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SCHOOL FOR SPIRITUAL CARE-CPE
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MEMORANDUM OF INSTRUCTION

SUBJECT: CPE Intern Program for Chaplain Candidates

1. OVERVIEW: Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is a post-graduate accredited education program for professional chaplains taught by Certified Educators from the School for Spiritual Care-CPE at the Graduate School, US Army Institute for Religious Leadership (USA-IRL). This professional development program focuses on self-awareness, spiritual assessment, interventions, and advisement; individual and group dynamic theories; emotional intelligence; theological reflection and integration; interdisciplinary collegiality; and personal growth as chaplain professional officer. Upon completion, chaplain candidates receive one unit of Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE) Level 1 CPE.

2. IMPACT: U.S. Army chaplains ensure the free exercise of religion and advise their commanders on matters of religion, morale, ethics, and morals. This educational opportunity provides chaplain candidates with a deeper understanding of spiritual care across various ministry environments upon completing this unit of CPE. The benefit for commanders is that their chaplain candidates will possess newly developed assessment and intervention skills to apply to their advisory role, becoming combat and force multipliers as they address the emotional and spiritual concerns that arise in high OPTEMPO environments, traumatic events, and other crises.

3. ACCREDITATION: Graduates of this course receive one unit of ACPE accredited CPE. The School for Spiritual Care - Army CPE is accredited for Level I, Level II and Certified Education by ACPE. The Standards for Spiritual Care and Education, Inc, 1 Concourse PKWY Suite 800, Atlanta, GA 30328. ACPE is the premier educational organization that provides the highest quality CPE programs for spiritual care professionals of any faith and in any setting. All accredited CPE in the Army is taught by either civilian contracted ACPE Certified Educators or Army trained ACPE Certified Educators, SI 56D. The US Army Institute for Religious Leadership Graduate School CPE Program conducts this course under the direction of School for Spiritual Care - Army CPE. Three medical centers provide CPE inter program for chaplain candidates: Brooke Army Medical Center (BAMC), Madigan Army Medical Center (MAMC), and Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC).

4. REQUIREMENTS:

- a. Chaplain candidate must have completed Chaplain Basic Officer Leader Course (CHBOLC).
- b. Chaplain candidate can only apply once assigned to a unit.

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c. Funding Requirement: Chaplain candidate's unit is responsible for the cost of TDY for 10 weeks to one of the three medical centers (BAMC, MAMC, WRNMMC).

d. Educational Standards. The educational standards follow ACPE guidelines and the TRADOC CPE Unit Curriculum. Most students are enrolled in Level I CPE, with a few exceptional cases invited to register for Level II CPE. The course standards, along with ACPE Outcomes and Objectives, are outlined in the ECPE Handbook. Specific course details and expectations are provided to each student through their Student Learning Agreement, the CPE Unit Individual Student Assessment Plan, and the Unit Syllabus. The course is an intensive 10-week program requiring full-time dedication to complete the work.

5. COURSE DELIVERY METHOD: The course will be conducted in person at designated medical center. Attendance is required for all sessions.

6. ENROLLMENT:

a. Access the U.S. Army Institute for Religious Leadership (USA-IRL) website at <https://usairl.tradoc.army.mil/gsaccpd-school-for-spiritual-care> to complete the Extended Clinical Pastoral Education (ECPE) application for the CPE Intern Program. Additionally, visit the ACPE website at [https://acpe.edu/education/cpe-students/cpe-application/docs/default-source/default-document-library/cpe-applications/fillable-cpe-word-doc-application-revised-7-2024-\(1\)](https://acpe.edu/education/cpe-students/cpe-application/docs/default-source/default-document-library/cpe-applications/fillable-cpe-word-doc-application-revised-7-2024-(1)) to complete the official ACPE application.

b. Submission: Submit the completed application, along with all required writing samples, to the following point of contact:

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7. POINT OF CONTACT: For this Memorandum is the undersigned at 803-751-8753 or juman.kim.mil@army.mil.

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