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HOW TO REGISTER FOR CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION (CPE) AT ERSKINE SEMINARY

The purpose of this letter is to provide guidance for students seeking Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) for academic credit through Erskine Theological Seminary.

BOTTOM LINE UP-FRONT (BLUF)

CPE COURSE THROUGH ERSKINE SEMINARY AND THE INSTITUTE OF CLINICAL PASTORAL TRAINING

To gain 6-credit-hours of coursework in *Clinical Pastoral Education* through a hybrid of online learning and residency the student must have dual registration at both *Erskine Seminary* and the *Institute of Clinical Pastoral Training*. Here is a step-by-step guide to proceeding in **PM 774-775 Clinical Pastoral Education** (1 unit of CPE and 6 academic credit hours):

1. Register for PM774-PM775 (a six-hour course) with the Office of Admissions at *Erskine Theological Seminary*: <https://seminary.erskine.edu/admissions/apply/>
CPE Syllabus is attached to this document (Appendix 1).
2. Syllabus is also available at *Dr. Michael A. Milton's Faculty Page*: <https://s3.amazonaws.com/5mt.michaelmilton.org/2019/12/PM774-PM775-CPE-Milton.pdf>
3. Simultaneously register with the *Institute of Clinical Pastoral Training* (ICPT): [<http://www.icpt.edu/>]
4. Select dates from ICPT: <http://www.icpt.edu/schedules.html>
 - 4.1. Training is 400 clock hours.
 - 4.2. Training is 12-weeks long and includes at least 300 hours of direct clinical contact and 100 hours of lecture and peer review.
 - 4.3. Clinical hours are to be no less than 25 hours per week.
 - 4.4. Part time training is available: 24 weeks, 12.5 hours per week.
 - 4.5. Schedules are listed at <http://www.icpt.edu/schedules.html>
5. Upon successful completion of the CPE unit training, the student will provide the Professor of Record with documentation affirming the completion of all coursework and the awarding of at least one unit of CPE.
6. This is a Pass/Fail course. Upon documentation, the Professor of Record will alert the Registrar of your grade.

See the Appendices for a copy of a syllabus for the courses PM 774-775, “Clinical Pastoral Education I and II.” This is a six-credit-hour course that, also, allows students to earn CPE units through a hybrid delivery method of supervised ministry in a clinical setting with synchronous online learning.

Seeking clinical pastoral education units for academic graduate or postgraduate credit involves the following necessary steps Erskine Theological Seminary:

1. You must be a registered student in either the graduate or postgraduate level Erskine Theological Seminary. If you are a student at another seminary or graduate school and desire to attain CPE units from Erskine Theological Seminary and our partnership with the Institute for Clinical Pastoral Training (ICPT), you should first apply through our admissions office. To do so please contact our Admission officers: For Master-level education contact: Mr. David Cathcart at cathcart@erskine.edu or 864-379-6596. For doctoral level or for visiting students from other seminaries contact Ms. Robin Broome at broome@erskine.edu. Visit our Office of Admissions online at <https://seminary.erskine.edu/admissions/apply/>. You may, also, telephone our Office of Admissions at 800-770-6936.
2. Earning CPE units for academic credit involves dual registration with a CPE-granting agency and Erskine Theological Seminary. There are options for you.

EVIDENCE-BASED CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION

Increasingly, students find that CPE conducted through online academic work, reflective conferences, while performing ministry requirements in an approved clinical ministry setting at their home church, institution, local hospital, or even an Armed Forces location is preferred over time-in-residence (e.g., through ACPE sites). CPE training has evolved to meet changing student expectations and to take advantage of technologies that allow for “learning contracts” that involve supervisors “on the ground” (where you are) and your CPE Supervisor at the respective agency. Erskine Theological Seminary has official relationships with the Spiritual Care Association (SCA is an affiliate agency of the HealthCare Chaplaincy Network, “HCCN;” the official CPE training for, e.g., Memorial Sloan Kettering Center in New York City University of Pennsylvania, VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, Saint Joseph Hospital, Tampa), the Association of Certified Christian Chaplains (ACCC), as well as the traditional Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE). Each of these agencies are accredited through the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training (ACCET) and the Department of Education (DOE).

Both SCA and ACCC, in association with Erskine Theological Seminary, offer a hybrid CPE training program through the Institute for Clinical Pastoral Training (ICPT). The ICPT website reflects the *Memorandum of Understanding* (2018) between Erskine Seminary and the ICPT:

3. To inquire about regular training date start times through the year, and to begin your CPE course with Erskine, contact ICPT. Get your desired dates for training. Coordinate with the Office of Admissions for Erskine to register for

“Clinical Pastoral Education

The Institute for Clinical Pastoral Training (ICPT) is dedicated to offering a standardized and evidenced-based Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) training program to chaplains and spiritual care providers.

What Makes Our CPE Program Unique?

Our Hybrid Learning units blend face-to-face classroom instruction, with on-line meetings via Zoom® Video Conferencing and online training. This allows CPE supervisors to deploy technology with face-to-face teaching to meet the unique needs of our learners.

Accreditation

The Institute for Clinical Pastoral Training is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education & Training (ACCET). ACCET is listed by the US Department of Education as a nationally recognized accrediting agency.”

4. Students should consider their vocational goals in deciding which program to choose.
5. Erskine Theological Seminary has built a proud legacy of preparing theological students to serve as Chaplains in various sectors (e.g., Armed Forces, HealthCare, First Responders, Correctional, Law Enforcement, Industry, Sports, and Corporate). As such, we recognize both the educational requirements and the pastoral qualifications needed by our students. For this reason, we are proud to host CPE training that is accredited, affordable, available, and uncompromisingly Christian.

Yours Faithfully,



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¹ BCC: Board Certified Chaplain; BCPC: Board Certified Pastoral Counselor (Spiritual Care Association; Association of Certified Christian Counselors; member, APCE)

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1

“SYLLABUS: PM 774-775 CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION I AND II



<http://seminary.erskine.edu>

PM 774, 775 Clinical Pastoral Education I and II

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- Dr. Milton maintains a faculty page with resources for students. You may visit the faculty page and download items for free at <http://michaelmilton.org/faculty-page>.

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