

WELCOME

Welcome to the Gosford Hospital Centre for Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). This Centre conducts courses in CPE with a focus on the provision of pastoral care in an acute care hospital. Both the CPE Introductory Unit (40 hours) and the Foundational unit (400 hours) are offered.

The Introductory Unit all is a highly desirable program in preparation for a high level of success in the Foundational Unit but is not a prerequisite for undertaking the training.

In the Foundational Unit, trainees gain experience in pastorally caring for patients in different wards or day therapy rooms at Gosford and Wyong hospitals.

PROGRAMMESUPERVISOR

ACTING CENTRE DIRECTOR Rev Frank Wortley has been supervising with the NSW College of CPE since 2014. Frank has 38 years of chaplaincy experience in the Australian Defence Force and the public health system and has significant formal training in chaplaincy and an MA in Pastoral Supervision.

Frank is also the Senior Chaplain at Gosford Hospital and the Coordinating Chaplain for the Central Coast Local Health District. He is passionate about the need to have well-trained people who are able to work in both the church and in public space ministry.

COURSES OFFERED 2020/2021

Introductory Program – July/August 2020. The dates and local venue TBC.

Foundational Unit – running at Gosford Hospital from February to October 2021. Dates TBC.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE VIA THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS: Francis.Wortley@health.nsw.gov.au

INTRODUCTORY UNIT.

This 40-hour course prepares volunteers who want to pastorally care for patients as hospital visitors. It meets the minimum requirement for all authorised visiting within NSW Health Department Facilities.

Topics discussed include the ethos of pastoral care, listening skills, self-awareness, grief and loss issues, wellness, hospital protocols, role-plays of visiting and discovering our spirituality.

FOUNDATIONAL UNIT.

This 400-hour course allows trainees to engage in active listening at the bedside with patients, to reflect on the conversation in both a group situation and privately with their supervisor and then carry the learning from these encounters to the next conversation with the patients.

COSTS for 2020/21

Introductory courses: \$300

There is a \$50 non-refundable deposit which is paid on the first day of training

Foundational CPE 1: \$1600

Foundational CPE 2: \$1600

There is a \$500 non-refundable deposit which is paid on the first day of training