience

### Residency

#### Full-time Residency

One calendar year  
Full Time  
Stipend  
On-duty experience  
One unit of CPE preferred

## SUPERVISORY EDUCATION

Flexible beginning dates

Successful completion of internship and residency

## PREREQUISITES

Ordained women and men, vowed religious, and laypersons of all faith groups are welcome to apply and should meet the following requirement:

College graduate

Ecclesiastical endorsement or support

Other – based on program applying for



## ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Applications for the Clinical Pastoral Education program are available at [www.rsfh.com/pastoralcare](http://www.rsfh.com/pastoralcare) or by calling (843) 402-2856.

Key points when applying:

Submit complete CPE application and application fee

Admission interview for internships are conducted by a CPE Supervisor

Admission interview for residents is on site, unless an exception is approved

Admission interview for supervisory education is on site, and usually involves a full day