Extended CPE
Gwinnett Medical Center
January 11, 2016—May 15, 2016

Extended (Part-Time) CPE unit:
Group/Education Day: 1 Morning/Week
Routine Clinical Duty, 6hrs / Week
4 Weekend, 24hr On-Call Shifts (Saturday or Sunday)
7 Weeknight On-Call Shifts (4:30pm—8:30am)

Gwinnett Medical Center
a not for profit health care system serving Gwinnett County Georgia and surrounding area.

Facilities served by chaplains are:
Gwinnett Medical Center Lawrenceville: 250+ bed Level II Trauma Center
Gwinnett Medical Center Duluth: 81 bed hospital opened in 2006
Glancy Rehabilitation Center: 30 bed physical rehabilitation center
Gwinnett Extended Care Center: 89 bed sub-acute & long term care facility

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Pastoral Training at the Intersection of Faith and Experience

In mid-January GMC and the Care and Counseling Center of Georgia are offering an extended unit of Clinical Pastoral Education here at GMC. Many of you are familiar with CPE, and you may feel as I do that my CPE experience was deeply formative in my career as a minister. A CPE unit is comprised of 400 hours of training in which 100 hours are didactic and 300 hours are clinical. An extended unit spreads these hours over 16 weeks. This 2016 intern unit would run from January 11 until May 15, 2016. A typical schedule would be ½ to 2/3 of a week-day spent in didactic sessions with peers and the CPE supervisor. These hours would count toward the required 100 didactic or education hours over the sixteen weeks.

You would build the 300 clinical hours working as a chaplain with GMC. You would need to spend 6 hours a week working with assigned patient units as chaplain. These six hours could be scheduled to conform to your personal schedule. In addition you would work 7 16 hour weeknight (4:30pm-8:30am) shifts and 4 24 hour weekend Saturday or Sunday shifts (8:30am—8:30am) over the course of 16 weeks.

The 400 hours over 16 weeks appears to be a tall order, but this is doable task that has worked well for Seminary students, congregational clergy and other caregivers to add CPE to their professional development. Again I personally believe that CPE is an unmatched process in understanding your self and crafting your understanding and practice of caring for people. Consider this an opportunity for yourself or for someone you are supervising or mentoring.

Applications are submitted to Care and Counseling Center of Georgia and will be accepted through December 11. For more details go to their website cccgeorgia.org/ where you can learn more about the program and download an application.

If you have questions about the CPE Program at GMC please contact:
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