



## Welcome to Gosford Hospital Centre for Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)

**Chaplains Office  
Level 4, Gosford Hospital  
Holden St  
GOSFORD NSW 2250**

This Centre conducts courses in CPE with a focus on the provision of pastoral care in an acute care hospital. We also support newly employed pastoral care providers meet employer training requirements for residential/Aged care and prison ministries.

### **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.



### [What courses are offered?](#)

Both the CPE Introductory Unit (40 hours) and Foundational and Advance Units (both 400 hours) are offered.

### **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 and ADVANCED UNITS.**

These 400-hour courses allow 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. They train practitioners in both general and specialist ministries.



### Who can apply?

- Parish workers and volunteers (Placements for the period of training are in Gosford and Wyong Hospitals or another Local Health District Hospital by agreement.)
- Those wishing to be employed in pastoral and spiritual care and chaplaincy
- Those interested in spiritual care in Residential, Aged Care Facilities and Prisons.
- Nurses/teachers interested in holistic care
- Those wishing to discern their suitability to be a pastoral or spiritual carer

### 2022 Course dates

#### Foundational and Advance Units (both 400 hours)

(Two Units are offered)

Classroom training: Face-to-Face-Two, two day orientation weekends and then two consecutive days each month, 9am-4pm and either, 9-12 midday or 2-5pm in the face-to-face unit.

Online unit 4 hours per evening/day for 3 consecutive days.

AND

Six hours practical hospital/ministry placement per week

### What is the cost?

Introductory courses: \$400. There is a \$75 non-refundable deposit which is paid on the first day of training

The unit cost is \$1800. Upon acceptance into the programme there is a \$500 non-refundable deposit payable prior to the first day of training.

For trainees wishing to be enrolled with a Sydney College of Divinity Chaplaincy programme, fee-help is available.

### For further information:

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## ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

As a Member Institute of the Sydney College of Divinity, the NSW College of Clinical Pastoral Education provides the following Chaplaincy training to students with a Bachelor degree or other relevant qualifications:

1. A Graduate Certificate in Arts, (36 credit points)
2. A Diploma in Arts (72 credit points), and
3. A Master of Arts degree (108 credit points),

Each CPE unit gives 18 credit points. The remaining 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.

Non award students receive certification and credit through the NSW College of CPE for Foundational and Advanced Units of CPE.