

GENESIS MEDICAL CENTER

1227 East Rusholme Street
Davenport, IA 52803

GENERAL INFORMATION

Type of Center: General Hospital

Former name of Center and date of name change:

Name/date

St. Luke's Hospital 1994

General location: City

PROGRAM HISTORY

Year of first program: 1978

Number or estimate of students who have been enrolled in the program: 213

Number or estimate of total units of CPE completed: 36

Present Supervisor: Emilie Wolf

Previous Supervisors:

Names/dates

Richard F. Johnson 1978

Kathleen Denman (SIT) 1992

Michelle Oberwise Lacock (SIT) 1997

George Paterson 1998

Wilbur Hughey

Levels of CPE offered:

Extended units and Summer

Persons instrumental in establishing CPE program:

Names, title/position, agency

The Right Rev. Walter Righter – Bishop of Iowa (Episcopalian)

Rev. Marlin Whitmer – Dept. Head of Pastoral Care.

Rev. Richard Johnson – Chaplain/CPE Supervisor

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF CPE AT GENESIS MEDICAL CENTER: In 1977 the manager of our department, Rev. Marlin Whitmar, and the Bishop of the Episcopal Church of Iowa, addressed the Board of Trustees of the hospital to establish a CPE program.

SIGNIFICANT FACTORS IN IT'S DEVELOPMENT: In 1978, Rev. Richard Johnson was hired to be a full-time chaplain in the department and our first CPE supervisor Rev. Johnson assumed the role of department manager in 1994 and we hired a SIT who was not able to complete training and certification due to health concerns. Rev. Johnson again became the supervisor and remained in that position until his death in the summer of 1997. Contract supervisors have enabled us to continue with two extended and one summer unit.

PROGRAM FUNDING – PRESENT, PAST, SOURCES: Our intern tuitions and the hospital fund the program. CPE is considered as a “community benefit” or outreach of the department and hospital. In November 1997, we began a partnership with nearby St. Ambrose University to share a CPE supervisor for our program and their Masters of Pastoral Studies program. The shared supervisor will begin this summer and will be awarded adjunct faculty status with the university that will involve teaching ethics and pastoral theology. Future plans discussed include the offering of half-units for St. Ambrose’s Allied Health certificate programs. Another hospital in the Genesis system is interested in the placement of CPE interns in their facility.

UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE CENTER’S CPE PROGRAM: We are the only hospital in the area offering CPE. The Iowa City site, which is an hour away, no longer offers extended or summer units. Because we are in close proximity to the two seminaries in Dubuque, Iowa, we have many requests for admission to our summer programs. Last summer we had 12 students with 2 supervisors. Our Administration is very supportive of growth in our site, and one of our staff chaplains is considering entering the supervisory tract. The hospital has provided us with a house near the campus for our group meeting space and on-call sleeping accommodations.