

Fact Sheet for Clinical Internships at Palmer

Supervised Ministries
Palmer Theological Seminary

Programs

Clinical Pastoral Education-CPE (SUPV532)	Clinical Pastoral Care-CPC (SUPV522)
<p>Nationally Accredited program with ACPE and CPSP certified chaplains</p> <p>Completion results in professional certification and qualifies seminarians to advance to second tier of chaplaincy training.</p> <p>One full CPE unit = minimum of 400 hrs = 6 PTS credit hours ½ CPE unit =minimum of 240 hrs = 3 PTS credit hours</p> <p>ACPE information, applications, etc., available online. www.acpe.edu CPSP information, applications, etc., available online. www.cpsp.org</p> <p>All work done with chaplain Supervisor. End of experience evaluations (Supervisor and Intern) are submitted to SMO to determine “Credit” or “No Credit”</p> <p>Additional Fees paid to site</p>	<p>Sites with an on-site staff chaplain. Qualifications reviewed and chaplain and site approved by Supervised Ministries, PTS</p> <p>Program created and accepted for completion of requirements at PTS.</p> <p>All CPC work =minimum of 200 hours (150 contact hours and 50 instructional hours)= 3 PTS credit hours</p> <p>Student chooses potential site and negotiates terms of educational experience with supervisor. Certified Site info can be obtained from the Supervised Ministries office. Contact office for process to establish new site.</p> <p>Students receive a Syllabus from Supervised Ministries Office. Documents/assignments must be completed and submitted to both Chaplain and Supervised Ministries’ office. Office issues “Credit” or “No Credit” after satisfactory completion of service and assignments.</p>

Process

<p>Contact site: obtain application, discuss details of internship with chaplain, and pay any necessary fees to site.</p> <p>At Palmer- Visit Supervised Ministries’ office for approval and to register. Enroll in course with Advisor and Registrar. (WebAdvisor) Begin service and upon successful completion of experience - Submit evaluations to Supervised Ministries. If requesting reimbursement proof of any tuition and fees paid to site must also be submitted Grade issued after receipt of all documentation indicating satisfactory completion of internship.</p>	<p>Contact site, discuss details of internship with chaplain, interview. Complete any clinical site requirements (ex. background checks, immunizations*, etc.) At Palmer- visit Supervised Ministries’ office to register and to obtain a CPC Practicum Packet, for approval of site. Enroll in course with Advisor and Registrar. Begin service as advised. Submit CPC-LC. Submit additional work as indicated in syllabus Submit evaluations at completion. Grade issued after receipt of all documentation indicating satisfactory completion of internship. <i>*Only PTS tuition paid for this program. Some external clinical site fees may apply.</i></p>
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Clinical Pastoral Education, or CPE, is a program “committed to advancing experience-based theological education for seminarians, clergy, and lay persons of diverse cultures, ethnic groups and faith traditions.” (*adapted from ACPE mission statement*). CPE provides interns with practical, on-site experience outside of the local church and the opportunity to witness the challenges and joys of ministry to those needing clinical care. Palmer students accepted into a CPE program may serve in a hospital, hospice or other clinical site. Students work directly with a supervising chaplain in the areas of visitation, counseling and chaplaincy training, and are educated in their role as hospital or clinical site staff, often discovering ministry opportunities with other employees. CPE sites are nationally accredited through several governing bodies. Among these are the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE), and the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy (CPSP).

Clinical Pastoral Care, or CPC, is distinctive to Palmer Theological Seminary. Palmer’s clinical internship program has a structure similar to CPE, and allows local, regional, and now international sites and chaplains to serve our seminarians in clinical sites that do not offer CPE. The requirements of CPC are developed through Supervised Ministries. Chaplain supervisors are approved also through Supervised Ministries. There are multiple CPC sites that are certified and that regularly host the students of PTS, and new sites are created each year. This is a unique program that operates only for credit within the Palmer curriculum, and holds no status with any CPE national organization.

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