An Invitation to Compassion

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is interfaith professional education for ministry. It brings theological interns and ministers of all faiths (pastors, priests, rabbis, imams and others) into supervised encounters to help patients facing death.

The Community Hospice CPE program focuses on self-reflection and group reflection on ministry and will help student interns gain insight into pastoral care within a hospice setting.

Students complete at least 100 hours of education through presentations and group processes. They complete 300 hours providing spiritual care to patients and families facing the end-of-life.

What is involved in the Community Hospice CPE Program?

At Community Hospice, the CPE program focuses on ministry with patients, families and staff, and learning from that ministry through reflection, discussion and evaluation with other interns and a supervisor. The interns work with interdisciplinary teams to gain an understanding of theological issues arising from the many end-of-life matters.

They also learn how human actions affect relationships and decision making while reflecting on the variety of theological perspectives that come from the interfaith dialogue. Interns are challenged to think about groups, social structures and individuals in defining their ministry.

Admission Requirements for the CPE Program

- Minimum of high school diploma and life experience sufficient to demonstrate openness to self-reflection and to thinking beyond one’s own faith tradition.
- College degree and 1 year of seminary or the equivalent is preferred.
- Endorsement by the student’s community of faith.
- Three written references: academic, ecclesiastical and personal.
- $70 non-refundable application fee.
- $500 tuition per unit; application fee is applied.

For application and reference forms, go to: CPE.CommunityHospice.com

Clinical Pastoral Education is about accepting sufficient grace for ourselves so that we do not get in the way of having true compassion for others.
 COMMUNITY HOSPICE OF NEORTHEAST FLORIDA IS THE ONLY LOCALLY BASED NONPROFIT HOSPICE PROVIDER SERVING RESIDENTS OF BAKER, CLAY, DUVAL, ST. JOHNS AND NASSAU COUNTIES.

OUR CPE STUDENTS DIRECTLY HELP IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR PATIENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AT THE END-OF-LIFE.

The CPE program of Community Hospice of Northeast Florida is an ACPE Accredited Satellite of Baptist Health.

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