



CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION

Professional education for people engaged in
spiritual and pastoral care

Who are we?

Established in 1919 and governed by a Board of Directors, UnitingSA is a community service agency of the Uniting Church of Australia and forms part of the national UnitingCare network.

Our team of over 1000 staff and volunteers provide support to more than 10,000 people each year, from the very young to the elderly.

Our vision is for a compassionate, respectful and just community in which all people participate and flourish.

How do I apply?

For more information or an application form, contact UnitingSA Minister Rev Dr Leslie Underwood:

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UnitingSA acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout South Australia, their spiritual heritage, living culture and our walk together towards reconciliation.

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is professional education for people engaged in spiritual and pastoral care or ministry.

It encourages students to develop pastoral identity, theological reflection, counselling and leadership skills.

A distinctive feature of CPE is practical experience under group and individual supervision.

Basic, advanced and part-time courses are offered by UnitingSA's Clinical Pastoral Education Centre, with instruction by experienced and qualified supervisors.

UnitingSA Minister, Rev Dr Leslie Underwood, serves as our CPE Centre Director.

What CPE courses do we offer?

UnitingSA's Clinical Pastoral Education Centre offers:

- **Basic and Advanced CPE Units**

Semester 1 commences in the first week of February and concludes in the last week of June.

Alternatively, Semester 2 commences in the last week of July and concludes in the first week of December.

- **Third Thursday Units (one day per month)**

Commence on the third Thursday in February and concludes on the third Thursday of November.

- **Introductory CPE Units (part time)**

Introductory Units are held upon request.

Upon completion of a unit, participants will be issued a certificate by the SA & NT Association for Clinical Pastoral Education.

Academic credits gained through completion of a CPE unit can go towards Diploma, Bachelor and Master Awards through most theological institutions.



Basic and Advanced CPE Units

These units are based on an action and reflection model which arises out of real-life situations and conversations.

The courses include:

- Visitations in a variety of settings (i.e. a hospital, nursing home or school)
- Verbatim writing
- Course work
- Personal goal setting
- Group and individual supervision.

The units consist of 400 hours' worth of supervised placement over 20 weeks, including:

- 80 hours of group work
- 10 hours of individual supervision
- 120 hours of practical pastoral encounters
- 190 hours for preparation of material.

Third Thursday Units

This unit is particularly suited to rural and long-distance students. It is intended for those who wish to complete the Basic or Advanced CPE Units, but would find weekly travel to and from Port Adelaide difficult.

Introductory CPE Units (part time)

Each unit consists of 40 hours' worth of education across the following areas:

- Acute and chronic illness
- Ageing
- Loss and grief
- Death and dying
- Emotional wellbeing
- Spirituality
- Sexuality
- Dementia
- Health and wellbeing.

Case studies, films and subject handouts are used to maximise learning.

Please note, Introductory CPE Units may be offered at offsite locations by arrangement.

