

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION



Overview

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is hands-on professional education for ministry that brings students into supervised encounters with persons in crisis. Out of an intense involvement with persons in need, and of the needs of those to whom they minister. From theological reflection on specific human situations, they gain a new understanding of ministry and develop skills in interpersonal and interprofessional relationships.

What To Expect

Students participating in CPE gain:

- Skills and preparation for parish, chaplaincy, lay ministry, teaching or counseling.
- Critical thinking toward vocational options and identifying gifts for service.
- A credential and experience necessary for work as a chaplain in many settings and required by some denominational bodies for ordination.

Site environments, time commitments, and communities with which you will be working vary, so you are encouraged to choose sites that best fit your needs and interests. Students apply directly to the program where they would like to do CPE and go through the interview process for that specific site. Some denominations (e.g., Anglican, some United Methodist Conferences, some Presbyteries) require CPE for ordination. Students are responsible for determining and fulfilling these requirements. Students may earn up to six hours of elective credit towards the MDiv degree.

Learn More

To learn more about Clinical Pastoral Education:

- Contact Dr. Letitia Campbell, Director of Contextual Education I and Clinical Pastoral Education
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- Call the Con Ed Office at (404) 727-4178

BEST FOR

Students seeking experience in a clinical setting and those needing CPE credits for ordination or certification requirements.

TYPICAL SCHEDULE

One “unit” of CPE consists of 400 hours:

- 300 hours hands-on clinical or pastoral work
- 100 hours of supervision, reflection, & other learning

DID YOU KNOW?

You can now complete one unit of CPE to fulfill your Contextual Education II requirement. Students in the Con Ed II CPE Track complete an extended unit of CPE over two semesters and participate in Con Ed cohort meetings to receive both 6 Contextual Education credits and one unit of CPE upon successful completion of the program. This is a wonderful way to check both things off within one academic year!