

Program Objectives

The goal of clinical pastoral visitation Training is the development of personal confidence and professional competence in visitation ministry. Specific objectives are:

- To become aware of oneself as a minister and of the ways one's ministry affects persons.
- To utilize proper infectious control measures to ensure health and safety of patients and self.
- To become aware of the strengths and resources of one's own religious tradition and how that impacts another person.
- To understand and utilize the clinical method of learning.
- To learn to utilize the support, confrontation, and clarification for the integration of personal attributes and pastoral functioning.
- To understand the theological issues arising from experience and to enhance the interface between theology and the behavioral sciences in understanding the human condition.
- To become aware of how one's attitudes, values, and assumptions affect one's ministry.
- To develop the ability to work as a pastoral member of an interdisciplinary team.
- To become aware of how social conditions and structures affect the lives of others and oneself.

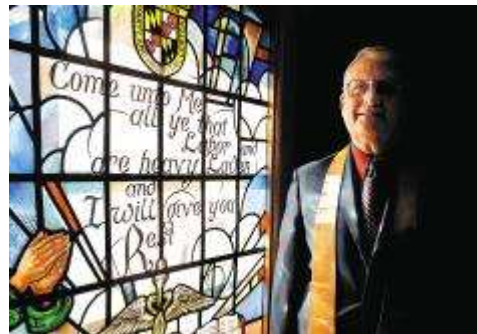
The thirteen week quarterly iterations are scheduled in the 2019 training year.

The next iterations start in:

January, 2021
April, 2021
July, 2021
October, 2021

Consideration will be given in extenuating circumstances for interim iterations other than those stated above.

The 50-hour programs will run from early January through December. Trainees will devote 4 hours per week in direct contact with patients and staff, providing visitation, receiving supportive counseling, and participating in classroom activities



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CLINICAL PASTORAL VISITATION TRAINING (2021)




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What Is Clinical Pastoral Visitation Training'?

Clinical Pastoral Visitation Training (CPVT) is an opportunity for Clergy to increase their ministry by having themselves, or **their people**, trained in doing effective Hospital, Nursing Home, and Institutional visitation; and in discerning the practice of ministry.. It is a form of applied theological education that takes place both in the academic classroom and in the clinical setting where ministry is conducted. It includes 50 hours of clinical experience, lectures, seminars, reflective writing, with individual and group supervision. The CPVT learning occurs through the practice of ministry and the reflection upon that ministry with one's peers and supervisor.

The CPVT program at Western Maryland Hospital Center enables trainees to learn and practice ministry skills with different people in various settings:

a Nursing Home Unit, 2 Ventilation Units, a Traumatic Brain Injury Unit, Rehabilitation, and an Inpatient/Outpatient Dialysis Unit. Through ministry with patients and their families, staff, and volunteers, trainees have the opportunity to explore the interaction of their own history and issues with those of the persons served.

What Do Trainees Do?

The 12 week program provides trainees with 50 hours of education. Trainees devote 4 hours a week in direct contact with patients and staff, providing visitations, receiving supportive counseling, leading religious activities, and participating in classroom activities.

How Are Trainees Selected and what can be expected upon completion of the Program?

Only 5 Trainees will be accepted each Calendar Quarter. Those wishing to be trained must first submit a letter from their Clergy, on official stationary,, recommending them for the program. When trainees have completed their requirements, an evaluation and certificates of completion will be awarded.

What Kind Of Supervision Will Students Receive?

Goals of Supervision. Although the trainee's main focus is face-to-face interaction with patients, the program is also designed to help trainees look inside themselves and to examine their interaction with others. Trainees learn skills about how to conduct pastoral ministry and information about ministry with patients. Additionally, a significant focus of the program is discovering themselves: learning their strengths, weaknesses, and blind spots. At various times during the program trainees give intentional written and verbal feedback to each other. Trainees gain insight about how their personality, life experience, and faith tradition shape their ministry and how they provide pastoral care.

Supervision Regimen. There are at least 4 hours of group supervision each month. This involves the presentation and discussion of "verbatim" reports of ministry and experiential learning about personal issues and group dynamics. Trainees also meet privately with their supervisor each month for one-to-one feedback.

Evaluation and Certificate of Completion. At the end of the program, the trainee is given a written description and evaluation of his or her participation in the program. This confidential document is the property of the trainee to maintain in their possession or judicatory leadership, as needed. A letter will also be sent to their sponsoring Clergy stating that the trainee has completed the program. The trainee is also awarded a certificate of completion.

What Can the Sponsoring Clergy Expect of their Person Trained in CPVT?

Upon completion of the program, successful trainees will be able to:

- Confidently represent their Clergy when asked to make Healthcare or Nursing Home visitations.
- Know how to visit patients within a Healthcare or Nursing Home setting, and observing Infectious Control procedures.

- Make preliminary assessments of the patient's spiritual needs with recommendation to their Clergy.
- Lead general religious activities, such as Hymn Sings, and holiday celebrations.
- Understand the need for, and practice, confidentiality of all information obtained during patient visits.

Who Is The CPVT Supervisor?

The **Rev. Richard W. Bower, M.Div., BCC, BCCC, BCCS** is the Director of Clinical Chaplain SVC's at Western Maryland Hospital Center. He is a Board Certified Clinical Chaplain by both the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy (CPSP) and the Association of Professional Conservative Chaplains (APCC), and an ordained Christian & Missionary Alliance minister for twenty-eight years with seventeen years of experience in parish ministry. Rev. Bower is a retired US Army Chaplain having served for 30 ½ years in military Service, and still holds his Registry, MT, with the American Society of Clinical Pathology. In addition to numerous courses in Pastoral Counseling, he has completed Basic and Advanced Courses in US Army Chaplain School, and is a graduate of the US Army Command and Generals Staff College, West Point, NY.

Another course, the "**Pastoral Internship**", created for the "Deacons-in-Training" Program, is available, recognized and **approved by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Baltimore.**

What Does The Program Cost?

The training itself is **free**. In exchange for the free training, participants are asked to commit to a visitation period of two (2) hours per week for three (3) months beyond course completion (*Alterations to this requirement are negotiable*).

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