

## HUNTER CENTRE FOR CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION

### WELCOME

Welcome to the **Hunter Centre for Clinical Pastoral Education**. This Centre offers pastoral/spiritual care training at the John Hunter and Calvary Mater Hospitals in Newcastle and, from time to time, in other suitable locations in the Hunter region. Introductory courses are conducted annually in Newcastle and in other locations as requested.

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### SUPERVISORS

#### **The Rev'd Dr Barbara Howard: Centre Director**

Barbara is an Anglican priest who has worked in parishes and as a hospital chaplain. She is an Acting Level 3 supervisor with twenty years of supervisory experience. Her special interest is in theological reflection, seeking to discern God's presence in daily life and in pastoral experience.

#### **Mrs Gwen Vale (Newcastle)**

Gwen is a former music teacher with considerable experience of pastoral ministry in both the church and hospital context. A Level 2 supervisor, she has been supervising CPE students since 2008.

#### **Ms April MacNeill (Newcastle)**

April is the Pastoral Care Manager at the Calvary Mater Hospital in Newcastle. A former ICU nurse, April has a special interest in raising awareness of pastoral/spiritual care in critical care environments and in offering pastoral education. She is an Acting Level 2 supervisor with eight years of supervisory experience.

#### **The Rev'd Roger Zohrab (Newcastle)**

Roger is the Anglican Chaplain and Pastoral Care Coordinator at John Hunter Hospital. A priest with many years' experience in parish and chaplaincy ministry, Roger has counselling training and experience in spiritual direction. He is an Acting Level 1 CPE supervisor.

### COURSES OFFERED

#### **INTRODUCTORY CPE (40 hours)**

This course is an introduction to the theory and practice of pastoral/spiritual care. It is a qualification required by NSW Health for those wishing to become hospital visitors. It covers such topics as listening skills, empathy, grief and loss, self-awareness and hospital procedures. It is conducted over six days from 9am to 4pm. A certificate is awarded on completion.

### **BASIC UNIT (CPE 1 AND CPE 2) (400 hours)**

These courses are aimed at providing intensive training in pastoral/spiritual care by means of supervised group and individual reflection on pastoral conversations. Using an action/reflection method, they require students to complete 150 hours of clinical work (pastoral visiting) in assigned hospital wards or other approved locations, together with 80 hours of group work, 10 hours of individual supervision and 160 hours of reflection/reading/seminar preparation and verbatim writing. Applicants are interviewed prior to acceptance into the course.

The course is offered in three possible modes. Not every mode is offered each year. See course dates and details.

**Mode 1: Full-time:** 11 weeks between mid-November and mid-February with a three week break over Christmas/New Year. Students attend Monday to Friday for 40 hours per week.

**Mode 2: Part-time:** 22 weeks- February to July or July to November- 20 hours per week- group work is held on one day per week- eight hours of clinical work are required each week

**Mode 3: Extended:** 9 months (38 weeks)- the group work is conducted as intensives on Friday afternoon and Saturday once a month. Four hours of clinical work are required each week.

The group work is conducted at John Hunter Hospital or at another designated location. The maximum number accepted into a Basic CPE group is six students.

### **ADVANCED UNIT (CPE 3)**

Students will be accepted into this unit only after completion of CPE 1 and CPE 2 at credit level or above and satisfactory reports from previous supervisors.

Advanced CPE requires a heightened level of personal awareness, pastoral formation and professional development in a pastoral care specialisation. It aims at professional competence. Building on the previous units of Clinical Pastoral Education, it seeks to further develop students' awareness of pastoral dynamics in a specialised area of ministry. This is achieved by reflection on the student's practical experience of the specialised ministry, together with research into the area of specialisation. A particular focus is on the ethical challenges posed by the ministry specialisation and associated theological dilemmas.

Award of an Advanced Unit requires satisfactory presentation to a NSW College of CPE Review Committee.

### **COST**

**Introductory courses:** \$300

**Basic CPE 1:** \$1600

**Basic CPE 2:** \$1600

**Advanced CPE:** \$1650

The above fees include the cost of the CPE certificate.

## **DATES 2018/2019**

**Introductory CPE- 2018:** Tuesdays October 23 to November 27 inclusive – applications close Oct. 5

**Introductory CPE- 2019:** Tuesdays October 15 to November 19 inclusive- applications close Oct. 1

**Extended CPE 1,2,3-2018:** in progress- no places available for 2018

**Extended CPE 1,2,3- 2019:** Friday/Saturday Feb 22/23; March 8/9; April 5/6; May 10/11; June 7/8;  
July 5/6; August 2/3; September 6/7; October 11/12

**Part-time CPE 1,2,3- 2019:** Thursdays July 4 to November 28

**Full-time CPE 1: 2018/19:** November 12 to December 21 - break December 23 to January 14 –  
resume January 17 to February 15.

Applications close September 20, 2017. Interviews will be held in October.

Please note that the 2019 dates are provisional and may be subject to slight modification.

Minimum enrolment for CPE 1, 2, 3 is four students with a maximum of six students per group.

## **ACADEMIC RECOGNITION**

Students with a Bachelor degree or other relevant qualification may enrol in a **Master of Arts (leading to a Specialisation in Chaplaincy)** which is offered by the NSW College of CPE through the Sydney College of Divinity. Students undertake three core units of CPE (CPE 1, 2, 3) and receive 54 credit points, half the course work. The remaining 54 credit points may be gained by enrolment in related courses (such as theology, Biblical studies, pastoral counselling) offered through the other member institutes of the Sydney College of Divinity.

**Bachelor of Theology** students enrolled with the Sydney College of Divinity may include two CPE units in their degree program and receive 18 credit points for each unit.

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