

Vancouver Coastal Health Authority Clinical Pastoral Education Program and Fellowships 2020 – 2021

In 2020-2021 Vancouver Coastal Health Authority will be running 2 concurrent summer intensive CPE units and 2 concurrent fall/winter extended units at Vancouver General Hospital (VGH) and Richmond Hospital (RH). In addition to these basic and advanced CPE internship units, VGH will also concurrently be offering a paid specialized post CPE residency/fellowship program for masters level credit. Details of these professional education opportunities follow below.

- Summer Intensive Unit: May 04, 2020 – July 24, - five days per week 40 hrs per week on site: Early enrolment is encouraged. Space is normally limited to 7 students
- Fall/Winter Extended Unit: Sept 15, 2020 – March 31, 2021– 12 hrs per week on site. Early enrolment is encouraged. Space is normally limited to 7 students.
- Post CPE Residency/Fellowship Specialization program Sept 01, 2020 – August 31, 2021 – Early application is encouraged.

A Values Based Approach to Education

Vancouver Coastal Health is dedicated to 3 core values Caring, Learning, and Achieving Results. The Spiritual Care Department runs its educational programs according to these values and shared in their selection and adoption in 2018. We care about the well-being of our students, are dedicated to their learning and work in concert with them to achieve results. We believe that a combination of kindness and robustness leads to the best outcomes. We believe that deep learning requires the willingness to look deeply into both ourselves and others with radical honesty and courage. We believe that we can do this best in a supportive yet challenging environment that provides structure as well as opportunity for self - direction. Although not religiously sponsored by any one denomination VCH is a spirited healing community. This can be seen in the motto of our department ***Spirited Leadership – Humanizing Encounters***. At VCH you will discover a spiritual approach that focusses on a common human horizontal experience of transcendence; an approach that crosses over religious and cultural lines while honouring each person’s distinct religious/cultural tradition and personal uniqueness. Ours is a non-abusive but rigorous program that expects as much as it gives.

Two Sites – One Ethos – Various Applications

Both Vancouver General Hospital (VGH) and Richmond Hospital (RH) run fully accredited Clinical Pastoral Education CPE units under the auspices of CASC and the Vancouver Health Authority. This training is integral to learning the art of providing spiritual care to persons suffering the crisis of illness. It is also transferable and relevant for providing spiritual care to persons suffering the crisis of incarceration in correctional centers or for working with students struggling with life issues associated with college education. Clergy of various religions may take CPE to improve their pastoral work with their congregants. Some graduates may also work in specialized contexts such as addictions centers, airports, industrial chaplaincy or outreach ministries.

The two VCH teaching sites are accredited by CASC as existing under one CPE program umbrella. Each site has its own teaching supervisor, but screening, program admission, location assignment and several other aspects of the program are done conjointly. VGH has a long history

as a centre for Clinical Pastoral Education. As the largest tertiary care hospital in Canada the opportunities for clinical placements are many and varied. It is located near Vancouver City Hall and the lovely False Creek inlet, along the Sky Train public transit route. RH is a 200 bed hospital with several programs including intensive care, emergency, psych, medicine, and surgery programs. It is currently building for future expansion. It is located in the Municipality of Richmond near the Vancouver Airport and is less than 30 minutes from downtown on the Sky Train route.

Both sites emphasize the development of a strong professional pastoral identity within the context of integrated inter-professional team work. All teaching supervisors on staff are dedicated to facilitating the psycho-spiritual formation of students while simultaneously instructing them in the development of bedside competency skills according to an adult learning model. The role of the spiritual care intern is valued by the inter-professional teams at both VGH and RH as part of their mandates as teaching hospitals. There are currently 2 certified supervisors and 2 provisional supervisors involved in the teaching.

