



Do you want to make a *difference*?

The work of a Chaplain can make a profound difference in the life of someone who is struggling, by nurturing the spirit and by tending to the mind, body, and soul. Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is the primary training method for hospital and hospice chaplains. Lutheran Senior Services is a primary provider.

This is significant. As one of the few organizations in the country to offer CPE in a senior living environment, LSS is able to give its students a way to minister on an ongoing basis. The relational experience in this context translates well for those considering congregational ministry. At the same time, the training that individuals receive at the LSS CPE Center equips them for serving as Chaplains in other contexts.

This training is open to all denominations and religious communities – to seminarians, pastors and lay people alike. LSS Clinical Pastoral Education makes a difference in the lives of those we teach and those we serve.

Interested individuals for all programs must apply for admission by December 31 for the following year's programs. Applications are considered in the order they are received. Interviews are conducted as part of the selection process.

An application fee of \$50 applies to all programs. Tuition for first unit is \$650. Additional consecutive units are \$550 each. To apply, please visit, LSSCPE.org.



About the Faculty

Rev. Jeffery Scheer serves as Administrator of CPE for Lutheran Senior Services. He is a Certified Educator with ACPE and a Board Certified Chaplain (BCC) with the Association of Professional Chaplains (APC). Rev. Scheer has served LSS since 2004.

Additional adjunct CPE faculty includes LSS chaplaincy, nursing, and social services staff, as well as counselors, professors, and other spiritual caregivers from the St. Louis community.

Clinical Pastoral Education

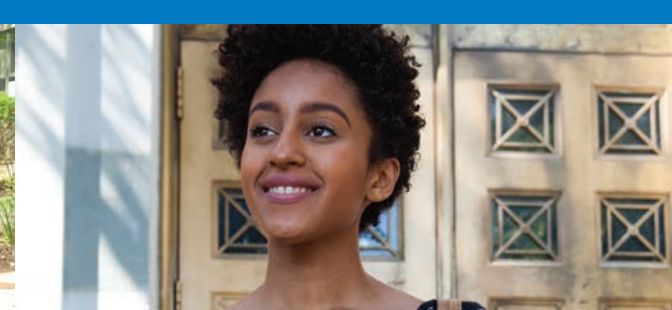
Making a difference in the lives of those we serve



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Do you want to learn, serve, prepare, develop, reach out to others, increase your faith, grow in your ministry skills?

Clinical Pastoral Education is an integral part of the mission of Lutheran Senior Services. By preparing others to do spiritual work, we expand our ministerial reach to even more older adults. CPE brings together the theology, skills, knowledge, and personality of the spiritual caregiver, using their attributes for important spiritual work. The LSS CPE program has a three-part focus:

- Formation – Applying one’s theology to real-life experiences and discovering how our personalities affect our ministry efforts
- Competence – Leadership styles, pastoral engagement, and assessment of the spiritual needs of others
- Reflection – Development and reflection of ongoing ministerial goals

The LSS CPE program is accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. (ACPE), a multicultural, multi-faith organization devoted to education and ministry. Lutheran Senior Services is accredited to offer Level-I and Level-II CPE, as well as Certified Educator CPE. The LSS program draws students from an expansive geographic region throughout the United States and across the globe.

The Level-I Program (11 weeks)

Training for Level-I CPE takes place every summer at the Laclede Groves Senior Living Community. This 11-week program requires 45 to 50 hours per week, divided between ministry, spiritual offerings, seminars, group practicums, and peer/individual supervision. Application requirements include:

- High school diploma or GED
- Active ministry or service experience in a congregation or institution

The Residency Program (9-months)

The CPE Residency program begins in early September each year and continues for 9 months. Students accepted into the program receive a negotiated stipend, made possible through a grant by the Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis and Lutheran Senior Services. Application requirements include:

- One prior unit of CPE from a center other than LSS
- College degree (Masters of Divinity – or equivalent – preferred)
- Ordination (or pending ordination or its equivalent) by an applicant’s own denomination
- Endorsement (or pending endorsement) from an applicant’s own denomination
- Intent to serve full-time with a congregation or institution

Extended Unit (6 months)

This is a part-time program for professional and lay church workers involved in full-time ministry. Classes meet one day a week, with two additional days devoted to ministry. Application requirements include:

- High school diploma or GED
- Active ministry or service experience in a congregation or institution

E-Extended Unit (6 months)

This part-time program is designed for professional and lay church workers involved in full-time ministry, but without access to an accredited CPE Center. Classes meet one day a week online, with two additional days devoted to ministry/clinical work. Application requirements include:

- High school diploma or GED
- Active ministry or service in a congregation or institution
- Details of proposed clinical/ministry context from an established source – such as a nursing home, parish, hospital, jail, or prison – with which the applicant has a caregiving or volunteer connection. Source is subject to a written agreement between the CPE student and Educator.
- Tuition is \$1,500.

Please call 314.446.2343 for availability of the Extended Unit or E-Extended Unit.

Vicarage / Deaconess Internship (12 months)

This program begins each August and has similar requirements to the Residency Program with a few exceptions:

- Open to Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) Vicars or Deaconesses only
- 55 hours per week; dual credit for CPE and Vicarage/Deaconess internship
- Placement by Concordia Seminary St. Louis OR Concordia Theological Seminary in the spring
- Full-time institutional chaplaincy immersion in final quarter in lieu of CPE training

Certified Educator Program (3 years)

This program helps Chaplains seek certification as ACPE CPE Certified Educators. Requirements include:

- Successful addressing of all Level-II ACPE CPE objectives and outcomes
- College degree (Masters of Divinity – or equivalent)
- Ordination (or equivalent) by candidate’s own denomination
- Endorsement from candidate’s denomination
- Intent to serve full-time as a Certified Educator