

CPE INTERNSHIP

The Hampton VA Medical Center Clinical Pastoral Education Extended Internship is a 16-week training period for individuals seeking an introduction to the profession of spiritual care. This program is designed to equip students with the experiences and resources needed to care specifically for the health challenges our Veterans face.

The training is offered each winter/spring and provides one unit of 400 training hours that are certified through the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education. The program utilizes case studies, resources both within and outside the VA, and a variety of interdisciplinary staff to present on different clinical considerations. This program will demand the best from students while also helping them succeed in each new effort. Chaplains improve their pastoral functioning by developing in both self-awareness and interpersonal awareness.

Students are typically assigned two care wards as a primary clinical assignment. As Chaplains, they provide spiritual assessments, general visitation, intensive and extensive spiritual visitation, sacraments (when ordained), and other spiritual care resources. While functioning in the assigned area, the students participate in interdisciplinary treatment team meetings, planning sessions, and consultations. Along with traditional inpatient / outpatient care, opportunities include working in specialty treatment centers such as: spinal cord injury, general medicine, intensive care unit, emergency room, hospice, dialysis and palliative medicine, and long-term residential care.

QUALIFICATIONS

- A Completed ACPE application
<https://acpe.edu/education/cpe-students/cpe-application>
Including resume and all prior CPE self and supervisor evaluations
- Document of good standing with one's faith group/ spiritual community
- Ordination/licensing/commission/leadership certification (or in process)
- M.Div. or equivalent preferred
- An Admission Interview

For more information, please call 757-722-9961 Ext.3600

You can email your completed application to Antionette.Ballard@va.gov

LEARNING

about one's
pastoral identity

DEVELOPING

awareness
skill • insight

BECOMING

a better
spiritual caregiver

SERVING

our nation's Veterans



Hampton VA Medical
Center's CPE Program is
Accredited by the
Association of Clinical
Pastoral Education to
offer Level I and Level II
CPE and Certified
Educator Training.