

**METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER OF ILLINOIS**

221 NE Glen Oak Avenue  
Peoria, IL 61636

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Type of Center: General Hospital

Former name of Center and date of name change:

*Name/date*

Methodist Hospital of Central Illinois 1975

General location: City

Original CPE affiliation: ACPE

**PROGRAM HISTORY**

Year of first program: 1974      Full accreditation: 1976

Number or estimate of students who have been enrolled in the program: 425

Number or estimate of total units of CPE completed: 688

Present Supervisor(s): David L. Nowlin and Gene Mace

Previous Supervisors:

*Names/dates*

Bob Hudspeth      1979-1980

John Lee      1980-1990

Alan Bell      1981

John Valentino      1988-1993

Reuben Drefs      1992-1994

Levels of CPE offered: CPE and Supervisory

Extended units: Yes (6 months)

Persons instrumental in establishing CPE program:

*Names, title/position, agency*

Harold B. Johnson – Director of Pastoral Care, MHCI

Eugene W. Mace – Coordinator of CPE, MHCI

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

Lay students: 6

Female students: 27

Minority students: 2

International students: 7

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF CPE AT METHODIST MEDICAL CENTER OF ILLINOIS:** Chaplain Howard B. Johnson had taken CPE sometime prior to or soon after coming to begin the Pastoral Care Department at the Methodist Hospital of Central Illinois (MHCI) in 1955. Part of his dream from the beginning was to have a CPE program here. He was promised by the hospital Director that he would be given time away to work toward becoming certified as a CPE Supervisor. At that time, the Peoria State Hospital had a CPE program which made the necessary education available. Fulfillment of that promise kept getting delayed until Chaplain Johnson concluded that becoming certified was an unrealistic goal. He did not give up his dream, though. He then decided to work toward getting another, much needed, chaplain who would be certified as a CPE Supervisor. In 1973 approval for another staff position was approved, and Chaplain Johnson set out to hire a CPE Supervisor. Interviews in late 1973 resulted in Chaplain Gene Mace being hired for the second position. He began on January 28, 1974. Intent was to wait until 1975 to begin a program, however, the demand was quite strong with no other CPE programs in the area. The accreditation process was begun in February and approved by the North Central Region in April. The first class was begun on June 1, 1974, with a full class of six students. An extended class was begun in September with 10 applicants. Six were accepted. In 1977 the Central Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church were committed to provide stipends for Chaplain Residents and pay one year of salary for a second CPE Supervisor. A second CPE Supervisor was hired and accreditation was achieved for Advanced CPE programs in 1979. A CPE Residency was begun in September 1979. In the 1983 accreditation process, MHCI was accredited to offer programs of Supervisory CPE.

**SIGNIFICANT FACTORS IN IT'S DEVELOPMENT:** We have had CPE Summer and Extended programs each year since 1974. We experimented with two shortened programs, but decided they did not accomplish what we believed needed in a CPE program. We have had CPE Residency programs from 1979 to the present. We have provided supervision for Supervisory students at Burlington Medical Center in Iowa and Genesis Medical Center in Davenport, Iowa. We also provided supervision for students at BroMenn Medical Center in Bloomington, Illinois, when Bob Crumpler died.

**PROGRAM FUNDING – PRESENT, PAST, SOURCES:** The program is funded by the budget of Methodist Medical Center of Illinois, Medicare funds and approximately \$30,000 from the local United Methodist Conference.

**UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE CENTER'S CPE PROGRAM:** Our program was the first CPE program in a General Hospital in the central Illinois area. There had been a program at the Peoria State Hospital and another at a pastoral counseling center in Lincoln, Illinois. Soon after we began our program, Dick Dayringer began a program at Memorial Hospital in Springfield. Sometime later, Rick Johnson began a program at St. Luke's in Davenport, Iowa, and Paul Walters began a program at the Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Illinois.