

Christus Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi – Memorial
CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION, ACPE
CPE RESIDENCY 2010/11

Program Description

CPE Residency dates:	9/7/2010 to 9/2/2011
Stipend:	\$27,000
Tuition	\$250 per unit
Excellent health benefits	

CHRISTUS Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi, *Memorial* is a Level II Trauma center with clinical specialties in psychiatric, obstetrical, orthopedic, cancer, cardiac, and emergency medicine services. The Christus Spohn Health System consists of 6 hospitals in the Coastal Bend (with clinical specialties in gynecology, obstetrics, level III Neonatal Intensive care unit, geriatric-psychiatry and more) and is part of the National Christus Health System; a faith based health care organization with the mission *to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ*. CPE residents will provide some on-call coverage for 2 campuses in Corpus Christi and therefore will need a car and current driver's license.

The Spiritual Care department is committed to providing spiritual care to all patients, especially the underserved. A large group of staff chaplains and three CPE supervisors – *Mirjam Berger, Michael Doane and Mike Saxton*, provide support and supervision throughout the learning process.

The year-long residency program is structured around four consecutive intensive units of CPE. While residents establish a learning contract during each unit, there are specific learning foci outlined for each unit. The student's individual learning agreement may coincide and explicitly connect with the unit focus, but not necessarily so. Learning foci include pastoral theology, grief and loss, developmental and behavioral theories, group and systems theory, bioethics, concepts of illness and wellness, cultural and pastoral identity.

Please submit your completed ACPE application to:

Dawn Buchanan, HR Recruiting Supervisor

CHRISTUS Spohn Health System; 716 Ayers; Corpus Christi, TX 78404

Tel: (361) 881-3133; Email: dawn.buchanan@christushealth.org

When you submit your application, please make sure that the ACPE application form is fully completed and accompanied by ALL the required written responses and photocopies of degrees. Please also include the application fee of \$50.00.

Forms included in this letter are:

- *ACPE application form*
- *3 Reference forms to be filled out and send in separately by your references*
- *Release of written material form*

For more information please visit our website: www.christusspohncpe.org.

Program Requirements for each unit of CPE (400 hours, 11-12 weeks)

- 1) Attendance and participation in all components of the ACPE program including:
 - a. Clinical assignments as negotiated with peers, supervisor, and director.
 - b. Learning contract as negotiated with peers and supervisor.
 - c. Residency group seminars including IPR, verbatim, didactic
 - d. Individual supervision (usually one hour per week).
 - e. Written self-evaluation at mid-term and end of each CPE unit.
- 2) Professional dress and conduct (as identified in ACPE Student Handbook).
- 3) Participation in rotational assignments of weekly devotions, seminar presentations, typical daily clinical work schedule of 0800-1630 with possibility of alternating schedule from 1pm-9:30pm, Monday through Friday. In addition participation in overnight and weekend on-call coverage for multiple campuses, for about 40 hours a month. Currently the on-call shifts are 16 hours, however that can change depending on coverage needs.
- 4) Completion of at least 6 verbatims and 8 weekly reflections.
- 5) Participation in interdisciplinary patient meetings as appropriate.
- 6) Completion of Medicare and departmental statistics as required.
- 7) 600 pages of reading and other educational elements as negotiated.
- 8) Adherence to all CHRITUS Spohn Hospital, Spiritual Care Department, and ACPE policies.
- 9) **ABSENCES: Attendance at all group seminars times is expected.** Excused absences will be granted for negotiated absences (negotiated with group and supervisor) or immediate illness (with appropriate notification). Recurrent absences will be noted in your evaluation. Absences may invalidate credit for the unit. There is no refund of tuition if your credit is invalidated due to absences.

Additional Level II Requirements

1. Must meet for educational consultation prior to entering Level II
2. Development of negotiated Level II project and consultant
3. Shared responsibility for creating weekly scheduling and resources
4. Identifying number of supervisory sessions, verbatims, weekly reflections (identified in learning contract)
5. Presentation of two didactics to residency, extended or summer groups

Summary of Residency Curriculum

- 1. Fall: Orientation, Grief and Loss, Systems Theory**
- 2. Winter: Developmental Theory, Faith Development, Systems Theory**
- 3. Spring: Pastoral Theology, Faith Diversity; Ethics; Level II Consultations**
- 4. Summer: Professional Chaplaincy, Wellness, Theological Integration Project**

Thank you for your interest in our CPE program. I look forward to reviewing your application. If you have any question please call me (361) 902.6714 or our CPE secretary, Deana Carey at (361) 902-4890.

Sincerely,

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