



Clinical Psychospiritual Education (CPE)

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St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton is an accredited teaching facility with the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care / Association Canadienne de soins spirituels (CASC/ACSS). All Supervisor-Educators are current members of CASC /ACSS and have SPE Program approval via the Accreditation Committee.

Twelve Month Residency Program, September 5, 2023 – August 30, 2024

The 12 month learning period provides 3 full time units of Clinical Psychospiritual Education. During a unit, 2.5 days/week are spent in education and supervision and 2.5 days/week are clinical work, providing spiritual care for patients, families and staff. Residents serve on a roster to provide after-hours on call urgent support.

Applications will be accepted until April 1, 2023, or until a maximum of four (4) residents have been accepted into the program. Applications after this date will be considered if spaces are available. Please call to inquire as to the status of the program. A minimum of three (3) residents is required for the program to be offered. Interviews will begin in March and residents will be accepted into the program on an ongoing basis after the beginning of March.

This residency program is designed to support your journey toward CASC/ACSS Certification as a Certified Spiritual Care Practitioner. Residents will have two clinical placements (one from Sept-April and the other from May-September). At least one of these placements will include mental health. During the 12-month learning period,

What are the prerequisites of the Residency Program at St. Joseph's Health System?

The residency is primarily for those interested in pursuing the designation of Certified Spiritual Care Practitioner in the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care/ Association Canadienne de soins spirituels (CASC/ACSS) or in functioning at an advanced level in Spiritual Care ministry.

Prerequisites are:

- Completion of at least one year of a graduate theological degree program
- Endorsement by a faith group or spiritual community
- Candidates who have completed a Unit of SPE, either CPE or PCE are preferred



MANDATORY REQUIREMENT FOR ALL PROGRAM APPLICANTS:

- Current enrollment in a related Master's Level Program or able to be enrolled in Martin Luther University College's Graduate Level Education, Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy Diploma and qualified to register for a CPE course.
- It is also imperative that prospective residents ensure that they have the course distribution requirements to obtain admission to Advanced education prior to the second unit of the residency program. This may require you to have more than first year basic courses of your theological degree.

International Applicants

Out of country applicants to the residency must ensure there are no restrictions on their permit regarding application and enrollment in courses with an academic/educational institution. As well, the permit must not restrict the ability to work in healthcare. **Either restriction will necessarily disqualify the prospective resident from acceptance into the residency. Since our programs are registered through Martin Luther University College, please see the fees schedule for international students to ensure you are fully informed prior to applying.**

What is the tuition and stipend for the CPE residency?

- Tuition is paid directly to the University. Each CPE unit will be registered as 2 half credits.

The Spiritual Care Department will reimburse residents for external non-course related educational activities and associated costs, if required by the SPE program at St. Joseph's Health System, i.e., conference registrations, regional CASC/ACSS meetings, etc.

- Residents are provided a stipend of approximately \$22,000

Who may apply for Clinical Psychospiritual Education (CPE)?

CPE is available to:

- those desiring to become Certified Spiritual Care Practitioners or Certified Psycho-Spiritual Therapists
- ordained clergy
- theological students



- persons in a religious vocation
- lay persons committed to personal and professional growth who are eligible for enrollment in Master's level education as outlined above.

All programs are interfaith/spiritual and open to those who have a commitment to personal and professional growth. The ability to articulate one's educational and vocational goals and to effectively use individual and group supervision is also crucial. Applicants are selected via a process that includes letters of reference and an interview.

How do I apply for an CPE Program offered at St. Joseph's Health System?

Contact one of the educators listed below to request an application.

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