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The Value of Clinical Pastoral Education:
- Enhancing spirituality care skills especially in multi-faith contexts
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**CPE Level I** (400 hours) develops basic awareness, skills, and competencies in:
- The use of a clinical method for learning spiritual care
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- Spiritual assessment
- Spiritual care and counseling
- Functioning as a member of an intradisciplinary and interdisciplinary team

Why Become a CPE Student with Us?
Whether you are interested in general spiritual care training or in a specialty, you will find a supportive and empowering environment to fulfill your personal and/or career goals. Our partnership between a world-class research university and two award-winning local health care providers enables your involvement in the latest research and practical application of spirituality and health.

With such diverse spiritual care needs among university students, hospital patients, and Long Term Care residents, learning opportunities are abundant.

Our program offers clinical rotations with diverse care areas including:
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