



Welcome to the Westmead Centre for Clinical Pastoral Education

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Centre Director, Rev Dr Peter Powell

Dr Powell is an ordained Minister of the Word in the Uniting Church in Australia, a Registered Psychologist, a Clinical Member of the Australian and New Zealand Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, a Clinical Member of the NSW Child Sex Offender Counsellors Accreditation Scheme and a Provisional Educational Consultant with the NSW College of CPE.

Currently semi-retired, Dr Powell is a past NSWCCPE President and Convenor of the Committee for the Asia-Pacific Conference of the International Council for Pastoral Care & Counselling 2021. Dr Powell is the trainer for Aboriginal CPE in Lismore and the Pacific School of CPE, Tonga.

Supervisors

At present Rev Morris Sing Key is a Provisional Educational Consultant with the NSW College of CPE and is working alongside Rev Dr Peter Powell. Rev Morris Sing Key has been a Chaplain for over 26 years in Sydney Hospitals and a CPE Supervisor for over 23 years. His research interests include models of Pastoral Care and Spiritual Assessment models and Theological Reflection. He is an adjunct lecturer at Morling College in the Master of Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Program. Morris also is available for Professional Individual Supervision.

[What courses are offered?](#)

CPE INTRODUCTORY LEVEL COURSES (40 hours)

This is the minimum requirement to join a hospital chaplaincy team: The introductory CPE course is suitable for lay people, theological students and clergy wanting an orientation into pastoral care in the hospital environment and also insight into the needs and vulnerability of hospital patients and their families. The principles of this course can be translated across into other Pastoral Care settings. This course may be available over one intensive 40 hour week or one day a week over 5 weeks.

Students will also be introduced to theological reflection, spiritual assessment and pastoral care models during this course. The course will help participants become more aware of their listening and responding skills, understand the power of empathy, have a better understanding of the needs of hospital patients and provide students with an opportunity to explore and examine a case study (verbatim) of a visit to a patient by a chaplain or a CPE trainee.



The 40hr INTRODUCTORY course acts as a pre-requisite for the BASIC 400hr course and is the minimal hospital requirement for any volunteer pastoral carers to visit in NSW Hospitals.

400 Hour Basic CPE Program

[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
- Kind hearted people with a genuine care for others
- Those interested in spiritual care in Aged Care Facilities

[2022 Course dates](#)

INTRODUCTORY CPE

Monday to Friday : 17th to 21st January 2022

Monday to Friday : 4th to 9th July 2022

Monday to Friday : 5th to 9th December 2022

400 Hour Basic CPE Program

There will be 2 CPE Units during Semester 1

Christian CPE Group (Mondays) Semester 1

Two day Orientation : Monday Jan 24th & Tuesday 25th Jan and then each Monday until 20th June 2022

Multi-faith Mixed CPE group (Wednesdays) Semester 1

Two day Orientation : Tuesday 1st Feb & Wednesday 2nd Feb

And then each Wednesday until 15th June 2022

There will be 2 CPE Units during Semester 2

Christian CPE Group (Mondays) Semester 2

Two day Orientation : Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th July 2022

And then each Monday until 28th November 2022

Multi-faith Mixed CPE group (Wednesdays) Semester 2

Two day Orientation : Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st July 2022

and then each Wednesday until 23rd November 2022

What is the cost?

The tuition fee in 2022 for Introductory CPE courses will be \$400.00 which includes the cost of the CPE certificate.

Fees for our 400-hour basic courses in 2020 will be \$2000.00 which include the cost of the CPE Certificate.

For students enrolled in the MA (Chaplaincy) degree program the unit of CPE will be \$2956. The Cost for an Advanced CPE Unit is TBC.

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 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.