Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Designed for the 21st Century

Programs:
- Internships (Unpaid)
  - Summer Intensive
  - Extended
- Year-long paid stipend Residency
- Year-long paid stipend Fellowship
- Paid stipend Supervisory Education

Benefits:
- No Tuition Fee
- Compensatory Time for On-Call / Weekend Coverage
- Time Allowed for Professional Development and Growth / Denominational Commitments
- Access to Full Health, Dental, Vision Benefits for paid positions
- Federal Holidays

Pre-requisites for Residency:
- Ecclesiastical Endorsement Preferred
- Master of Divinity Degree or Equivalent
- U.S. Citizenship

Pre-requisites for Fellowship:
- Residency requirements & Completed Residency

Opportunities for Professional Growth

Applicants:
- Post-Graduate Seminarians and other Professionals
- Clergy, Religious & Lay Leaders
- Pastors Retooling for Second Career
- Chaplains/Missionaries in Transition

Application:
- http://www.acpe.edu/ACPE/Resources/Forms.aspx
- No Application Fee

Clinical Areas:
- Critical Care Units (ICUs & ER)
- Mental Health
  - Substance Abuse
  - PTSD
  - TBI
- Palliative Care
- Skilled Nursing Care Residence
- Rehabilitation
- Oncology
- Dialysis
- Medical/Surgical Units
- Women's Wellness
- Cardiac Care
- Outpatient Care
- Homeless Program

Atlanta VA Medical Center

Atlanta VA Medical Center (VAMC), a Joint Commission and Magnet®-designated medical facility sits on 26 acres in Decatur, Georgia—just minutes from downtown Atlanta. The main medical center is a level 1A tertiary care facility providing patient-centered healthcare via an array of comprehensive medical, surgical, geriatric specialty services, as well as state-of-the-art diagnostic testing throughout 14 sites of care. With 445 inpatient beds, including a 120-bed Community Living Center, a 40-bed domiciliary, and a 12-bed Residential Treatment Program, the Atlanta VAMC is uniquely positioned to serve the healthcare needs of more than 130,000 enrolled Veterans living in 50 counties across northeast Georgia. The Medical Center, also a teaching hospital, provides hands-on and state-of-the-art technology, education and research to residents in collaboration with Emory University School of Medicine and Morehouse School of Medicine.
Core Values

- We believe in the worth and dignity of each individual as created in the image of God.
- We believe there is strength and potential for change in each person no matter what has occurred in his/her past.
- We believe that each person has potential to become self-directed and self-confident.
- We believe in promoting and facilitating optimal health through focus on holistic development.
- We believe basic health care is a fundamental right. We believe each person bears responsibility for their own health.
- We believe that all persons are entitled to a high quality of care implemented through an individualized approach to treatment which involves family members and significant others.
- We believe various therapeutic modalities are an integral and meaningful part of the treatment program, and for palliative care.
- We believe that the best means to address the holistic needs of a person is by his/her input in the treatment process, multi-disciplinary team involvement, and the person’s participation in the therapeutic milieu in which all aspects of the environment are intended to be therapeutic and health promoting.
- We believe in promoting personal responsibility for change by assisting the patient in planning new strategies for coping with problems and for more effective patterns of thinking and behavior to carry into the future.

Accreditation

The Clinical Pastoral Education Program of the Atlanta VA Medical Center is fully accredited by The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education:
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“Keeping the promise to those who served.”

More than a century ago, President Lincoln made a promise to America’s servicemen and women, pledging the care and concern of a grateful nation for the sacrifices they made to preserve freedom. Since 1930, the mission of the Department of Veterans Affairs has been to keep that promise. Today, VA offers veterans the largest, most comprehensive health care network in the United States, with more than 154 medical centers nationwide:

- Treats nearly six million veterans each year
- Employs nearly 1,000 chaplains
- Hosts over 30 Clinical Pastoral Education Programs
- Actively supports research in spirituality and pastoral care

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