Clinical Pastoral Education

Nash UNC Health Care provides clinical training in pastoral ministry through its CPE Training Center. Following the key concepts of an action/reflection/action learning process, the Center’s trainees:

1) **Learn from experience, both personal and professional, through case study reflection, peer feedback, and individual supervision as a way to shape future action;**

2) **Work with a peer group, to be held accountable and to hold others accountable, for personal and professional development; and**

3) **Gain a deeper understanding and awareness of one’s pastoral identity and authority.**

Curriculum

CPE is a graduate level course of clinical training in ministry and is designed for seminarians, persons licensed or certified in a religious vocation, the ordained clergy, and others in ministry including lay persons. It provides trainees an opportunity to practice and reflect on the act of ministry and the person of the minister within individual and group settings. An accredited unit of CPE involves at least one hundred (100) hours of structured group and individual training, accompanied by at least three hundred (300) hours of clinical ministry.

Program Offerings

The CPE Training Center offers two extended units of CPE (20 weeks/unit) each year. To accommodate diverse interests, gifts, learning and growth needs, and areas of specialization, trainees only have to complete half of their clinical ministry hours at Nash Health Care; the other one hundred fifty (150) hours can be completed at Nash or in one or more community settings (e.g., church/parish, nursing home, homeless shelter, community center, police/fire department, etc.) with the Center’s approval and a contractual agreement between the Center and the clinical ministry site.

Accreditation

The Center is accredited by the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy (CPSP). For additional information, please visit [www.cpsp.org](http://www.cpsp.org).

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