What:
Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) provides an excellent opportunity to focus on the imperatives of meaningful and effective pastoral care: knowing God, and knowing yourself.

– Gabriel Ojih

Why:
Based in clinical practice, students are able to experience a variety of ministry situations. Immersed in a faith community, students have the opportunity to view healthcare through the eyes of the patient and their culture.

When:
CPE with cultural immersion is a 20 week long internship course and will begin in the Spring of 2017. For seminary students, CPE often fulfills the requirement for practicum hours or supervised ministry. These students may want to complete CPE prior to graduation.

Where:
Clinical assignments and classes will be held at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. Cultural Immersion in a faith community may be in Dallas, Frisco, or Plano.

Requirements:
Seminarians and ministers who desire to do emotional work and are interested in building relationships and collaborating with communities of diverse backgrounds.

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**Cultural Immersion**

Why Cultural Immersion? The increasing diversity in our community demands new approaches to serving patients from diverse cultural backgrounds. In order to learn about the experiences and the needs of those we care, we are to immerse ourselves in their midst to listen to them, communicate, so we can understand their health care needs.

The uniqueness about this unit of CPE in addition to a typical one is the special relationship each student will build with one particular faith community. The participating faith communities consist of one African Presbyterian Church, one Korean Presbyterian Church, one African American Baptist Church, one Latino Roman Catholic Church, and one Islamic community.

Each student will be paired with one of the above faith community in Dallas, Frisco, or Plano. He or she will spend four hours at a time with a host family within the designated faith community. This will repeat five times during the CPE internship, for a minimum of twenty hours. These cultural immersion hours may consist of a mix of time spent with the host family and participation with them in faith community events.

**CPE Class**

Students will meet for class one day per week. Class days will consist of a mixture of didactics, verbatim presentations, skills lab, reading seminar, and interpersonal relationship sessions that focus on cultural communication. At some point during the week, individual supervision hour will allow each student to process class material, cultural immersion experience and clinical experience with their CPE supervisor. There is tuition fee involved.

**Clinical Training**

Students will be assigned a clinical area at Baylor University Medical Center. For example, they can be placed in oncology, ICU, Cardiology or Trauma service lines. Students will spend sixteen to twenty four hours per week providing pastoral care for patients and staff in this clinical area. Students may also participate in worship services and special events that occur during the CPE internship.

Students will be encouraged to explore how to minister more effectively to patients from diverse cultural backgrounds based on the lessons learned through their immersion experiences. In addition to a staff chaplain as their mentor, leaders and host families of the five faith communities will be their guides in this unit of learning. You will receive stipend for cultural immersion and clinical training.

**Foundation for Ministry**

CPE provides the opportunity to learn to be a spiritual leader/professional chaplain. It fosters your understanding of the divine, yourself and others, and it provides feedback difficult to obtain outside the CPE setting. The action-reflection-action method of learning enables the building of a solid foundation for various ministry settings.

**Additional Opportunities**

After completing this CPE internship unit, students often decide to apply for another 20 week extended CPE internship unit or a one year residency. Baylor Scott & White Health offers one year residencies at Baylor University Medical Center and also at some Regional Medical Centers. A one year residency is equivalent to four CPE internships, done back to back with the same group of peers. Second year residencies, fellowships, and supervisory education are also offered.