

ADVOCATE CHRIST HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER

4440 West 95th Street
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

GENERAL INFORMATION

Type of Center: General Hospital

Part of EHS Health Care Cluster until 1995 and then changed to Advocate Health Care System.

Centers that have merged with your Center:

Names/dates

Lutheran General HealthSystem 1995

Former name of Center and date of name change:

Name/date

Christ Community Hospital 1961

Christ Hospital 1975

Christ Hospital and Medical Center 1984

EHS Christ Hospital and Medical Center 1992 (?)

1995 – No longer part of “Cluster”, now officially accredited as a System.”

General location: City

Original CPE affiliation: ACPE

PROGRAM HISTORY

Year of first program: 1972 Full accreditation: 1978

Number or estimate of students who have been enrolled in the program: 363

Number or estimate of total units of CPE completed: 665

Present Supervisor(s):

William J. Baugh 1995-Present

Phyllis B. Toback 1986-Present

Mark Mallinger 1999-Present

Previous Supervisors:

Names/dates

Robert Otto 1974-1987 William A. Derstine 1987-1995

Beth Newton Watson 1984-1988 William F. Nisi 1994-1995

Frances McWilliams 1988-1991 James L. Gibbons 1984-1996

Levels of CPE offered: CPE-Intro and Supervisory

Extended units: September to May

Persons instrumental in establishing CPE program:

Names, title/position, agency

Louis Hoyer – Professor, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Paul Swanson – Professor, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Chaplain Harold Kamenz – Manager, Pastoral Care, Christ Hospital and Medical Center

Chaplain Ralph Boyer – Director, Pastoral Care, Christ Hospital and Medical Center

Rev. Robert Bayler – Senior Vice-President, Religion and Health, Evangelical Health Care (now known as Advocate Health Care)

Rev. James L. Gibbons – Program Director, CPE, Religion and Health, Christ Hospital and Medical Center (1994 Vice-President, Religion and Health)

PROGRAM ENROLLMENT STATICS FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Lay students: 19

Female students: 46

Minority students: 31

International students: 7

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF CPE AT ADVOCATE CHRIST HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER: Advocate Christ Hospital and Medical Center is a 873 bed general hospital operated Advocate Health Care and affiliated with the United Church and the Evangelical Church in America. It has expanded from a small beginning as a community hospital, opened in 1961, to a major teaching hospital affiliated with Rush University School of Medicine. Within a few years after the hospital opened, CPE was begun in Christ Hospital in the form of summer quarters beginning in 1968. At the beginning point, the Pastoral Care Department was under the direction of Chaplain Harold Kamenz. The initial CPE programs were carried out under the supervision of Louis Hoyer who was also, at that time, on the faculty of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Beginning with the work of Louis Hoyer, the CPE programs have always enjoyed the support of the administrative and clinical staffs of the hospital.

In 1972, the accreditation arrangement for CPE at Christ Hospital shifted. Professor Paul Swanson of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, succeeded in having the School of Theology accredited as a CPE center with Christ Hospital and a nearby parish serving as clinical facilities. In using this experimental model, he sought to combine what he perceived to be the richest mix of resources for CPE, and to produce learnings which would be easily and naturally transferred to the parish setting. This model of CPE was utilized from 1973 through 1977, continuing in the summer quarter arrangement only. Chaplain Robert Otto came to the Christ Hospital staff in 1974 during this accreditation arrangement.

In 1977, a site visit team, conducting an accreditation review (pending Full Accreditation of the program), raised questions about the methodologies used to achieve program objectives and recommended another site visit in 1978 by a different site visit team. In September of 1977, Ralph Boyer came to the hospital as Director of Pastoral Care, and his duties included primary responsibility for CPE. This eventuated in an administrative decision that Chaplain Boyer should, from 1978 on, design, implement and expand CPE at Christ Hospital, utilizing chaplain supervisors on the staff in this program. In November 1978, Chaplain Gerald Johnson joined the chaplaincy staff in the position of Pastoral Manager of a Wholistic Health Center which is operated as a satellite of the Family Practice program at Christ Hospital. As competing duties permitted, Chaplain Gerald Johnson participated in the CPE programs at Christ Hospital until his acceptance of a position elsewhere in 1980.

In 1980, the center began residency training making CPE a full year around program at Christ Hospital for the first time. Residency training in pastoral care has continued without interruption since its beginning.

In the summer of 1983, Chaplain Ralph Boyer was diagnosed with a brain tumor which ultimately resulted in his medical retirement. After an extensive search, Chaplain Ann Schoup was chosen to be a new Director of Pastoral Care, with the provision that a Program Coordinator of Education would be hired to oversee the CPE programs of the Department.

In September 1984, Jim Gibbons joined the Department staff in the role of the Program Coordinator. By the fall of 1985, the Department of Pastoral Care was offering two programs of CPE concurrently throughout the calendar year. The residency program continued on a 12-month basis, while the summer unit of CPE was complemented by a 9-month extended unit program. Also, in the fall of 1984, the Rev. Beth Newton Watson joined the Pastoral Care Department, making a total of three CPE Supervisors on the staff (Gibbons, Otto, Watson). It was clear that there was enough CPE activity in the Department to provide a supervisor-in-training with adequate opportunity for praxis in supervision.

As it is presently constituted, the Department of Pastoral Care (renamed Department of Religion and Health) is a department made up of two supervisors, an associate supervisor and a supervisor-in-training. They are Bill Baugh, VP of Religion and Health and Director of CPE; Phyllis Toback, Chaplain/CPE Supervisor; Mark Mallinger, Chaplain/Associate CPE Supervisor; and Supervisor-In-Training, Arlene Bowie. We did have an extra supervisor until 1997 when a downsizing determined that one would move elsewhere in the system.

The residency program continues on a 12-month basis. We have four stipends. We also have a summer program usually done by the SIT as in the summer of 1999. For the fall of 1999, we will have 12 students in two 9-month extended units, one of which will be in the evening.

SIGNIFICANT FACTORS IN IT'S DEVELOPMENT: There are no significant extraordinary factors that contributed to initiation of CPE at Christ Hospital and Medical Center. It was the commitment of a faithful administrator, the foresight of Religion and Health executives, and the hard work of the supervisors who began the program. There was, obviously, a major financial commitment made to the development of CPE programs by the administration of the Evangelical Hospital System.

PROGRAM FUNDING – PRESENT, PAST, SOURCES: The program is funded totally through the hospital budget. Two things have changed in recent years. Our supervisory staff was reduced by one in 1997, and the supervisor-in-training program for Advocate Health Care became a corporate sponsored program. The salary of the SIT is now funded from the corporate Religion and Health Budget. There is no change in program, only the accounting base. We have no other funding source.

UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE CENTER'S CPE PROGRAM: The uniqueness of the beginning of this program was because of the commitment of professors from Lutheran School of Theology and, particularly, Paul Swanson. It was a journey to come and begin the program. There are two really unique aspects of CPE at Christ Hospital. First, the hospital is the largest trauma center in the State of Illinois. It has the victims of major traumas from most all of the south side of Chicago come to its emergency room. It is a wonderful place to learn to handle yourself in the midst of trauma and turmoil—a necessity for every pastoral person.

In addition, it is a model for the incorporation of the chaplain into the care of the patient. We are called for everything. We notify next-of-kin in the emergency room. We take care of the protocol at the time of death. We are paged for every code. Our chaplains only take call for eight hours because of the stress of the shift. Though obviously demanding, the experiences of ministry and self-care last a lifetime.