

## Programs at St. Mary CPE

### Extended Units-part-time (September – April)

- 26-week semester
- Part time day and/or evening programs
- Full time (400 hours) or half (250 hour) units
- Designed for Level I and Level II students
- Weekly full-day educational seminars
- One 8-hour clinical day weekly
- Seven weekend on-call shifts

### Summer Units-full time (End of May – August)

- 11-week semester
- Full time day program (400 hours)
- Meets twice a week for educational seminars
- Designed for Level I and Level II Students
- Three 8-hour clinical days weekly
- Seven weekend on-call shifts

### Certified Educator CPE

These positions are advertised when they become available. Contact the Jack Geracci for more information.

### Program Requirements

Bachelor's Degree required for all entry levels of the program (Exceptions may be made by recommendation of the CPE Program Manager.)

**Preferred:** A Master's Degree in Theology, Divinity, Religious Studies, Pastoral Counseling, Spirituality or an equivalent is required for certification by the National Association of Catholic Chaplains, the Association of Professional Chaplains and other certifying bodies. Thus, those applying with the intent toward certification are encouraged to enter graduate level work.

Criminal background check required of all applicants.

## Tuition and Expenses

- \$650 per unit (\$550 for students who submit their deposit by designated early admission date)
- \$500 per unit for students returning to St. Mary CPE Program
- No application fee
- \$100 deposit toward tuition required upon acceptance
- Free Parking



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The St. Mary CPE Program is accredited as a CPE Program by the:

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## What is Clinical Pastoral Education?

Professional chaplaincy is challenging on many levels—theologically, spiritually, culturally, and emotionally.

The Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) process of action/reflection/action format assists the adult learner—lay person, clergy, or seminarian—to experience spiritual care encounters which provide opportunities for greater self-awareness, skill development and potential transformation.

CPE is an experience-based education program for persons who desire to learn more about ministry and to develop educational goals within the framework of a peer group.

This model invites chaplain interns to explore their gifts for ministry. It empowers them to integrate all of the Level I, and II curriculum components and discover their own theology of ministry based on their faith heritage and life experience.

CPE has been a tremendous blessing to my ministry. Meeting with patients provides critical learning in empathic listening skills, spiritual assessments, and being a non-anxious presence with others. The group work has been both challenging and enjoyable. The diversity of experience and religious backgrounds provides real opportunities for community outreach programs.

St. Mary CPE Program is the only CPE program in the tristate area that resides in a faith-based hospital.

It offers ministry in acute care (Level II Trauma Center) and outpatient settings including clinics and community

With the guidance of an ACPE Certified Educator, the Chaplain Intern develops learning goals unique to their own personal and professional development. These goals are pursued in a variety of settings such as clinical encounters, individual supervision, group process, verbatim analysis and didactic seminars

Learning contracts, the development of personal wellness, behavioral and leadership skills are also key elements of this formational process.

In addition to the intern's clinical experiences, a broad range of seminars are presented by experts in the fields of psychology, theology, medicine, pastoral/spiritual studies, diverse faith traditions and multi-ethnic/cultural backgrounds.



Each Chaplain intern is assigned to a specific preceptor clearly demonstrating the role of chaplaincy within a holistic healthcare team.

Persons with theological experience and education who have motivation to deepen ministry skills are invited to apply.

Progression in the St. Mary CPE Program can prepare students to seek board certification in The National Association of Catholic Chaplains (NACC) and the Association for Professional Chaplains (APC) or Neshama: Association of Jewish Chaplains (NAJC).

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