

### *What are the dates for the program?*

**Semester Units:** One day for class and individual supervision and one day per week for clinical placement.

#### SEMESTER 1:

Dates: 13 February to 5 June 2024

Clinical Placement: St. Vincent's Hospital Campus

#### SEMESTER 2:

23 July to 27 November 2024

**Clinical Placement:** St. Vincent's Hospital Campus.

#### YEAR LONG UNIT.

##### **In person & Virtual Classes:**

**Two days a month on Thursday/Fridays for classes**

Dates: 22/23 Feb, 21/22 Mar, 18/19 Apr, 16/17 May, 13/14 Jun, 18/19 Jul, 15/16 Aug, 19/20 Sept, 17/18 Oct & 14/15 Nov 2023

OR

Date: 29 Feb & 1 Mar, 27/28 Mar, 11/12 Apr, 23/24 May, 6/7 June, 25/26 July, 22/23 Aug, 26/27 Sept, 24/25 Oct & 21/22 Nov

**Clinical Placement:** One day a week

**Clinical Placement:** St. Vincent's Hospital Campus.

#### SUMMER INTENSIVE UNIT:

(Four days a week)

**Dates:** Please contact the centre for Summer Intensive dates.

**Classes and Individual Supervision:** 2 days/week

**Clinical Placement:** 2 days/week at St Vincent's or Work place for employed Pastoral/Spiritual carers or Chaplains.

### *What is the Cost?*

#### Non award students:

CPE Foundational Units: **\$2200/unit**

#### SCD award students:

Undergraduate Units: P7265, P7266.

**\$2854/unit**

Postgraduate Units: P8165, P8166, P9267.

**\$3404/unit.**

### *When do I need to apply by?*

Limited places are available. Applicants are encouraged to apply early to avoid disappointment.

### *Where do I send my application?*

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## Clinical Pastoral Education Centre

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**400-hour programs**

**2024**

### *CPE programs at St Vincent's*

St Vincent's Hospital is one of Sydney's leading health care institutions with a long tradition in educating healthcare professionals including pastoral care practitioners.

St Vincent's recognises that spiritual care is an integral part of patients' healing and well-being. It has a dynamic pastoral care department that responds to the spiritual care needs of patients, their families and the staff.

The Clinical Pastoral Education Centre was established in 1981 by Sr Margaret Lee. The Centre offers Introductory or 40-hour courses, Basics, Award and non-award units of 400-hour units, and Supervisory Education programs, and Professional Pastoral Supervision (Individual & Group) for pastoral/spiritual practitioners.

### *What is Clinical Pastoral Education?*

Through an action reflection model of learning students

- Deepen their awareness and understanding of different ways in which others are affected by illness, crisis and vulnerability and to respond pastorally.
- Expand their pastoral/spiritual care skills that enable them to be effective pastoral/spiritual practitioners.
- Broaden their awareness of the spiritual needs, hopes and resources of others.
- Become more aware of their values, theological/philosophical understandings and beliefs, attitudes and assumptions, and how these affect their ministry.

- Further integrate their theoretical, knowledge, and practice to be more reflective practitioners.

### *What does the program involve?*

The 400-hour program involves

- Learning from the experience of providing Pastoral Care to patients, their families, staff and others in their practice (minimum of 150 hours of clinical practice).
- Identifying ways in which patients respond to human experience, illness and spiritual crisis and the specific/unique role of pastoral care practitioners in this context.
- Ongoing opportunities to evaluate, assess, analyse and critique the effectiveness of one's ministry, using small group and individual supervision, for personal and professional growth.
- Engaging various relevant didactics that enhance deeper understandings to be an empathetic pastoral/spiritual practitioner.
- Increasing one's skill at identifying thoughts and feelings in the process of integrating theological/philosophical reflection with praxis.
- Working alongside other members of the healing team in a busy inner-city hospital.

### *Who can apply?*

Pastoral care practitioners, theological students/Seminarians, Religious, Chaplains and Ministers from diverse traditions, Parish pastoral workers, volunteers, healthcare professionals, social workers, counsellor, those wishing to explore their suitability to work in this field, those seeking to develop their capacity to provide spiritual care.

### *Is the program recognised?*

Institutions employing Pastoral Care Practitioners or Chaplains often require applicants to have completed at least two 400-hour CPE Units.

The Civil Chaplaincy Advisory Board requires Chaplains to have completed at least one 400-hour CPE Units.

### *What about academic recognition?*

As a Member Institute of the Sydney College of Divinity, the NSW College of Clinical Pastoral Education (NSWCCPE) provides Master of Arts degrees specialising in Chaplaincy and Pastoral Supervision.

Students with a Bachelor degree or other relevant qualification may enrol in a **Master of Arts (leading to a Specialisation in Chaplaincy)**. This program is an award program of the Sydney College of Divinity (SCD). As a registered Centre of the NSW College of CPE, St Vincent's Hospital is able to provide the CPE units that form half of this MA (54 credit points).

Students enrolled in the MA must complete another 54 credit points at any one of the SCD Member Institutes, consisting of the following core units:  
Introduction to Biblical Studies  
Introduction to Theology  
Research Methodology  
Research essay/project

The 400-hour CPE program follows the guidelines set by the NSWCCPE, details of which can be found in the Handbook on the NSWCCPE website:

[www.cpensw.com](http://www.cpensw.com)