

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. *Why should I take CPE?*

For those involved in ministry, CPE is an invaluable learning tool. It will help you learn to be more reflective and will increase your effectiveness in ministry, teaching, and healthcare.

Additionally, this fulfills one of the requirements for Board Certification with the Association of Professional Chaplaincy.

2. *How many students are accepted for each unit?*

A typical unit has 5-8 students per class. The educator to student ratio is 1:13.

3. *How much clinical experience will I get?*

Each full unit includes both classroom and clinical work. You will take call regularly, both weeknight and weekend on-call shifts. You will do a minimum of 300 clinical hours, in addition to a minimum of 100 classwork; totaling 400 hours. Each half unit will require a minimum of 180 clinical hours and a minimum of 60 classroom hours; totaling 240 hours.

4. *Can I work or go to school while taking CPE?*

Many students take classes or work while completing a unit. Please discuss with the educator at the time of interview if you have other obligations that may interfere with the completion of clinical hours.

5. *What is the difference in an intensive (full-time) CPE unit and an extended unit?*

An extended unit is spread out over 16 weeks. Loma Linda offers two extended units and one intensive unit each year. The Spring and Fall Extended units are 16 weeks. The Summer Intensive unit is 12-14 weeks.

6. *What should I know about Loma Linda University Health? (LLUH)*

LLUH is a faith-based educational institution and health care facility. It is comprised of 8 schools and 6 hospitals. Students are assigned at the adult Medical Center, the Children's Hospital, East Campus Hospital, Behavioral Medicine campus, Murrieta campus and Surgical Hospital. LLUH's mission is to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ; our vision is transforming lives through education, healthcare and research; and our motto is "To make man whole." Each year, we welcome both National and International students from many faith traditions to our CPE program.

7. *Do you have a residency program?*

Not at this time. We hope to have one in the future.

8. *What are the dates of the upcoming units?*

To obtain program dates, please click the link on the web page to view the schedule. You can also contact the Chaplain Services Department at 909-558-4367 for upcoming class schedules.

9. *What is the cost for each CPE unit?*

There is a \$25 non-refundable application fee; a \$700 tuition fee per unit when completing the clinical hours within LLUH; and a \$1,000 tuition fee per unit when completing the clinical hours outside LLUH.