

ACPE Clinical Pastoral Education Program Information October 2023- October 2024 Oklahoma City VA Health Care System (updated January 2024)

First and Second-Year Residency Positions: October 6, 2023 - October 4, 2024; and, October 7, 2024 – October 3, 2025

Extended Internship: March 29 – September 31, 2024

Intensive Internship: October 2, 2023–December 22, 2023 & June 3, 2024–August 30, 2024

Certified Educator Candidate: Accepting Applications.

The Oklahoma City VA Healthcare System is accredited by ACPE for Level I, Level II, and Certified Educator Candidacy CPE programs. One unit of Clinical Pastoral Education represents 400 hours of supervised ministry with a minimum of 100 education hours and a minimum of 260 supervised clinical hours.

Programs Available

Internship (unpaid) - Level I CPE Programs (ordinarily this is the first unit of CPE).

- The Extended Program goes for 26 weeks in the Spring
- The Intensive Program goes 12 weeks in the Summer
 - Group education one day a week.
 - The Extended Internship students coordinate the remaining 16 clinical hours with their educator, in increments of at least 4 hours at a time.
 - Intensive Internship students work 32 clinical hours per week

To be eligible to apply, one must have:

- Completed a college degree from an accredited institution
- Some formal theological training/experience
- Good standing with a faith group and sense of calling in ministry
- U.S. Citizen

Residency is a year-long program comprised of four consecutive units of CPE. The Residency generally begins October each year. The Residency is an excellent preparation for counseling, spiritual care, chaplaincy, or congregational ministry.

To be eligible to apply, one must have:

- Completed one unit of Level I CPE from an ACPE accredited center
- Completed M.Div. or an equivalent degree
- US Citizenship (or Green Card)

Advanced Residency is a Level II, year-long CPE program. It is a Second Year of Residency with specialization in mental health or palliative care. It includes preparation

tracks for either Board Certified Chaplaincy competency or to prepare you for entry into an ACPE Certified Educator training program.

To be eligible to apply, you need to have:

- M.Div. or an equivalent degree
- A minimum of four units of ACPE CPE, having functioned in Level II
- US citizenship (or Green Card)

Certified Educator Candidacy program – Accepting Applications enrollment is based on documentation and an interview with the OKC VA Center and ACPE Committee

Application

Applications can be found on the website: www.acpe.edu, under the “Resources” tab, under “Forms.”

Follow application instructions carefully.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

There is no application fee.

Email your application for CPE to OKCChaplainServices@va.gov or to our PSA, Andrew Hester at Andrew.Hester@va.gov.

Physical mailing Address is:

Oklahoma City VA Medical Center
Chaplain Service- CPE (125)
921 NE 13th Street
Oklahoma City, 73104

Application materials will be kept confidential and shredded if applicant is not selected. However, applicants can re-apply for a subsequent program year.

Application deadline

We do accept applications year-round, **and will begin interviewing for:**

Residency and Advanced Residency Positions mid-May

Level I/II CPE Extended Program Intern Positions late October

Full time stipends

Resident: \$31,200 + option for full federal health benefits

Advanced Resident \$33,384 and CEC: \$35,721 + option for full federal health benefits

CONTACTS

If you have any questions about our CPE programs, please send them by email to one of the addresses above. They can also be directed to Brenda Perry Wallace at 404-784-1077. Our office number is 405.456.5138.