

What is CPE – Clinical Pastoral Education:

CPE is interfaith professional education for spiritual care ministry. It is an action-reflection action model of adult education based on the interaction between a student's ministry and reflection within a supervised peer group. Through their reflection on ministerial encounters, peers and supervisor provide helpful feedback to the student in developing self-awareness as a minister. The CPE environment challenges the student to reach out in new ways and to take risks in an educational environment that is safe and conducive to learning and growing in pastoral ways. In all of our settings, students gain ministry experiences which become the focus of Pastoral Consultations, in which students present material for feedback and discussion. Students gain pastoral competence through reflection on pastoral encounters and personal formation as a spiritual caregiver.

New Fall Extended Community Based CPE Program

Buffalo Location – Classes run September 10, 2019-March 19, 2020

Tuesdays, 8:30 am-1:00 pm or 3:00 pm–7:30 pm

*Class times to be determined by needs of student majority. Only one time period can be done at each site.

Rochester Location– Classes run October 8, 2019 – April 23, 2020

Wednesdays, 8:30 am- 1:00 pm or 4:00 pm to 8:30 pm

*Class times to be determined by needs of student majority. Only one time period can be done at each site.

*This additional program is a result of a survey that was conducted in the spring of 2018 to find out the needs of the people in the community who wanted to take CPE classes. This program will accommodate working people who couldn't participate in the past due to work restraints.

Who Can Enroll

Individuals eligible to enroll for units of Level I/II CPE have completed a written application and an admissions interview. Applicants must have an adequate background in theology to participate in theological reflection, completion of one year of theological training preferred. The ability to reflect on ministry and learn from their experience is also required.

Program Requirements

- Learning contract negotiated with ACPE Certified Educator
- At least 400 hours of combined ministry (100 instructional and 300 with patients) and participation in supervised group process
- Recording and evaluation of ministry
- Reflection on ministry with peers and Certified Educator
- Individual supervisory conferences
- Final written self-evaluation
- Final written evaluation by Certified Educator

For more information please visit our website at:

<https://www.chsbuffalo.org/mission/clinical-pastoral-education/program-dates>

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