

PROGRAMS

- **INTERNSHIP:** 3 to 6 months, Level 1 skills focus
- **RESIDENCY:** 12 month, stipend position; immersive clinical rotation
- **FELLOWSHIP:** 12 month, stipend position; specialty area focused
- **HYBRID:** 3 month internship, blending Clinical and Professional Care

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CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION



**OKLAHOMA CITY
VA HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**
An ACPE Accredited Center

ACPE
The Standard for Spiritual Care & Education

VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
Oklahoma City VA Health Care System

WHAT IS CPE?

MISSION

To positively affect people's lives by nurturing connections to the sacred through experiential education and spiritual care.

VISION

To create measurable and appreciable improvement in spiritual health that transforms people and communities in the US and across the globe.

VALUES

- Diversity and inclusion - demonstrated through cultural humility, attentiveness and collegiality.
- Integrity - demonstrated through trust, respect and excellence.
- Curiosity - demonstrated through listening, experiential models, innovation and creativity.
- Process - demonstrated through action/reflection, listening, experiential and relational models.
- Service - demonstrated through compassion, authenticity and growth.

WHY DO CPE?

Ministry can be challenging. Those in ministry constantly face how to balance serving others with caring for self. Decisions about what to say, how to say it and how much of yourself to disclose all come into play. Ministers are also influenced by their personal history, family history, cultural expectations and assumptions.

Out of an intense involvement with persons in need, and the feedback from peers and educators, trainees develop new awareness of themselves as persons and of the needs of those to whom they serve.

CPE helps raise awareness of why we do what we do in ministry and how we can become conscious of the choices we make when caring for others. All this can help us become more effective spiritual caregivers.



CPE AT THE VA

Students at the OKC VAHCS have a wide variety of learning opportunities.

Students will learn about spiritual care of issues specific to Veterans:

- Mental Health
- Suicide Prevention
- PTSD
- Moral Injury
- Military Sexual Trauma
- Substance Abuse
- Homeless Transition
- Spinal Cord Injury
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Hospice
- Palliative Care