

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:

MANAGER, CPE PROGRAM

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United States Conference of Catholic
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Accreditation
(USCCB/CCA)

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We offer Level 1, Level 2 and Supervisory CPE
An Application fee of \$35 is to be sent with
each application.

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PASTORAL CARE
Clinical Pastoral Education



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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.

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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 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

Please respond to each of the following items. Your typed responses on separate pages would be appreciated.

1. Please complete the attached form and mail to the Center to which you are applying. Read instructions carefully before submitting. International applicants have additional requirements and deadlines. You may want to make a copy of a blank form before entering any data.
2. A reasonably full account of your life. Include, for example, significant and important persons and events, especially as they have impacted, or continue to impact, your personal growth and development. Describe your family of origin, current family relationships, and important and supportive social relationships.
3. A description of your spiritual growth and development. Include, for example, the faith heritage into which you were born and describe and explain any subsequent, personal conversions, your call to ministry, religious experiences, and significant persons and events that have impacted, or continue to impact, your spiritual growth and development.
4. A description of your work (vocational) history. Include a chronological list of jobs/positions/dates of employment and a brief statement about your current employment and work relationships.
5. An account of a "helping incident" in which you were the person who provided the help. Include the nature and extent of the request, your assessment of the issue(s), problem(s), situation(s). Describe how you came to be involved and what you did. Give a brief, evaluative commentary on what you did and how you believe you were able to help. *If you have had prior and **recent** CPE, please attach a copy of a **recent** verbatim as your 'helping incident' and add to the verbatim your own notes on how and what you learned from sharing this verbatim with your supervisor and/or peers. If you have had CPE, but it was more than two years ago, include a recent account of a helping incident, written up in a verbatim format. If possible, include feedback from current pastoral colleagues and/or administrative supervisor.*
6. Your impressions of Clinical Pastoral Education. Indicate, for example, what you believe or imagine CPE to be. Indicate if CPE is being required of you. Indicate any learning goals or issues of which you are aware and would like to address in CPE. Finally, indicate how CPE may be able to help you meet needs generated by your spiritual care practice or call to ministry. *If you have had prior CPE, please indicate the most significant learning experience you had during CPE. State how you have continued to use the clinical method since your previous experience. Indicate strengths and weaknesses that you have as they relate to your ministry and your identity as a professional person. Indicate any personal and/or professional learning goals and issues that you have at this time and how you believe that CPE will help you to attain or address these learning goals and issues*
7. You are required to complete an admissions interview with an ACPE Certified Educator or a person approved by the center to which you are applying, or at the center to which you are applying. Contact the center to check on their policy regarding admission interviews.
8. CPE Centers often require an application fee. Please check this requirement in advance of submitting this application. If you are interviewing at a center other than the one to which you are applying, you may be required to pay an interview fee, usually due at the time of the interview.
9. If you are an international applicant, you will have to obtain appropriate documentation from U.S. Immigration, which usually implies a visa and a US Social Security Number. Therefore, international applicants should have such documentation approved at least six (6) months prior to the start of the program to which they are applying. If offered employment, can you submit verification of your legal right to work in the U.S.? Yes No
10. An applicant with prior CPE should attach all previous self and supervisory evaluations and your signature below indicates you give permission for your previous CPE centers to release your evaluations for purposes of this application process.
11. Retain your own copy of this completed application and bring it with you to any interview for CPE.
12. Please attach a current resume.

I certify that all information in this application is factually true, complete, and honestly presented. I understand that I may be subject to disciplinary action, including admission revocation or program expulsion, should the information I've certified be false. I hereby give permission to the ACPE center to which I am applying to access my CPE evaluations and contact previous supervisory personnel about matters pertaining to this current application, and I consent for those contacted to provide the information sought. I verify that if sending in this application electronically it constitutes my electronic signature.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Return by mail to: Roper St. Francis Healthcare
Pastoral Care/CPE Department
2095 Henry Tecklenburg Dr.
Charleston, SC 29414

Or send via email to: Yhanco.Monet@rsfh.com

Application for Clinical Pastoral Education

Print or type responses and mail completed application to the Center or Cluster to which you are applying.

Applying for: Fall _____ Winter _____ Spring _____ Summer _____ 12 month residency* _____ Extended Unit _____

Preferred program/site: _____ Earliest date you can begin: _____

*Please note that residency programs usually require an in-person interview in their admissions process.

Directory Information

Name: _____ U.S. Citizen: Yes No

Mailing address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____

Country & ZIP: _____ Email: _____

Day Tel.: _____ Alt Tel.: _____ Fax: _____

Permanent address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____

ZIP: _____ Country: _____ Alt Email: _____

Faith Group/Affiliation: _____

Denomination or Endorsing Body (if applicable): _____

Name of Local Faith Community: _____

Ordained/Licensed/Appointed: _____ Date: _____

College: Degree/Date: _____

Grad Schl: Degree(s)/Date(s): _____

Prior CPE Dates:

Center

Educator

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Academic Reference

(Name/Title): _____

Ph: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ Email: _____

Faith Group Reference (name/title): _____

Ph: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ Email: _____

Personal Reference (name/relationship): _____

Ph: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____ Email: _____

Admissions Interviewer: _____

Address: _____

Interviewer's Ph: _____ Email: _____

Signature of applicant: _____ **Date:** _____