

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER

1726 Shawano Avenue
Green Bay, WI 54303

GENERAL INFORMATION

Type of Center: Medical Hospital

Centers that have merged with your Center:

Names/dates

St. Vincent Hospital merged with the program in 1998.

General location: City

Original CPE affiliation: ACPE

PROGRAM HISTORY

Year of first program: 1976 Full accreditation: 1976

Number or estimate of students who have been enrolled in the program: 170

Number or estimate of total units of CPE completed: 40

Present Supervisor(s): John Van Deuren

Levels of CPE offered: Basic units through the majority of years until recent changes.
Generally offered summer units as well as one or two extended
units per year.

Persons instrumental in establishing CPE program:

Names, title/position, agency

Al Laabs, Administrator

Hospital Sisters of St. Francis

Sponsoring Religious Community

PROGRAM ENROLLMENT STATICS FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Lay students: 3 per unit

Female students: 3 or more per unit

Minority students: Couple

International students: 1

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF CPE AT ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER: Back in 1974, Fr. John Van Deuren was invited to be a part-time Chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital. He had just finished his training in Chicago and was certified as an Acting Supervisor. Part of his job description was to begin the development of a CPE program to be accredited at St. Mary's. The appointment was made by Bishop Wycislo. Over the next two years a number of major changes took place at St. Mary's. The Hospital Sisters of Sr. Francis, Springfield, Illinois, took over the sponsorship of the hospital from the Sisters of Misericordia. Eventually, this led to a number of major changes in administrative areas. Mr. Al Laabs arrived in 1975 as Administrator. He and the Hospital sisters desired a Clinical Pastoral Education program at St. Mary's. In 1976, the first summer unit of CPE was held. A pattern then began of reaching out both to seminarians in the summertime and through an extended basic unit local pastors, religious and laity were invited in for training. Unfortunately, the other two bases of CPE in the Green Bay area had ceased functioning. St. Mary's became the only training area, and remains such, for Northeastern Wisconsin.

SIGNIFICANT FACTORS IN IT'S DEVELOPMENT: The most significant factor in the institution becoming a Center was the combined need of an institution and a person coming together. The hospital was looking for a Catholic priest chaplain and John Van Deuren happened to be coming back to the Diocese from which he was ordained after a year of training in Chicago. He was looking for a place to be chaplain and establish a CPE program. The two needs were brought together by Rev. Larry Canavara who was the Personnel Director of the Diocese of Green Bay. As the Hospital Sisters and Administration became informed about CPE, they joined in movement toward accreditation.

PROGRAM FUNDING – PRESENT, PAST, SOURCES: In the beginning, the program was funded primarily by St. Mary's Hospital. Certain aspects were funded by the Ministry to Priests program of the Diocese of Green Bay. This was principally in the area of lodging which took place at Sacred Heart Center in Oneida, eight miles west of Green Bay. The supervisor's salary was funded jointly by the Diocese and the hospital. In 1979, Sacred Heart Center in Oneida ceased to function as it had and St. Mary's took over total responsibility for the program and the supervisor's salary. The program has always existed with satellite centers. These centers did not participate in any funding responsibility other than personnel.

In 1984, the Diocese of Green Bay took over responsibility of the program under the Diocesan Health Affairs Committee which was directed by Rev. Michael Koch, and the program entered a new phase of relationship with St. Mary's Hospital. St. Mary's then purchased the services of the supervisor to conduct the program at St. Mary's and to serve in other capacities as Pastoral Education Director. The supervisor also did outpatient counseling and participated in some aspect of Pastoral Care. At this time, new funding sources are also being searched out as monies become tight.

UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE CENTER'S CPE PROGRAM: Most changes have been placement oriented. We have satellites at two nursing homes, a youth home and are now beginning to examine the possibilities of working as part of a home care team as a Geriatric Program has been initiated at St. Mary's. These new placement opportunities will include further satellite development as well as response to the Medical Center's growth. We are losing our capacity to provide housing for students the traditional way of empty rooms on campus and will be looking to have local parishes provide that service for those who are interested in free or basically free housing. A further development in change has been the Advisory Committee which has become more functional and participative in its redesign in the last few years. We are looking forward to being accredited as an Advanced Training Center.

For the past few years, we have attempted to work a combined program with St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay. Both hospitals are sponsored by the same Religious Order. We look forward to developing a joint Pastoral Care Department and a joint Clinical Pastoral Training program. At present, this has not happened. I suspect the personality of the personnel, as well as of the hospitals, has made this union impossible. However, the opportunity still remains for the future.