

The Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Internship

The Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Residency is an excellent option for students whose vocation is hospital chaplaincy, pastoral care or some other field where this type of training is of value. In this case the Perkins Internship requirement may be satisfied by successful completion of an introductory unit of CPE for the Master of Arts in Ministry (M.A.M.) degree, and a CPE residency for the Master of Divinity (M.DIV.) degree.

The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. (www.acpe.org) is the accreditation agency for Clinical Pastoral Education centers that are accepted by Perkins School of Theology to fulfill the Internship requirement.

Master of Arts in Ministry (M.A.M.)

The M.A.M. Perkins Internship receives 6 academic credit hours. This requirement may be fulfilled by the successful completion of either:

1. An introductory unit of CPE (Level 1).
2. An extended unit of CPE (Level 1). Each hospital has its own schedule for extended units. In most cases the unit schedule is 20 hours a week between 7 to 9 months between August and May.

M.A.M. students choosing this option to fulfill the Perkins Internship requirement may not be allowed to also receive academic credit in Pastoral Care (PC 7639).

Master of Divinity (M.DIV.)

The M.DIV. Perkins Internship receives 9 academic credit hours. This requirement may be fulfilled by the successful completion a CPE Residency that consists of 3 units of CPE (Level II) and that begins in August and ends in May.

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option. If you both conclude that a CPE introductory unit or a CPE residency could