

Clinical Pastoral Education

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at UNC Health Nash provides its clinical trainees with opportunities to learn from clinical engagements while providing pastoral psychotherapeutic care and counseling for hospital patients, families, staff, and the trainees' community. As such, the program is uniquely an institutional and community-based CPE program. Particularly noteworthy is the program's commitment to helping trainees expand and make use of their unique life story and self-awareness as primary resources needed for informed and compassionate care.

The training takes place weekly, on the campus of UNC Health Nash, affording rich clinical opportunities for clinical ministry in both the hospital as well as the local community.

CPE Nuts and Bolts

An accredited unit of CPE requires, at a minimum, one hundred (100) hours of structured group and individual training, and three hundred (300) hours of clinical ministry.

The training program consists of clinical case conferences, group and individual supervision, didactic seminars, consultations, evaluations, and a variety of reading and writing assignments.

This CPE program is for clergy, seminarians, those licensed or certified in a religious vocation, as well as laypersons. In addition, the program can be used by individuals who need to fulfill a degree or certification requirement, especially clinicians such as social workers, nurses, physicians, and others providing direct clinical care, or by those who want to enhance their clinical acuity.

Program Offerings

UNC Health Nash will offer two CPE Units each year. To accommodate diverse interests, gifts, learning and growth needs, and areas of specialization, trainees are allowed to complete up to 100 hours of their clinical ministry in community settings (e.g., church/parish, nursing home, homeless shelter, community center, police/ fire department, etc.) with approval and an agreement between the clinical ministry site and the CPE Center.

Accreditation

UNC Health Nash is accredited by the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy (CPSP), an international accrediting and certifying body dedicated to the "recovery of soul in the Clinical Pastoral Movement." For further information about CPSP, go to CPSP.org.

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