

Northern Seminary
SM 514 CPE EQUIVALENCY:
A Clinical Pastoral Orientation Experience
Spring 2011
Tuesdays 4:00-6:40 p.m.
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Individual Counsel Available by Appointment

Course Description

All Northern students in the MDiv. program must complete an official unit (or half unit) of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at a site approved by the Association of Clinical Pastoral Educators (ACPE) **OR** complete this intensive equivalency program. This course will provide a clinical experience which may be completed in the place of, or in addition to, an accredited Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program. The CPE Equivalency option enables the **full time working student** to complete a professionally supervised ministry experience. **Only those students who are working Full Time may enroll in CPE Equivalency. Every student must complete and turn in the application to the Associate Director of Supervised Ministry one month prior to contracting with any CPE Equivalency site. Once the application is approved, the student may enroll in the class.**

The number of students enrolled in the course will be limited to 10 students. Students enrolled in the program receive individual supervision from the course instructor and are required to participate weekly in a peer reflection group which meets on campus. Students successfully completing the Supervised CPE Equivalency will earn 3 hours of credit.

There are three prior approved CPE Equivalency site options: **DuPage County Convalescence Center, The Night Ministry, or Breakthrough Urban Ministries.** If a student is unable to contract to work at one of these sites, the student may submit a formal request for approval of an alternate site to be reviewed by the Supervised Ministry Office. The clinical or cross-cultural site must be approved **prior** to completing any service hours.

Students applying must be able to complete 160 hours of ministry. This translates into an approximately 16 hour per week commitment for ten weeks unless a student negotiates an alternative schedule with the site supervisor and Supervised Ministry Office. **For more information see Appendix A or contact the Supervised Ministry Office no later than one month prior to the quarter. The DuPage Convalescence Center accepts a limited number of students. Please contact Chaplain Ellen Ribe for more information at 630-784-4262.**

An application form (included in this syllabus and on the Supervised Ministry Web page) must be submitted **for approval by the Associate Director of Supervised Ministry no later than one month prior to contracting with any CPE Equivalency site.**

Course Required Hours are:

160 hours clinical ministry

28 hours in class with Dr. Bradburn Spring Quarter

10 hours minimum in preparation of verbatim/case study, didactic, and required papers for class
198 hours total

Course Objectives

Supervised Intensive Internship is a concentrated experiential method of theological education which examines pastoral care practice in acute ministerial contexts. This course is intended to be a transformational experience.

Students in the course will each negotiate a learning contract with the professor. Evaluation of the student's work will be based upon meeting the individual goals established in the learning contract. Individual supervision, small group discussion with one's peers enrolled in the course, and interdisciplinary dialogue are major program resources. These resources assist students in meeting the following objectives:

1. Deepening one's appreciation of the human predicament
2. Recognizing resources for ministry that reside in their unique life history, spiritual
3. pilgrimage, and ministry experience
4. Learning to convert experience into learning
5. Utilizing peer reflection in order to enhance one's self understanding and learning
6. Growing as a professional pastoral care giver
7. Integration of person, pastoral role, belief and knowledge

Course Requirements

1. Submission of learning goals to the supervising professor/supervisor for approval.
2. Regular attendance and full participation in the weekly peer group meeting on campus.
3. Meet with the professor for individual supervision. This may be done via a phone conference, at Northern, or at the professor's Downers Grove or Naperville office.
4. Presentation of case study/verbatim experiences in peer group.
5. Presentation of one didactic in peer group.
6. Submission of Theory and Practice Paper and Didactic. Length: 3-4 pages.
7. Submission of Mid-Term Evaluation Paper: Length 3-4 pages.
8. Submission of Final Evaluation Paper. Length: 3-4 pages.

REQUIRED BOOKS:

Pruyser, Paul W. *The Minister as Diagnostician: Personal Problems in Pastoral Perspective*. Louisville: Westminster John Knox, 1976. (ISBN: 9780664241230); 148 pages; \$20.00.

