



Welcome to the Hunter Centre for Clinical Pastoral Education

**The Hunter Centre for Clinical Pastoral Education
Cf- Pastoral Care Department
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Welcome to the Hunter Centre for Clinical Pastoral Education. This Centre celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2018 and is recognised as the main provider of pastoral/spiritual care training in the Hunter and Mid-North Coast regions.

The Hunter 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 and Mid-North Coast regions. Introductory courses are conducted regularly in Newcastle and in other locations as requested.

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 a Provisional CPE Educational Consultant (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 Provisional CPE Educational Consultant, she has been supervising CPE students since 2008.

Ms April MacNeill (Central Coast)

April is a Pastoral Educator and Supervisor at St Vincent's Hospital Sydney.

A former Pastoral Care Manager, and practitioner at the Calvary Mater Hospital in Newcastle, April has a background in healthcare as an Intensive Care Nurse. April has a special interest in raising awareness of pastoral/spiritual care in critical care environments and in pastoral research. She is a Provisional CPE Educational Consultant with ten 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 a Provisional CPE Pastoral Supervisor.



What courses are 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.

FOUNDATIONAL UNITS OF CPE (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 90 hours of group work, 10 hours of individual supervision and 150 hours of reflection/reading/seminar preparation and verbatim writing. Applicants are interviewed prior to acceptance into the course.

ADVANCED CPE 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

MODES OF DELIVERY

CPE 1, 2, 3 units are offered in four 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.

Mode 4: Intensive: 6 months- this mode is offered at Port Macquarie- the group work is conducted as 6 x 15 hour sessions (Wednesday afternoon to Friday afternoon) each month for six months. It involves eight hours of clinical work each week.

The group work is conducted at John Hunter Hospital or at another facility by agreement with the student and the facility in question. The maximum number accepted into a Basic CPE group is six students.

Who can apply?

- Parish workers and volunteers
- Those wishing to work in pastoral and spiritual care and chaplaincy
- Nurses/teachers interested in holistic care
- Those seeking more effective ways to care for people's spiritual needs
- Those wishing to discern their suitability to be a pastoral or spiritual carer
- Those interested in pastoral/spiritual care in Aged Care Facilities

2021 Course dates

JOHN HUNTER HOSPITAL, NEWCASTLE

Full time Foundational Unit: 2020/21

Mondays to Fridays: 15 November to 22 December

21 January to 18 February

Introductory CPE 2021

Six Mondays from 22 February to 29 March

Six Mondays from 2 August to 6 September

Extended Foundational Unit 2021

Fridays 1-5pm and Saturdays 9am-4pm Plus Hospital Orientation (date to be determined)

19/20 March

30 April/1 May

21/22 May

25/26 June

23/24 July

27/28 August

17/18 September

15/16 October

Closing date for applications for 2021 Extended Unit: 30 October, 2020

PORT MACQUARIE BASE HOSPITAL

Introductory CPE

Wednesday to Friday - March 3 to 5: 9am to 4pm

Monday to Wednesday- March 8 to 10: 9am to 4pm.

Part-time Intensive Foundational Unit

Wednesday to Friday April 14, 15, 16

May 12, 13, 14

June 9, 10, 11

Aug 11, 12, 13

Sept 15, 16, 17

Oct 13, 14, 15

Closing date for Port Macquarie P/T Intensive Unit: February 12, 2021

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

[What is the cost?](#)

Introductory courses: \$350

Basic CPE 1: \$1600

Basic CPE 2: \$1600

Advanced CPE: \$1650

The above fees include the cost of the CPE certificate.

Application forms for all courses: Contact Fr Roger Zohrab

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For further information, contact:

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See separate forms for enrolment in Hunter Centre CPE 1, 2, 3 courses and enrolment in the MA (Chaplaincy)

Introductory enrolment forms will be forwarded to enquirers on request

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

As a Member Institute of the Sydney College of Divinity, the NSW College of Clinical Pastoral Education provides Master of Arts degrees specialising in Chaplaincy and Pastoral Supervision, and gives credit for Basic and Advanced Units of CPE.

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.