

ST. LUKE'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

2720 Stone Park Blvd.
Sioux City, IA 51104

GENERAL INFORMATION

Type of Center: General Hospital
General location: Urban
Original CPE affiliation: ACPE

PROGRAM HISTORY

Year of first program: 1982 Full accreditation: 1984
Number or estimate of students who have been enrolled in the program: 160
Number or estimate of total units of CPE completed: 170
Present Supervisor(s): Steven H. Pohlman

Levels of CPE offered: CPE, summer and extended
Extended units: Yes

PROGRAM ENROLLMENT STATICS FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Lay students: 25
Female students: 25
Minority students: 2
International students: 1

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF CPE AT ST. LUKE'S REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER AND SIGNIFICANT FACTORS IN IT'S DEVELOPMENT:

The history of the current Medical Center is rich and diverse. In 1875, Samaritan Hospital was founded in Sioux City while St. John's Hospital began a number of years later in 1908. These two hospitals joined to form Methodist Hospital in 1925. In 1901, German Lutheran Hospital began its existence and later it became part of the new Lutheran Hospital which was founded in 1926.

Like the institution itself, pastoral care at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center developed out of the merger of two traditions. Both Methodist Hospital and Lutheran Hospital had chaplaincy programs which became the foundation of the present day Department of Chaplaincy Services.

From 1966 to 1972, Chaplains Oudheusden and Rees operated cooperative chaplaincy programs in the two separate buildings of St. Luke's. The programs were combined in 1972 with the opening of the new Central Building. The chaplains served as Co-Directors until 1982 when Reverend Steve Pohlman was called Director of Chaplaincy Services and CPE Supervisor. Pastoral Education opportunities at St. Luke's have developed in recent years. In the Fall of 1977, a Seminary Intern Program was begun in conjunction with three local Lutheran churches.

With the success of the Seminary Intern Program using St. Luke's as a placement for practical experience in ministry, the decision was made to explore the development of a CPE training program within the Medical Center. In the Fall of 1979, Rev. Robert Alexander of the Mental Health Institute in Cherokee, Iowa, served as Supervisor to six area ministers enrolled in the course. Building upon the positive responses of that extended unit, plans were made to employ a CPE Supervisor who would, in turn, provide leadership for the establishment of St. Luke's as an accredited CPE training center. In February 1982, Rev. Steve Pohlman was employed for these purposes. Candidacy status was granted that Fall and the first students in the St. Luke's program began training in September of 1982. Since 1982 to the present, 102 Basic CPE student units and 11 Advanced CPE student units have been conducted at St. Luke's. On November 8, 1982, the National CPE House of Delegates Accreditation Committee granted Candidacy for Accredited Membership to offer programs of Basic and Advanced CPE.

