

Ministry Opportunities at The Boggs Center

Chaplains in The Boggs Center CPE program participate fully in the spiritual care opportunities of their specific ministry placements as the sole chaplain on site, with the support and consultation from an on-site mentor. Specific responsibilities are up to each agency or center but could include pastoral visitation, pastoral care and/or counseling, spiritual assessments, support for patients, staff and families, crisis support, grief & loss ministries, and leadership of special services and/or religious programs within the facility. In the extended program, ministry opportunities may also include community building, connections of clients with congregations, recruitment of volunteers and development of community based congregational supports.

Our program is *similar* to other CPE programs in:

- Placement in a clinical ministry site as chaplain
- Participation in a CPE learning community with a peer group utilizing didactic sessions, reflection on practice, theological reflection, and interpersonal growth
- Development of learning goals around CPE objectives in the area of pastoral identity, pastoral competence, and pastoral reflection
- Participation in individual supervision and consultation with other professionals in an interdisciplinary environment
- Standard ACPE application and evaluation processes: www.acpe.edu

Our program is *unique* to other CPE programs in:

- Clinical ministry placements are focused on service and support to persons with disabilities and their families (acute-care, “acquired disabilities” in the summer unit, and chronic-care “developmental disabilities” in the extended unit)
- An explicit focus on pastoral skills in the area of intentional community building and inclusive ministries
- An opportunity for students to design their own learning placements in consultation with their CPE supervisor(s) and agencies/ centers throughout New Jersey. Collaborating agencies include the county-wide system of the Arcs, other specific facilities that house and support people with developmental disabilities, and rehabilitation centers that serve patients with spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries, stroke, and orthopedic injuries.

Send application to...

Rev. Bill Gaventa
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The Boggs Center
UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
335 George Street, P.O. Box 2688
New Brunswick, NJ 08903-2688

Rev. Bill Gaventa is the Supervisor for the CPE Program. He is an American Baptist clergyman, with extensive experience in supervision and community building in interfaith settings.

For more information and/or an application form, contact Rev. Gaventa at 732-235-9304 or bill.gaventa@umdnj.edu.

<http://rwjms.umdnj.edu/boggscenter>

The CPE Program at The Boggs Center is supported by...

- A Professional Consultation Committee with representatives from seminaries, agencies, and faith groups in New Jersey, chaired by Dr. Deborah Spitalnik, Ph.D., Executive Director of The Boggs Center.
- Contracts with collaborating agencies.
- Core funding from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities
- The New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Ministries, a statewide interfaith, interagency coalition.

Clinical Pastoral Education

In
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through
The
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on Developmental Disabilities

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Clinical Pastoral Education is...

An experience-based learning process that utilizes an action/reflection model of learning under supervision in which students work together to develop both professional pastoral identity and pastoral expertise. Its core methodology involves individualized learning contracts, clinical practice, didactic resources, individual and group supervision, and reflection on the integration of theory, practice, and personal history.

The Boggs Center CPE Program is accredited to offer Level I and Level II CPE by:

The Association for
Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc.
1549 Clairmont Road
Suite 103
Decatur, Georgia 30033
404-320-1472
www.acpe.edu

The Boggs Center is...

New Jersey's Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD), one of a national network of UCEDDs whose missions are to provide student and community training, technical assistance, research, and information dissemination.

Mission

The Elizabeth M. Boggs Center, as a University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, values uniqueness and individuality and promotes the self-determination and full participation of people with disabilities and their families in all aspects of community life.

As a catalyst and resource, The Boggs Center, through partnerships and collaborations, builds capacity in organizations, systems, and communities in a culturally competent manner. The Boggs Center prepares students through interdisciplinary programs, provides community training and technical assistance, conducts research, and disseminates information and educational materials.

As part of the Department of Pediatrics at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, The Boggs Center is the only University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities in the country which is accredited to offer Clinical Pastoral education and one of the few CPE programs based in ministries and services with people with disabilities and their families.

CPE at The Boggs Center

The Clinical Pastoral Education program at The Boggs Center offers two programs:

- a full-time, **Summer** Intensive program unit
- a part-time, **Extended** program unit

The Summer Program

The Summer program is an intensive 11-12 week CPE program which begins in late May and concludes in early August. In this program students will be placed primarily in rehabilitation centers where their focus will be on the spiritual care needs of persons and families whose lives have been changed due to disability acquired after an injury or illness.

Program details include:

- Schedule: 40 hrs/wk (10 hrs of education and supervision at The Boggs Center, and 30 hrs of clinical work at the ministry site)
- Tuition: \$600
- Credits: Students will receive one unit of Level I or Level II CPE upon completion of the summer program
- Application deadline: March 15th

The Extended Program

The Extended program runs 35 weeks through the academic year, from mid-September through mid-May. In this program students will be placed with community based agencies where their focus will be on the spiritual care needs of persons with long-term, developmental disabilities.

Program details include:

- Schedule: 15-16 hrs/wk (5-6 hrs of education and supervision at The Boggs Center, and 10+ hrs of clinical work at the ministry site)
- Tuition: \$500
- Credits: Students will receive one unit of Level I or Level II CPE upon completion of the extended program
- Application deadline: July 15th