

ALTRU HOSPITAL

1200 South Columbia Road
Grand Forks, ND 58206

GENERAL INFORMATION

Type of Center: General Hospital

Former name of Center and date of name change:

Name/date

United Hospital 1998

General location: Rural

Original CPE affiliation: ACPE

PROGRAM HISTORY

Year of first program: 1969 (AACPC – provisional) Full accreditation: 1980 ACPE

Number or estimate of students who have been enrolled in the program: 195

Number or estimate of total units of CPE completed: 200

Present Supervisor(s): Arnold R. Enslin

Previous Supervisors:

Names/dates

Al Byers 1969

Philip L. Olson 1974-1988

Levels of CPE offered: Introductory CPE, CPE

Extended units: Yes

Persons instrumental in establishing CPE program:

Names, title/position, agency

Robert Jacobson – President, United Hospital

PROGRAM ENROLLMENT STATICS FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Lay students: 13

Female students: 35

Minority students: 3

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF CPE AT ALTRU HOSPITAL: CPE at this center began in 1967 with the establishment of a pastoral care program at Deaconess Hospital, a Lutheran-rooted community hospital and one of the predecessor hospitals to Altru. The Reverend Alvah Byers was hired to fill a part-time position as the first chaplain on staff. He proposed and instituted the first program of CPE for which the American Association granted him provisional accreditation in 1969 for Clinical Pastoral Education. Several units were offered although the program was never fully accredited. In 1973, the Reverend Philip Olson, an ACPE Supervisor, was hired to become the first full-time chaplain at United Hospital, which was formed by the merger of Deaconess and St. Michael's Hospital. He started the present CPE program in 1974.

SIGNIFICANT FACTORS IN IT'S DEVELOPMENT:

1. The religious roots of Deaconess and St. Michael's Hospitals led to the initial and continues the ongoing support of spiritual care and education.
2. The mission of Altru Health System values education and meeting the needs of the community.
3. The culture of Altru Hospital and the community assumes that spiritual care is available and resources will be provided to encourage and educate in order to support such care.

PROGRAM FUNDING – PRESENT, PAST, SOURCES: The program is presently funded through the operating budget of the Pastoral Services Department which is part of the Altru Health System. Since we are a non-revenue producing department, we are part of the administrative budget which is funded by patient care funds. Additional income for the Health System (and program) is received by contracting for pastoral services to a community nursing home, Medicare pass-through for education, and a small amount is provided by Altru Foundation.

UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE CENTER'S CPE PROGRAM: The program has a strong history of support in this "rural", semi-isolated, predominately Lutheran and Roman Catholic" region. It draws students from northeastern North Dakota and northwestern Minnesota. Medical Park in Grand Forks is unique in that the hospital (which is the only Level 1 Trauma Center in North Dakota) provides opportunities for experiencing working with acute and chronic patients and families, a physical rehabilitation hospital, a skilled care nursing home, and outpatient clinics in one location. In recent years, several students have elected to enroll in the extended program while serving their parish internships, which has provided them with a peer group and additional supervision during their intern years.