

ABOUT US

The Merchab Institute, formerly the Northwest Clinical Pastoral Education Institute, was founded in 2008, incorporated in the state of Arkansas and a public charity designated 501(c)(3) entity. Merchab is accredited by Clinical Pastoral Education International to offer Clinical Pastoral Education and CPE Supervisory Training.

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(MER-KHAWB')

Merchab is a Hebrew word that means a broad, expansive space. It is out of this type of soulful space that non-anxious presence arises. An individual's non-anxious presence can be a healing comfort to those experiencing anxious life events.



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**CLINICAL PASTORAL
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WHAT IS CPE?

Based in process learning, CPE is an interfaith group of students learning to navigate the most difficult of circumstances with non-anxious presence. The key is opening soulful space by doing self-work, while combining theological reflections and psychotherapy theories. Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is like no other education; our purpose is to teach clinical pastoral care skills and provide supervised opportunities for student interns to process personal and professional experiences.

WHO DO WE TEACH?

CPE caters to those in ministry, healthcare, pastoral care, Stephen's ministry, family ministry, and first responders. Students enter CPE for Seminary credit or to fulfill a Denominational requirement; others join to deepen pastoral care skills, undergo a journey of discernment or become a certified chaplain. Healthcare professionals and first responders benefit by acquiring a toolbox of skills to utilize when walking with others through situations of crisis.

MEET OUR SUPERVISORS



Beth Snyder, M.A.
Executive Director

Beth serves as a chaplain at Circle of Life Hospice, specializing in pediatrics.



CJ Malone, EdD.

CJ serves as Director of Pastoral Care at Washington Regional Medical Center and Training Supervisor with CPEI.



Bill Cox, D.Min.

Bill serves as the Assistant Director of Pastoral Care at Freeman Health System. He served as pastor before becoming a chaplain.

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Larry Mitchell, Ph.D.

Larry served as the Director of Pastoral Care and Clinical Pastoral Education at Washington Regional. He also serves as a local pastor.



Doug Lawson, D. Min.

Doug, an Associate Supervisor, has served as a pastor, school teacher, and chaplain. After 25 years of active duty as a chaplain with the US Navy, he entered the healthcare setting.



Charlie Brown, Ph.D.

Dr. Charlie Brown, Associate Supervisor, serves as chaplain and Associate Supervisor at Washington Regional.

HOW IS THE CLASS STRUCTURED?

CPE, based in experiential learning, is a combination of didactic learning and application within clinical settings. CPE is offered in three forms each including 300 clinical hours and 100 didactic learning.

- Intensive: Class meets once a week for 12 weeks.
- Traditional: Class is biweekly for five months.
- Interactive Online: Class is conducted via online conferencing, allowing for geographic flexibility. Students contract with local settings for clinical hours.

WHERE CAN I EARN CLINICAL HOURS?

- Washington Regional Medical Center - Fayetteville, AR
- Arkansas Children's Northwest - Springdale, AR
- Regency Long Term Care - Springdale, AR
- Highland's Oncology Group - Fayetteville, AR
- Butterfield Trail Village - Fayetteville, AR
- Circle of Life Hospice - Northwest AR
- Freeman Health System - Joplin, MO
- Online student contract in local areas.