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Residency Programs
CPE One-year residency
What: Five to six full-time positions with
challenging clinical placements. We have
one second-year residency position
available each year
Who: Religious/Spiritual leaders with at
least one unit of CPE
Focus: Opportunity to deepen vital
spiritual care giving skills during crisis and
other life-changing moments. Preparation
for becoming a professional Board Certified
Chaplain
When: A year long program offering three
units of CPE beginning Aug. 19, 2019
*Benefits: Stipend $37,500. Health and
dental insurance available, vacation and
sick days, a tax-exempt housing allowance
(for qualified applicants) and more.

Educator in Training
What: One position addressing supervision
and education in the theory and practice
of clinical pastoral education
Who: Religious/Spiritual leaders with at
least four units of CPE; Master of Divinity
degree or equivalency; Demonstrated
pastoral competence
Focus: To become an ACPE Certified
Educator
When: Program involves a renewable
two-year commitment
* Benefits: Stipend $47,500. Health and
dental insurance available, vacation and
sick days, a tax-exempt housing allowance
(for qualified applicants) and more.

About Gundersen Health System
Gundersen Health System, located in La Crosse,
Wis., is the most comprehensive healthcare
system in the area, serving 500,000 residents
in 19 counties in western Wisconsin, northeast
Iowa and southeast Minnesota. Gundersen is
anchored by one of the largest multi-specialty
group practices and a 325 bed modern
teaching hospital with Level II Trauma Center,
Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders, Heart
Institute, Neurosciences and air and ground
ambulance services. Gundersen is nationally
recognized for its Advance Care Planning,
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Clinical Pastoral Education at Gundersen Health System is an intense training experience, providing a diversity of learning in ministry of many faiths. This exciting program prepares its participants for ministry in hospitals, hospices, nursing homes, mental health centers, congregations and other specialized settings.

Participants develop skills and understanding to serve people at life’s crossroads—coping with crisis and serious illness, facing change and challenges, confronting aging and dealing with death.

As a chaplain, you are involved in the interdisciplinary care of patients, family members and staff from many different faiths. You will work closely with our exceptional Spiritual Care faculty and other Gundersen professionals. CPE residents and summer interns are assigned to particular units working in tandem with board-certified chaplains.

The faith backgrounds of our faculty and staff reflect the wide-ranging religious and spiritual expressions found throughout the Tri-state Region. We work with community pastors, faith leaders and ministers to care for the religious needs of patients as well as explore ways to offer ministry to people who recognize themselves as more spiritual than “religious.”

Clinical placements for CPE residents are within the Medical Center, Emergency Services, Palliative Care, the Cancer Center and Hospice. CPE residents work closely with dedicated staff chaplain coordinators and mentors and receive training in our nationally recognized programs. This is just a taste of why our CPE program is one of the best in the United States.

Our program balances intensity with an emphasis on caring for the self. Students are involved in on-call and crisis ministry with regularly scheduled days off to provide important life/work balance.

Gundersen is a fully accredited ACPE center offering certified units of Level I and II CPE and Educator CPE. Ordained clergy, religious leaders, seminarians, allied healthcare professional and lay people are encouraged to apply.

CPE at Gundersen Health System

Tuition: $200 per unit only with support from Gundersen Medical Foundation
There is no application fee

Internship programs

Summer CPE internship
What: Four to six fulltime positions, with clinical placements in the Medical Center and the Emergency Services
Who: Those seeking initial experience in pastoral/spiritual care.
Focus: Addresses basic competencies of spiritual care and issues of pastoral reflection, formation and identity.
When: May 28, 2019 - Aug. 9, 2019
*Benefits: Stipend $500 (subject to approval)

Extended CPE internship
What: Four to seven part-time positions
Who: Religious/Spiritual leaders, seminarians and lay persons.
Focus: Addresses competencies in spiritual care and issues of pastoral identity and integration. Opportunity to use your ministry site as your clinical placement. Interns learn on-call chaplaincy at Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center working one night every other week 4 p.m. to 8 a.m.
When: Program meets once a week from mid-October through March (Orientation involves two days for the first two weeks)
* Benefits: Stipend $500 (subject to approval)