



San Francisco Night Ministry

Fifty+ years serving people in the night

CPE at the San Francisco Night Ministry

Thank you for your inquiry about our Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program at the San Francisco Night Ministry (SFNM). SFNM is fully accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. One West Court Square, Suite 325, Decatur, GA 30033, phone: 404-320-1472; fax 404-320-0849; web www.acpe.edu, to offer Level I, Level II and Supervisory CPE.)

As an ACPE accredited CPE center, SFNM does not discriminate against persons because of race, gender, age, faith group, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability. All applications are acknowledged within 30 days of their receipt. If we decide to proceed with your application, you will be asked to come for a personal interview (if this is not possible, we will work with you to make alternative arrangements). At the interview, we will give you a timeline for informing you of our decision. If you are accepted, you will be asked to secure your place in the program by sending a deposit of \$200, within three weeks of your acceptance, and it will be applied to your tuition. The deposit is nonrefundable, except in the case of serious illness or unexpected catastrophe.

Please feel free to call me directly at 415-381-0663 if you have additional questions. Your interest in the San Francisco Night Ministry CPE program is much appreciated, and we look forward to receiving your application.

Sincerely,

Rev. Rod Seeger
ACPE Certified Educator

Enclosures



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THE CPE CENTER

- **Describe the CPE Center and the types of ministry settings available.**

As part of San Francisco Night Ministry the CPE program offers spiritual care services to people on the streets at night in San Francisco. It also helps staff the Crisis Telephone Line, which operates every night of the year. Twice per week worship is provided outside at Open Cathedral.

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PROGRAM STRUCTURE

- **How is time spent in the CPE programs?**

How much clinical time on patient-care units versus group time?

In general, a unit of CPE is 400 hours. We divide those hours into 300 hours of ministry experience and 100 hours of individual and group supervision plus instructional activities.

What are the hours for the clinical responsibilities?

Typically when the CPE student is doing the work of the Night Minister on the streets of San Francisco the shift begins at 9:45 PM and ends at 2:15 AM. When the CPE student is doing the work of the Crisis Line Counselor the shift begins at 9:45 PM and ends at 2:15 AM. When the CPE student is involved with the Open Cathedral the time usually is 2:00 – 4:00 PM on Sunday and 5:30 – 7:30 PM Thursday. Every Tuesday a bible study is held from 6:00 – 8:00 PM for homeless people. The CPE student will participate in the bible study.

- **How is the choice of clinical assignment made?**

During the first half of the CPE unit the CPE student will always accompany one of the staff night ministers when meeting with people on the streets at night. This pairing with a staff night minister will continue until it is determined by the night minister that the student is sufficiently acclimated to the work of the night minister on the streets of San Francisco. The CPE student will then be paired with another CPE student for ministry on the streets.

When the CPE student is working as a Crisis Line Counselor the student will be paired with a Crisis Line Counselor who has previously worked as a counselor. When it is determined that CPE student is sufficiently acclimated to the work of the Crisis Line then they may be paired with someone who is learning or is new to being a Crisis Line Counselor.

- **Who will supervise the CPE units?**

The Rev. Rod Seeger, ACPE Certified Educator or Rev. Silvia Tiznado, ACPE Associate Certified Educator will supervise the CPE program.

ABOUT CPE

- **What is the goal of CPE?**

Development of pastoral formation, pastoral competence, and pastoral reflection.

- **What is the style of CPE supervision at this center?**

A pastoral and collaborative learning style is used, seeking to identify and support the strengths each student brings to the program.

- **What is unique about CPE training at this center?**

- We expect openness to learning and responsible functioning in an interfaith approach to ministry.
- Students are challenged to provide a spiritual care, listening presence to parishioners experiencing crisis in what may be perceived as the impersonal setting of the streets of San Francisco. Spiritual care to all people encountered is another important aspect of the CPE Night Minister's role.
- Students will receive extensive experience in crisis counseling, working closely with other professionals providing care to the marginalized in society.
- We provide an opportunity to explore the impact of one's family of origin on ministerial function.
- The San Francisco Night Ministry enjoys a 50 + year history in San Francisco and a citywide reputation for providing compassionate care to people.

TO APPLY

Please complete and send a CPE application and a processing fee of \$35 (check payable to San Francisco Night Ministry) to:

Rodseeger@aol.com

Rev. Rod Seeger
San Francisco Night Ministry
3 Glen Drive
Mill Valley, CA 94941-1218

If you have further questions, please call the Rev. Rod Seeger at 415-381-0663.

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Summary Descriptions of CPE programs

Full Time Summer Program Begins First Monday of June
Ends Third Friday of August

Part Time Program (Extended CPE) Begins First Monday of January
Ends Third Friday of May

Clinical Focus

Each CPE student will be involved in four areas of ministry.

1. Paired with one of the staff night ministers provide spiritual care to people on the streets of San Francisco.
2. Paired with a veteran Crisis Line Counselor serve as a San Francisco Night Ministry Crisis Line Counselor.
3. Participate in leading Open Cathedral, a worship held outside in an area where homeless people gather.
4. Participate in leading a bible study for homeless people in San Francisco

Group and Individual Supervision

Along with other CPE students participate in weekly group learning activities. These include didactic seminars, presentation of verbatim, and Interpersonal Relations Group.

Each CPE student will meet for individual supervision with the certified educator.

ACPE Certified Educator

Rev. Rod Seeger
rodseeger@aol.com

Full -Time CPE Program

Full-time CPE means you will participate in the program on a full-time basis (**40 hours per week**). All group meetings will be held on two afternoons per week. Clinical hours will be arranged five nights per week plus an occasional afternoon.

Part-Time CPE Program

Part-time CPE means you will participate in the program on a part-time basis (**20 hours per week**). All group meetings will be held on one afternoon per week. Clinical hours will be arranged 2 – 3 nights per week plus an occasional afternoon.

For More Information

Contact Rev. Rod Seeger, email: rodseeger@aol.com
Cell Phone: 415-328-8281

Send your CPE application to email address above.

Deadline for applications is **several months before the program begins.**