

CPE Opportunities at Yale New Haven Hospital

The Department of Spiritual Care at Yale New Haven Hospital offers a prime educational environment. CPE participants work alongside experienced chaplains of a variety of religious backgrounds. Yale New Haven Hospital is a 1541-bed hospital, which includes Smilow Cancer Hospital, Yale New Haven Children's Hospital and Yale New Haven Psychiatric Hospital. It is the primary teaching hospital for Yale Schools of Medicine and Nursing and combines academic medicine with a deep commitment to serving the community. Yale New Haven Hospital has two campuses in New Haven – York Street Campus and Saint Raphael Campus.

The department of Spiritual Care has a proud history of over 50 years. Chaplains are well respected and integrated into the medical services at this Level I trauma center for adult and pediatric patients. Chaplains at Yale New Haven Hospital may touch the lives of more than 75,000 patients who are discharged annually. The department is delighted to share its ministry with CPE students, who are eager to live their call and make a difference.

In the CPE programs at Yale New Haven Hospital CPE students:

- Become confident spiritual caregivers and respected team members
- Learn to be effective as they assist persons in the process of meaning-making
- Cultivate their pastoral identity and grow personally
- Deepen their ability to utilize spiritual and religious resources
- Participate in a simulation practicum to improve spiritual care giving skills
- Practice outcome-oriented spiritual care
- Experience a wealth of cultural, spiritual and religious diversity
- Learn about latest advances and complexities in medicine and healthcare
- Are supported by a group of diverse peers and a committed team of chaplains
- Make use of educational relationships based on trust, support and challenge
- Learn to bring their whole selves to their work as chaplains

Part-time Program

The part-time program is attractive to participants who wish to enroll in CPE while studying or working part-time. The program consists of at least 300 clinical and at least 100 educational hours. In a CPE group four to six participants meet weekly for didactic presentations, case review, supervisory consultation and process group. CPE students are responsible for providing emergency spiritual care during on call and offer spiritual support in assigned clinical areas. The clinical work schedule can be negotiated based on participants' and departmental needs. There is no application fee.

Summer Intensive Program

The summer intensive program offers an 11-week full-time CPE experience for seminarians, theological students and religious leaders. The CPE group consists of four to six participants. Students' regular days are Monday through Friday from 8 am until 4:30 pm. The program includes at least 300 clinical and at least 100 educational hours. Educational sessions consist of didactic presentations, case review, supervisory consultation and process group. When class is not in session students are expected to engage in direct spiritual care with patients, families and staff in their assigned clinical areas. CPE participants also provide emergency spiritual care during a number of daytime, overnight and weekend on call shifts. There is no application fee.

Residency Program

The residency program is designed for religious leaders, ordained clergy, persons who have completed a Master's of Divinity degree or equivalent and/or those preparing for a career in professional chaplaincy. This nine-month full-time program is comprised of three units of ACPE-CPE. Between units, participants have the opportunity to enjoy 10 days of paid time off (plus five holidays and five sick/bad weather/misc days). Graduates from the residency will be eligible to apply for board certification as professional chaplains. The program includes a total of at least 900 hours of clinical and at least 300 educational hours. Residents' regular day starts at 8 am and ends at 4:30 pm. Educational sessions consist of didactic presentations, case review, supervisory consultation and process group. When class is not in session students are expected to engage in direct spiritual care with patients, families and staff in their assigned areas. CPE participants also provide

emergency spiritual care during a number of daytime, overnight and weekend on call shifts. The program requires a weekly time commitment of an average of 50 hours in the hospital as well as time at home for reading and writing assignments. In the residency participants have the opportunity to engage in professional development in CPE, while actively providing intensive and extensive spiritual care, contributing to the interdisciplinary team, and collaborating in a large department. The consistency and structure of the CPE group offers a supportive and challenging environment for in-depth education and formation.

To be eligible an applicant must have completed one unit of ACPE-CPE. The nine-month stipend is \$30,000 and includes basic medical insurance, free parking and free meals while on call. The application fee is \$30.

In addition to the CPE admission process, successful candidates will also participate in a Human Resources application process to qualify for employment as a CPE resident. Human Resources requires contact information for two peers and two previous managers or supervisors, who can speak for the candidate.

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Summer and part-time programs:

Submit the [application](#) and [reference form](#) to CPE@YNHH.org.

Residency program:

Submit the [application](#) to CPE@YNHH.org.

If you are interested in more details about our CPE programs, here is a link to our website: [Yale New Haven Health | Clinical Pastoral Education Program \(ynhh.org\)](http://YaleNewHavenHealth.org/ClinicalPastoralEducationProgram).