

***GOOD SAMARITAN SOCIETY***

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Type of Center: Multi-Institution Center

General location: Urban and rural

Original CPE affiliation: ACPE

**PROGRAM HISTORY**

Year of first program: 1993      Full accreditation: 1996

Number of students who have been enrolled in the program: 276

Number of total units of CPE completed: 412.5

Present Supervisor(s): Gary Sartain, Rock Stack, James O. Tonneson

Previous Supervisors:

*Names/dates*

Martha Rutland-Wallis 1999

Levels of CPE offered: Level I, Level II, Supervisory

Extended units: Yes      Pre-CPE: Yes

Persons instrumental in establishing CPE program:

*Names, title/position, agency*

Mark Anderson – CPE Consultant

Mel Kimble – Luther Seminary

Good Neighbor Spiritual Care Advisory Committee

**PROGRAM ENROLLMENT STATICS FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS**

Lay students: 60 (estimate)

Female students: 50% (estimate 120)

Minority students: 20 (estimate)

International students: 3

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### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

#### **HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF CPE AT GOOD SAMARITAN SOCIETY:**

The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society became involved in CPE somewhat unintentionally when they purchased Good Neighbor in 1992. Good Neighbor had just completed Candidacy Accreditation under the leadership of CPE Supervisor Mark Anderson, who had been contracted to carry them through that process. They were in the process of hiring a Supervisor to implement the program when Good Samaritan purchased them. Because of other priorities around the transition and because of philosophical differences about how ministry should be carried out in their facilities, Good Samaritan left the CPE program on hold for about a year. Then, in the spring of 1993, they decided to proceed with the implementation. Gary Sartain was hired out of Canada and began the end of June 1993, with the first students – three residents and three interns – beginning in September.

#### **SIGNIFICANT FACTORS IN IT'S DEVELOPMENT:**

Good Samaritan had some initial reservations about the CPE program – particularly the Residency – because of CPE experiences of the CEO and Director of Spiritual Ministries and because the organization believed the Administrators of their 240-plus facilities across the country were to be the spiritual head of their facilities with frontline staff trained and equipped to provide pastoral care in concert with their jobs, supplemented by the involvement of local pastors and parishes. It was thought professional chaplains would disrupt this because it would encourage the Administrators to pass over their responsibilities to the chaplains and because the chaplains would consider the work being done by front line staff their “turf.” However, being a religious, not-for-profit organization, they did not know how to say not to this initiative of the secular, for-profit organization they purchased. They decided it would be okay to implement in former Good Neighbor homes. As the Resident Chaplains interfaced with the Administrators and staff, it became readily apparent that they were a creative missing link in an excellent model. They thrived under Administrators committed to addressing spiritual concerns, and they were able to instruct and equip frontline staff. The CPE program was soon given the mandate to expand beyond the original Good Neighbor homes in the metropolitan area of Minneapolis/St. Paul, and the organization began to put up matching grants (\$400,000.00 in 1999) to encourage its individual facilities around the country to add professional chaplains to their staff.

#### **PROGRAM FUNDING – PRESENT, PAST, SOURCES:**

The program is presently funded through the budget of our national headquarters, with costs shared by all 240-plus institutions across the country who contribute a percentage of their gross income to the central office for services rendered them. Our two composite sites, University Good Samaritan in Minneapolis and Kissimmee Good Samaritan Retirement Village in Florida, pay a duty chaplain's salary to the chaplain/CPE Supervisors located at their respective sites, and the CPE program supplements the salary to provide the Supervisors appropriate salaries. We have also secured grant funding for several of our special initiatives including video-conferencing CPE and a cooperative venture with the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches to implement a CPE program in corrections.

**UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE CENTER'S CPE PROGRAM:** While there were a few programs in our area sporadically offering some long-term care settings as clinical sites, we filled a relative vacuum in offering a program that was focused on long-term care and that offered a Residency program on which that was the major emphasis.

Another unique feature of our program is the way in which we have been able to liaison with other organizations to provide satellite programs or to use their facilities as clinical sites in ways that have met the needs of other institutions and/or students:

Chaplains from other institutions have participated in our Residency program using their work site as their clinical setting in order to upgrade their skills to allow professional certification. Parish pastors have also done so, using their parishes as their clinical setting. One chaplain who became a SIT under us has subsequently become an Associate. She and her agency are working towards their own accreditation while continuing to offer units under our accreditation in the interim.

We have provided extended units in remote locations, including a unit in International Falls, Minnesota, that involved students from the U.S. and Canada and which had joint CPE and CAPPE accreditation through our affiliation with the Northwestern Ontario Pastoral Institute.

We have successfully offered an extended unit by video-conferencing to a remote site in rural North Dakota (Mott), where the students were in Mott and the Supervisors in St. Paul. Additional units are currently planned.

We have entered a joint venture with the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, the Hennepin County Detention System and Wheat Ridge Foundation, whereby we are training GMCC's Director of Chaplaincy to be a CPE Supervisor, allowing her to supervise units in a correctional setting using the Hennepin County System who contract for their chaplaincy services from GMCC. This program also involves outreach to community parishes to build networks of support for released offenders. It is our intention to work with this group until the person is certified and the program accredited on its own.

We have developed an extensive web site that provides detailed information about our program including curriculums, philosophy, supervisor vitas, admission requirements and procedures, etc.

We have developed two composite sites to supplement our main campus; one within the North Central Region in Minneapolis and one in the South East Region in Kissimmee and Daytona Beach, Florida.

