

## ACCREDITATION OF CPE

Successful completion of the unit can be credited as a subject of a number of awards with teaching institutions associated with the University of Divinity, the Australian College of Theology, and other bodies. CPE participants seeking such credit should consult with the relevant teaching institution.

## COST

Audit/Non Theological subject fee is \$1,815.00. If this CPE course is for a College degree Credit with the University of Divinity, tuition fee as advised by the University of Divinity.

If this CPE course is part of a theological qualification through a higher education provider FEE-HELP may be available.

Credit for University Awards: Credit for CPE in any UD award **will only be granted** if the candidate has enrolled in the relevant Unit: DP8273S or Clinical Pastoral Education Level 1 or DP9273S or Clinical Pastoral Education Level 2.

Enrolment in these units is dependent on the candidate having:

1. completed the University of Divinity prerequisites
2. gained a letter of offer of a place from a registered CPE Centre.

Clarification of these requirements can be made through the Course Co-ordinator of the College in which you are enrolled or through contacting the University of

Divinity's Liaison Officer, Allison Whitby at: [awhitby@stirling.edu.au](mailto:awhitby@stirling.edu.au)

## APPLICATIONS

Applications welcome from diverse spiritual traditions, lay persons, theological students, professed religious and ordained persons.

The Selection Panel will be mindful of the enrichment that can occur in a group, which includes diversity of spiritual traditions and a combination of personnel.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- ❖ Completion of required written application material.
- ❖ Offer for an interview with selection panel.
- ❖ Ask your referees to give permission for their name and contact phone number to be included in your application.
- ❖ Request the leader of your spiritual tradition to provide a reference.

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## Supervisor & CENTRE DIRECTOR

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# SOUTH WEST VICTORIA CPE CENTRE



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## Clinical Pastoral Education



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## **What is Clinical Pastoral Education?**

CPE is an action-reflection process of education. It provides opportunities for supervised spiritual care encounters with people in a variety of circumstances. Through intensive involvement with people and feedback from supervisors, peers, mentors and the people to whom spiritual care is provided, CPE participants develop new awareness of their own humanity and the needs of those to whom they offer spiritual care. From theological/spiritual reflection on specific human experiences, they gain new understanding of the human situation.

CPE participants have opportunity to work with and alongside members of varied professions and disciplines. Within the team spiritual care has its own unique contribution. Through experiential learning focused on the study of specific human experiences, CPE assists participants to acquire spiritual care skills and develop their own pastoral identity through integration of their theology, pastoral practice and personality.

### **CPE seeks to:**

Attend to the human condition, particularly life's spiritual dimensions. CPE engages a reflection component which entails the exploration of the spiritual care practice experience, the dynamics present, and the theological and spiritual dimensions. This action reflection process is integral to the participants understanding and the

formation of their personal, professional and pastoral identity and competence.

### **CPE offers the participant an opportunity to:**

- Reflect upon the influences and personal resources they bring to spiritual care practice and then develop an awareness of the impact of these influences and resources upon them and others.
- Work towards greater integration of the participant's faith/spiritual practices, behaviour, and emotional responses within a small group setting.
- Develop professional skills such as interdisciplinary awareness, accountability, and competence.
- **Program Components:**
  - Didactic (Formal teaching) seminars
  - Peer group supervision
  - Individual supervision
- Personal reflection and evaluation of the processes experienced through daily journals, pastoral intervention reviews and case studies using multi-model forms
- Seminar presentations focused on personal and pastoral relationships and peer to peer relationships
- Education and exploration of theological/spiritual reflection

- Participation in rituals and leading reflective sessions.

## **Clinical Practice**

Each member of the course will offer spiritual care to a variety of contexts (Health, Aged and Hospice care, faith community care). In this environment, they will have the opportunity to experience the administrative, practice and professional identity of the spiritual carer. Each participant will be supported by a placement mentor.

There is also an opportunity for those engaged in employment of spiritual care to use their current practice as a CPE learning opportunity.

Those wishing to establish placement within these contexts are invited to negotiate this with the Centre Director.

## **Program requirements**

To gain credit for the unit each participant is required to engage in a minimum of 200 hours of actual spiritual care practice to people, 100 of these to be face to face clinical practice.

## **Part time units**

This CPE Centre offers part-time units on Thursdays for education and a further two days are needed to complete clinical placement. The course runs for 20 weeks.