The Educational Program

Extended Unit
The Extended Unit is designed especially for people actively doing ministry or attending seminary on a part-time basis. This professional, process-oriented education experience is an opportunity to develop one’s pastoral and leadership skills while also learning about one’s self.

Students who need a clinical placement are assigned to ministry 16 hours per week within Pine Rest treatment programs or with other cooperating institutions such as Spectrum Health.

Each student develops an individual learning covenant. This extended unit meets one day each week for 24 weeks on Thursdays.

Summer Unit
The Summer Unit is an intensive, full-time (40 hours per week for 11 weeks) program especially designed for seminary students and pastors or chaplains from a variety of theological traditions who are able to participate in a full-time program.

Each student is assigned to provide ministry within Pine Rest treatment programs or other cooperating institutions such as Spectrum Health or one’s own ministry position. An individual learning covenant guides the learning.

The Supervisors

Rev. Karl Van Harn, D. MIN.
Director of Pastoral Services & Clinical Pastoral Education

Karl is ordained in the Christian Reformed Church, an experienced pastor and chaplain, and an ACPE Supervisor.

Rev. Kathy Bird DeYoung
Kathy is ordained in the American Baptist Churches, an ACPE Associate Supervisor, and an experienced chaplain and pastor.

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Clinical Pastoral Education

Description
The Clinical Pastoral Education program is designed to train participants in pastoral care ministry through:

- Active engagement in ministry
- Reflection on ministry experience
- Assimilation of learning into ongoing ministry
- Exploration of personal and pastoral identity
- Examination of attitudes, values, and assumptions
- Reflection on relationships in ministry

Opportunities For Clinical Reflections Occur In:
- Group Settings
- Individual Supervision
- Seminars with professionals from other disciplines

Objectives For Clinical Pastoral Education
Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) enables personal professional development in Pastoral Reflection, Pastoral Formation, and Pastoral Competence. Pastoral Specialization may also be an option for 4th unit participants. For the objectives and outcomes of CPE Level I and II see: www.acpe.edu.

Prerequisites
One year in an accredited seminary, or other accredited college or university theological program, or equivalent experience in a ministry setting, a completed application, and an admission interview.

Your application is very personal and confidential. Only the director of CPE and supervisory staff assigned will read your application.

The Settings
Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services
A not-for-profit organization whose mission is to express the healing ministry of Jesus Christ by providing behavioral health services with professional excellence, Christian integrity, and compassion. In a joint operating agreement, Pine Rest and Mercy Health Saint Mary’s offer comprehensive behavioral health services for children, adults, and older adults, in inpatient and partial hospitalization settings.

In addition to its hospital based services, Pine Rest provides residential based treatment services to adolescents with emotional and behavioral struggles, adults with addictions, and adults with developmental disabilities.

Fees
Pine Rest offers Clinical Pastoral Education in collaboration with denominations, churches, hospitals, and seminaries. Students who are not able to pay the full cost of tuition are encouraged to seek financial assistance from others, i.e. their congregation, employer, denomination, seminary and others, to put together a financial assistance package. For those who need further assistance, need based scholarships are available from Pine Rest.

Application fee: $75
An application fee of $75 is submitted with application.

Tuition: $1,000
The tuition cost for each unit of CPE is $1,000. Students who serve in congregations or institutions other than Pine Rest arrange for an additional $1,800 from their institution or congregation, because of the benefit the ministry site receives from the student’s growth.

Since 1970, Pine Rest has been accredited by: The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education One West Court Square, Suite 325 Decatur, GA 30030 404-320-1472 www.acpe.edu

Spectrum Health
It is a large, integrated health care system, anchored by two main campuses in Grand Rapids. Its centers of excellence include the Meijer Heart Center, DeVos Children’s Hospital, and Gerber Neonatal Center. The Butterworth Campus includes a Level One trauma center. The Blodgett Campus includes a major bariatric surgery center and a regional burn unit.