Nouwen, Henry. *The Wounded Healer*. New York: Doubleday, 1979. (ISBN: 9780385148030); 128 pages; \$12.00.

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance for the CPE Equivalency class is extremely important, particularly for the first session in which the tone of the course is set, the requirements are laid out and each student shares their story. Any absences must be approved by the course instructor prior to the beginning of the quarter.

GRADING:

Grading will be Pass/Fail. Three credits will be awarded following successful completion of the

course, full completion of clinical hours, and the submission of both the Supervisor Evaluation and Self-Evaluation to the Supervised Ministry Office. The student is responsible for submitting copies of both of these documents to the Supervised Ministry Office.

Schedule, Topics, Assignments, and Due Dates

March 29

- **Introductions & Overview**
- **Check-in & Devotion**
- **Clinical Area Locations & Hours**
- **Overview of Verbatim, Didactic, Reflection Journals & Scheduling**

April 5

- **Check-in & Devotion** _____
- **Sharing Goals & Objectives**
- **Verbatim** _____
- **Didactic** _____

April 12

- **Check-in & Devotion** _____
- **Completion of Goals & Objectives**
- **Verbatim** _____
- **Didactic** _____

April 19

- **Check-in & Devotion** _____
- **Verbatim** _____
- **Didactic** _____
- **Closing Devotion** _____

April 26

- **Check-in & Devotion** _____
- **Verbatim #1** _____ ; **Verbatim #2** _____
- **Didactic #1** _____ ; **Didactic #2** _____

May 3

- **Check-in & Devotion** _____
- **Mid Quarter Evaluation**

May 10

- **Check-in & Devotion** _____
- **Verbatim #1** _____ ; **Verbatim #2** _____
- **Didactic #1** _____ ; **Didactic #2** _____

May 17

- **Check-in & Devotion** _____

- Verbatim #1 _____; Verbatim #2 _____
- Didactic #1 _____; Didactic #2 _____

May 24

- Check-in & Devotion _____
- Verbatim _____
- Didactic _____

May 31

- Check-in & Devotion _____
- Final Evaluations

CPE Equivalency Application

This is application must be turned in to the Supervised Ministry Office in order to register for the course . This application is due one month prior to the beginning of the Spring quarter OR one month before the student begins Approval of this application by the Supervised Ministry Office is a pre- requisite for registration.

Please identify which CPE Equivalency site you are applying for:

- ☐ DuPage County Convalescence Center ☐ Breakthrough Urban Ministries
- ☐ The Night Ministry ☐ Student's Chosen Site (please explain below)

Name of Student: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

The CPE Equivalency is intended ONLY for those who hold full time secular jobs and therefore cannot utilize flex time in order to complete the ACPE hospital chaplaincy. For what reason are you requesting a CPE Equivalency; and please list below your current full time secular job position:

UNDERSTAND that this placement fulfills part of the requirements of the Northern Seminary MDiv. Degree, and is considered to be an integral part of equipping persons for ministry. The student agrees to attend weekly campus meetings and to perform 160 hours of volunteer ministry.

The student, by signing below, gives permission to Dr. Michael Bradburn, the Site Supervisor and the Supervised Ministry office staff to discuss the student and his/her application/autobiographical statement in person, in writing, or by telephone.

Student Signature Date

Site Supervisor's Signature Date

Approved by:

Supervised Ministry Office

Date

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

ATTACH TO APPLICATION:

Our “Story” is a telling of our sacred journey and an important part of understanding and re-creating ourselves. As we tell our stories over and over again, self-integration has the possibility of happening. For these reasons, and to help us to get to know you, please write the story of your life. Include important events, relationships with people who have been significant to you, and the impact these events, and relationships have had on your development. Describe your family of origin and your current family relationships as it impacts your understanding on your pastoral identity.

