

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: 18 February to 10 June 2025

SEMESTER 2:

Dates: 22 July to 2 December 2025

Extended Units: YEAR LONG UNIT.

In person & Virtual Classes: Two days a month on Thursday/Fridays for classes

Dates: 27/28 Feb, 27/28 Mar, 24/25 Apr, 22/23 May, 19/20 Jun, 24/25 Jul, 28/29 Aug, 25/26 Sept, 23/24 Oct & 27/28 Nov 2025

CLINICAL PLACEMENT:

St. Vincent's Hospital Campus.

One day a week.

Or at Workplace if employed as pastoral/spiritual carer or Chaplains.

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 Unit: **\$2525.00**
SVHA staff pay 75% **\$ 1893.75**

SCD award students:

Undergraduate Units: P7265, P7266
(18 Credit points/unit) **\$3485/unit**

Postgraduate Units: P8165, P8166, P9267
(18 Credit points/unit) **\$4005/unit.**

(For fee details, please contact Centre Director)

When do I need to apply by?

Limited places are available.
It is encouraged to apply as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Where do I send my application?

Clinical Pastoral Education Centre
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400-hour programs

2025

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.

Sr Margaret Lee established St. Vincent's Hospital Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Centre in 1981 to educate, and train professional pastoral/spiritual care persons. The Centre offers Introductory or 40-hour courses, Foundational (400-hour) Units for Awards or Non-awards. It also offers CPE Supervisory Education programs, and Professional Pastoral Supervision for pastoral/spiritual practitioners; individually or as a Group.

The Vision and Mission of the Centre is to: Through the Action-Reflection CPE learning model, the Centre aims to promote:

- Transformational pastoral education based on Christian theological understandings in its praxis.
- Integrate pastoral/spiritual care theoretical learning and knowledge into ministry of practice.
- Produce reflective, analytical, evaluative pastoral/spiritual care practitioners.
- enhance relational, interpersonal and professional pastoral skills towards holistic care for pastoral care practitioners and chaplains.

What does the program involve?

The 400-hour program involves

- Learning from the experience of providing Pastoral Care to the vulnerable; patients & families, staff and others in their practice.
- Identifying ways in which patients respond to human experience, illness and spiritual crisis which is the specific/unique role of pastoral care practitioners in this context and other 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.
- Students become aware of their values, theological/philosophical understandings and beliefs, attitudes and assumptions, and how these affect them in their ministry.
- 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