A Partnership Approach to Fulfilling CASC Requirements for both CPE and Academics

Our program functions in partnership with The Vancouver School of Theology (VST) through which academic credit is registered. The VST Masters of Arts in Pastoral and Public Leadership (Spiritual Care Stream) is integrated with the VCH CPE program so as to provide students with the possibility of completing all CASC academic and CPE certification requirements within 24 months. This integrated approach to fulfilling the CASC requirements for a master's degree as well as specific master's level courses in addition to CPE units has attracted many students from around the world who wish a quality education without duplication. See the VCH and VST Website for more details. www.vch.ca/spiritualcare and <https://vst.edu/programs/mappl-sc/>

Non Discrimination

Students of all religious affiliations, sexual orientations, and sexual identities are welcome at both VCH and VST. Frequently students in one CPE groups will have students from several religious and cultural backgrounds. International students are commonly present in most units.

Summer Intensive Unit

The summer intensive unit from May 04, 2020 – July 24, 2020 requires a full time commitment. Students do not have much time for working a part time job or taking any other course. The emotional and spiritual intensity of the program requires the student to have off hours that provide for rest and reflection. In addition to the, 40 hrs per week on site the student will need to devote time for reading and writing assignments. Early enrolment is encouraged. Space is normally limited to 7 students. All advanced students and basic students who are deemed to have sufficient competencies may also be permitted to provide a week of on-call after hour service pending competency. The normal application deadline for the summer unit is March 30th, but due to the limit of 7 students per unit prospective students are encouraged to apply as soon possible.(some years late enrollment is possible due to pre-commencement withdrawals).

Winter Extended Unit

A winter extended Unit of CPE designed to meet the needs of students who are concurrently taking other coursework or are working part time will run from Sept 15, 2020 – March 31, 2021. The first class is Tues Sept 15, from 3pm-8pm and each following Tuesday. Time slots for

individual supervisory sessions and ward assignments will depend upon the schedule of the specific health care team to which the individual student is assigned. Students are expected to average 8 hours per week on the hospital wards, to be delivered on 2 separate days Mon - Fri between 8 am and 6 pm. This time is primarily spent, providing bedside ministry and attending inter- professional team meetings. Average weekly commitment on site for all functions will normally total approximately 13 hours. All advanced students and basic students who are deemed to have sufficient competencies may also be required to provide a week of on call after hour service pending competency. The normal application deadline for the Fall unit is June 30th, but due to the limit of 7 students per unit prospective students are encouraged to apply as soon possible (some years late enrollment is possible due to pre-commencement withdrawals).

Students enrolled in intercession at the Vancouver School of Theology are not required to be at the hospital for the week of Jan VST Intensives. Two weeks of holidays in Dec and Jan will be observed for group sessions but students remaining in the city may elect to continue ward visitations in order to reach their 200 clinical hour requirement if the supervisor is not out of town. During the first two week of classes there will be some additional group session times negotiated in addition to the regularly scheduled group times in order to prepare new students for working with the health care team to which they are assigned.

CPE Tuition Fees

The tuition fee of \$2,250, is payable to the Vancouver School of Theology and arrangements to pay must be made before commencement. Some bursaries are available through the Vancouver School of Theology and Vancouver General Hospital

A Distinctly Specialized Post CPE Fellowship/Residency

VGH also runs a year long post CPE fellowship/ residency program from Sept – August that can be assigned to one full time student or two half time students. The latter is more often the case. The fellowship/residency is designed for students who have **already completed** all their CPE. The purpose is to provide experience and direction in an area of specialization such as psychiatry, or chronic care. Students are paid \$40,000 if full time or \$ 20,000 if half time. The half time program provides just enough time on site to meet the CASC requirement of 1000 hrs necessary for certification. The work/study experience of the residents is registered as a specialized Directed Studies Course with the Vancouver School of Theology and taught by a VCH CPE supervisor who is also VST adjunct faculty. Students doing a half time residency have time to take other courses at VST that can be blended with credit for the VGH Directed Studies Course towards an advanced 2nd masters degree.

Associated Benefits

Interns and residents are welcome at many hospital education sessions put on by various hospital departments. They are also welcome to attend many social gatherings held on various occasions.

Application

For further written information describing the above programs please contact Silvia Delgado at silvia.delgado@vch.ca To make application for an interview contact **Doug Longstaffe, Profession Leader and CPE Teaching Supervisor - Spiritual Care and Multifaith Services,**

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