Also, include a description of the development of your religious life, including events and relationships that affected your faith and currently inform your belief systems.

Write a “brief” statement of your theological understanding of your gifts and talents as they weave into your vocational calling.

Conclude with a full description of the ministry setting you have selected and your educational goals, including how you hope working in this setting will be helpful in meeting your goals for ministry.

Important Information:

There is no application Fee!!

Please submit your completed application to the NBTS Supervised Ministry Office:

**NORTHERN SEMINARY
OFFICE OF SUPERVISED MINISTRY
660 EAST BUTTERFIELD ROAD
LOMBARD, IL 60148
PH: 630-705-8251**

Please note there is limited space in this program. Positions may be filled using qualifications and diversity to create a balanced group. Notification will be provided to all applicants when the positions have been filled.

Appendix A

Brief Site Descriptions:

DuPage County Convalescence Center:

The mission of the DuPage Convalescence Center is to provide quality long term care as well as short term rehabilitative services to DuPage County residents in a professional and cost effective manner. It is the sincere goals of the entire staff to recognize and serve each resident's needs, desires, interests and emotions. They employ those interventions of treatment, therapy and activity which restore health, dignity and hopefulness to residents by assisting them to do as much as they can, as well as they can, for as long as they can. There is no limit to the possible innovations in these treatments, therapies and activities. When appropriate, they strive to return residents to their home and the community.

The DuPage Convalescent Center was founded in 1888. The Center provides services to persons needing 24 hour skilled nursing care and short term sub-acute care, and employs a highly qualified professional staff dedicated to providing quality care to their residents. The Center is located in Wheaton, Illinois.

For more information contact Ellen Ribe, Pastoral Services Chaplain, at 630-784-4262 or Ellen.Ribe@dupageco.org.

The Night Ministry

The Night Ministry (TNM) reaches out to Chicago's youth and adults, providing basic supplies, self-care supplies, free healthcare, housing, and supportive services for youth, referrals to other resources and more. The Night Ministry was created out of diverse religious traditions to build relationships with vulnerable youth and adults on the nighttime streets. Today, The Night Ministry builds relationships in a variety of settings. Through these relationships and the provision of housing, health, outreach, spiritual, and social services, we seek to empower people of all ages to meet their own needs.

TNM's Outreach and Health program provides services at night to youth and adults in neighborhoods where they live. Staff and volunteers work to build non-judgmental relationships aimed at empowering individuals to meet their own needs. TNM tries to help those we serve find and use their own strengths and resources.

Our customized Health Outreach Bus travels to six Chicago neighborhoods from 7-11:30 pm, Monday-Saturday, on a regular schedule all year. The Bus does not transport visitors to or from any location.

For more information, contact Rev. Mark Bradley at mark@thenightministry.org

Breakthrough Urban Ministries

Breakthrough Urban Ministries began in 1992 on Chicago's north side as a drop-in shelter for homeless adults. What began as a few church members serving daily lunch in a small storefront room has blossomed into a thriving organization that now provides neighborhood-based holistic services that empower individuals, families and urban communities to overcome poverty, addiction and isolation.

Today, Breakthrough operates two homeless shelters on Chicago's west side, one for homeless men and one for homeless women. Together, the two shelters serve nearly 1,000 homeless adults each year, provide 24,000 nights of shelter, serve over 70,000 meals, distribute 10,000 bags of groceries to low-income families in the neighborhood, and offer employment training, on-site health care, and addictions counseling to hundreds of homeless individuals each year.

Breakthrough also partners with families to surround young people with role models and a caring environment encompassing the whole age range from toddlers to teenagers. Breakthrough offers an after school program that provides academic enrichment, as well as a sports and fitness program that engages young athletes in year-round sports leagues while teaching sportsmanship, leadership, healthy lifestyles and spiritual development.

For more information, contact Tony Escobar, Director of Community Relations at (773) 346-1705 or tescobar@breakthrough.org.