Methodist Affiliate Hospitals

Methodist Dallas Medical Center, a 585-bed hospital, is home to one of the most active multiorgan transplant centers in the Southwest for adult kidney, liver, and pancreas. The Level I Trauma Center is one of three adult trauma centers in Dallas County, and the Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit receives infants from across North Texas. Other specialties include multidisciplinary cancer care, gastroenterology, advanced neurosciences, stroke, cardiology, and orthopedics.

Methodist Charlton Medical Center is a 317-bed general acute-care and teaching hospital serving the communities of southwest Dallas County. A recent expansion features a new tower; new surgical suites; and expanded cardiology department. Other services include general surgery, open heart surgery, trauma, diagnostic and interventional cardiology, and obstetrics and gynecology.

Methodist Mansfield Medical Center, a 254-bed, full-service acute-care community hospital, serves Tarrant, Johnson, and Ellis counties. With the completion of a hospital added 86 patient rooms, four operating suites, four gastroenterology suites, and additional amenities; enhanced its emergency department and women and children’s services; and opened the Amon G. Carter Foundation Heart and Vascular Center. Additional services include cancer treatment, general surgery, intensive care, trauma, nephrology, neurology, orthopedics, pulmonology, radiology, and wound care and hyperbaric medicine.

Methodist Richardson Medical Center is a 334-bed medical center which offers enhanced health care service to residents in Richardson, Garland, Murphy, Plano, Sachse. Services offered include Cancer Care, Cardiology, Orthopedic, Emergency, Maternity and Behavioral health and addiction recovery. Methodist Richardson Medical Center has also achieved Magnet recognition.

Guided by the founding principles of life, learning, and compassion, Dallas-based Methodist Health System (Methodist) provides quality, integrated healthcare to improve and save the lives of individuals and families throughout North Texas. Seven hospitals and more than two dozen Methodist Family Health Centers and Medical Groups are among the facilities served by the nonprofit Methodist Health System, which is affiliated by covenant with the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Texas law prohibits hospitals from practicing medicine. The physicians on the Methodist Health System medical staff are independent practitioners who are not employees or agents of Methodist Health System.
What is Clinical Pastoral Education?

Clinical Pastoral Education is theological and professional education for ministry by which theology students, ordained clergy, members of religious orders, and qualified laypeople minister to people in crisis situations in a supervised setting. Through intense involvement with supervisors, fellow students, people in crisis, and other professionals, students are challenged to improve the quality of their pastoral relationships. Pastoral practice, written case studies and verbatims, individual supervision, seminar participation, and relevant reading encourage students to develop genuine caring pastoral relationships. As they view complicated life situations from different viewpoints, they gain new insights and understandings about the human situation. Theological reflection is important in Clinical Pastoral Education as students seek ways to integrate theology with life experience.

Clinical Pastoral Education at Methodist

Methodist Health System is comprised of four hospitals with each hospital offering its own separate and unique educational experience. The Clinical Pastoral Education chaplain has the opportunity to learn pastoral care in an interfaith setting through ministry in patient parishes at Methodist Dallas, Methodist Charlton, Methodist Mansfield, and Methodist Richardson Medical Centers and through reflection in seminars and didactics. Each Methodist component site offers these chaplains a dynamic and progressive environment in which to grow professionally and personally. Challenged to integrate their religious perspectives and theological assumptions with the realities of human care, chaplains will find both strong educational and emotional support through individual supervision and peer-group seminars designed to encourage personal and professional pastoral growth.

The Clinical Pastoral Care chaplains at each Methodist component site provide care with prayer at the bedside, worship in the chapel, and pastoral presence in the midst of healing and loss to those in need, including to:

- Trauma patients
- Kidney and liver transplant recipients and donors
- Cancer patients and their families
- Parents whose premature newborn remains in the neonatal intensive care unit.

The CPE training received at each hospital can be applied to an Association of Professional Chaplains certification, Clinical Membership in ACPE, parish ministry, ordination or seminary requirements, pastoral counseling, and hospital chaplaincy.

Level I, Level II, and Supervisory Education Seminars

THEOLOGICAL INTEGRATION SEMINARS focus on integrating theological insights with actual ministry events.

INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS is a peer-group learning experience designed to assist chaplains in exploring various personal and professional issues that may arise during their ministry.

VERBATIM SEMINARS serve to review and critique verbatim reports of actual pastoral visits.

DIDACTIC SEMINARS include lectures and presentations from interdisciplinary professionals and supervisors on pastoral, ethical, and healthcare concerns.

WORSHIP SEMINARS offer residents the opportunity to review worship leading and receive feedback from their supervisors.

INDIVIDUAL SUPERVISION with one of the supervisors.

INTERDISCIPLINARY CASE STUDIES offer residents an opportunity to reflect with other health and pastoral care professionals on individual cases.

Stipends are available for Level I, Level II, and Supervisory Education in the residency, summer, extended, and supervisory programs.

Application

To apply for one of our component site programs, please submit the standard application of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education along with an application fee of $25 to the hospital of your interest.

Affiliation

All Methodist hospitals are affiliated by covenant with the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church.