

URBAN CPE CONSORTIUM, INC

Who are we?

Urban CPE Consortium, Inc. is a fully accredited ACPE Center for Clinical Pastoral Education. We are a unique partnership of 13 urban sites and five theological schools committed to CPE education with a focus on urban/public ministry that includes the pastoral and prophetic dimensions of ministry. The urban sites are listed below as the possible ministry placement sites during your CPE Unit. The Theological School partners are: LSTC, McCormick, Catholic Theological Seminary, Institute of Pastoral Studies at Loyola, University of Chicago Divinity School. Urban CPE Consortium, Inc. is a not-for-profit entity with By-Laws, Board, Officers and Committees. A full Student Manual is provided during orientation of each Urban CPE Unit.

What CPE Units do we offer?

We offer three CPE Units: 1) Extended: September through mid-May, 2) Winter/Spring: January through April 3) Summer: June - August. The difference in Units is the time required per week. (*E.g.: in the Extended Unit the weekly requirements are 10-12 hours at the ministry site and 3.5 hours in direct CPE work., and one hour every other week for individual clinical supervision. The Winter/Spring Unit has 19 hours on site and 5.5 to hours of direct CPE work. The summer Unit is full time.*)

Urban CPE Ministry

One of the unique perspectives of Urban CPE is the people of God with whom you minister and from and with whom you learn and change. The focus is care and compassionate response with the most vulnerable populations and advocacy and prophetic ministry for personal and social transformation. Within this focus, Urban CPE goals are those of CPE: personal and pastoral formation, pastoral competency and skill building, pastoral and theological reflection. To achieve these goals, some of the uniqueness of Urban CPE is in the inclusion of social analysis/theological reflection process, the incorporation of Practices of Faith and community-organizing skills from one's faith perspective.

Urban CPE Ministry Sites

The 13 urban agencies/sites of the partnership are also the sites for the CPE Unit. Some of the populations represented by these sites are those challenged with homelessness, addictions, mental illness, HIV/AIDS, lack of affordable housing, health care, and living wage, youth-at-risk, gangs, community organizing for fair housing and

racial equality. At each of the sites there is a site mentor/supervisor to assist and to be available for the CPE student. The urban sites are: *Access Community Health/Spiritual Connections, Bethany Methodist, Breakthrough Urban Ministries, Chicago Uptown Ministry, Community Renewal Society, Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center at Fourth Presbyterian Church, Faith-In-Place, Interfaith House, Lawrence Hall Youth Center, Lakeview Presbyterian Out Reach, Sojourner Truth House, South Shore Entrepreneurial School, The Night Ministry.*

Process for Admissions

- Complete application and send to Urban CPE Consortium, Inc., Attn: Barbara Sheehan, Director, Urban CPE Consortium, Inc., c/o CRS 332 S. Michigan Ave., Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60604-4306.
- Engage in admission interview with Ms. Sheehan.
- After acceptance into the Urban CPE Unit, interview at one of the above listed ministry sites for mutual agreement of placement.
- Get started and engage fully.
- Admission interviews for summer begin in November of the previous year; for the extended in March of the same year; for Winter/Spring in October of the previous year.

Application Fee

\$35.00 (checks are to be made out to “Community Renewal Society” with *Urban CPE Consortium* in the memo section)

Tuition

\$550.00 for Consortium members; \$800 for non-members (Tuition payment is to be completed by the end of the CPE Unit.)