

***IOWA METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER***

1200 Pleasant Street  
Des Moines, IA 50309

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Type of Center: General Hospital

General location: City

Original CPE affiliation: IPC

**PROGRAM HISTORY**

Year of first program: 1956      Full accreditation: 1962 IPC, 1972 ACPE

Number or estimate of students who have been enrolled in the program: 475 (since 1972)

Number or estimate of total units of CPE completed: 850 (since 1972)

Present Supervisor(s): Jay Turner, Max Meier, Nancy Ruth Wigdahl

Previous Supervisors:

*Names/dates*

Russell Striffler	1951-1970	Stephen Shannon	1977-1982
Paul Walters	1971-1977	Wilbur Hughey	1977-1991
James Murr	1972	William Baldrige	1982-1984
Dale Stuepfert	1972-1975	Alice McLaughlin	1982-1984
	1978-1980	J. Patrick McCoy	1985-1993
Donald Evason	1974-1976	Robert Rogers, Jr.	1985-1995
D. James Stapleford	1976-1985	Max Meier	1996-1999

Levels of CPE offered: CPE, Supervisory CPE

Extended units: Yes

Pre-CPE: No

Persons instrumental in establishing CPE program:

*Names, title/position, agency*

Russell C. Striffler – Chaplain

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF CPE AT IOWA METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER:** Iowa Methodist Medical Center has a history of being a teaching hospital. In 1953, Chaplain Russell Striffler began a course in chaplaincy in connection with the Divinity School at Drake University. A chaplain internship of one year in length was begun in 1956, and in the summer of 1957 the six week training course was added. In 1962, the center was accredited by the Institute for Pastoral Care and by 1971 the hospital had four chaplain interns.

**SIGNIFICANT FACTORS IN IT'S DEVELOPMENT:** Full accreditation by ACPE occurred in 1972. The first Extended unit was held in 1972. Several supervisors have contributed to the program as listed above. Persons involved in supervisory training include Larry Adams (1973) and Russell Mertz (1974). Steve Pohlman and Larry King have also done supervisory training in connection with Iowa Methodist while utilizing their employment elsewhere as the clinical matrix of their work. The decision was made in 1986 to drop accreditation for supervisory training and then added again in 1994.

**PROGRAM FUNDING – PRESENT, PAST, SOURCES:** Salaries and stipends are taken from the medical center budget. Occasional gifts from the Iowa Health System Foundation add some monies to the budget.

**UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE CENTER'S CPE PROGRAM:** The center is in immediate transition as the programs at Iowa Methodist and Iowa Lutheran are merged into one.