

About St. Joseph's Health Care London

Owned and operated by the St. Joseph's Health Care Society, we are a family of care sites including: St. Joseph's Hospital, Parkwood Institute, Mount Hope Centre for Long Term Care, and Southwest Centre for Forensic Mental Health Care. Within these facilities, our spiritual care services encompass rehabilitation, acute ambulatory care, surgical care, specialized mental health care (including forensic mental health), long term and specialized geriatric care, veterans care, complex care, palliative care, and specialized outpatient clinics supporting a wide variety of illnesses.

The Spiritual Care Team comes from diverse faith backgrounds. The team collaborates in the support of spiritual care students' learning opportunities across our various locations.

We discover together with our students what it means to be a dedicated team, supporting those in our care while living with illness or injury.



L to R: Supervisor-Educators
Dawn, Stephen, Heather, Alida

Contact



CASC/ACSS Certified Supervisor-Educators:

Dawn Fania, MDiv, RP (CPE)

Alida van Dijk, PhD, RP (PCE)

Rev. Stephen Yeo, MDiv, RP (CPE)

CASC/ACSS Provisional Supervisor-Educator:

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All Supervisor-Educators and most Certified Spiritual Care Practitioners at St. Joseph's are also Registered Psychotherapists with the College of Registered Psychotherapists of Ontario.

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Renowned for compassionate care, St. Joseph's is one of the best academic health care organizations in Canada dedicated to helping people live to their fullest by minimizing the effects of injury, disease and disability through excellence in care, teaching and research.

SPE Training and Education

Spiritual Care Practice and Psycho-Spiritual Therapy

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What is Supervised Pastoral Education (SPE)?

Supervised Pastoral Education (SPE)

- Gives students experience in learning the art and practice of spiritual care and psycho-spiritual therapy in a clinical setting.
- Each SPE course consists of 400 hours of training.
- Students spend approximately half their time in various training activities and supervision, the other half in spiritual care and psycho-spiritual therapy work with patients, families, staff and treatment teams.
- Theory and group sessions are facilitated by CASC/ACSS Certified Supervisor-Educators.
- Professional experts from a variety of health care disciplines also contribute to the training processes.

SPE at St. Joseph's Health Care London

Over 25 years of experience in providing SPE has enabled us to continually refine and improve our experiential and classroom programs. We use adult-based teaching methods to build on the knowledge base our students bring to the programs. Theological, psychological, sociological and ethical themes are woven throughout every training unit. We create opportunities for students to roll up their sleeves and get right to learning opportunities in the clinical settings. This is followed up with processes of reflection and analyses of caregiving experiences.

SPE Courses Offered

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) and **Pastoral Counselling Education (PCE)** are two types of training programs that are client-centred and honour spiritual and religious differences.

Our program is accredited with the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care (www.spiritualcare.ca). Students receive a CASC/ACSS certificate for each course successfully completed. We have partnership agreements with Huron University College (Anglican) and St. Peter's Roman Catholic Seminary at The University of Western Ontario, as well as links with other partners in London.

Program options include a full time spring/summer course for twelve weeks and a part time course for thirty-two weeks in the fall/winter. We provide both "basic" and "advanced" training in SPE.

The human spiritual dimension is a major healing force; it can mean the difference between life and death and wellness and illness.

(Dossey, Keegan & Guzzetta, 2004)

Applying for SPE

WHO CAN APPLY FOR SPE?

Application to begin Supervised Pastoral Education is welcome from people of all world views.

Graduation from a college or equivalent education is recommended. Some academic training in a faith or spiritual tradition is helpful.

People interested in SPE are invited to inquire and to apply at least four months before the start of a training unit.

Supervisory education is also available for people who have achieved Certification as Spiritual Care Practitioner or Psycho-Spiritual Therapist.

APPLICATION DEADLINES*

May 31 for Fall/Winter course

Dec 31 for Spring/Summer course

*Deadlines are firm. You must have your application in by the deadline or your application will not be considered.

Students wishing to receive credit for successful completion of their SPE course at St. Joseph's Health Care London may apply for a Huron University College course by contacting the Faculty of Theology. Email: srice@uwo.ca; Phone: 519-438-7224, ext. 289. Students must meet Huron admission requirements.