

It becomes the basis for supervised reflection and evaluation. Developing pastoral identity is the focus of Basic SCOFE. In Advanced SCOFE, the focus is on developing leadership and collegiality within community. Peers develop a group learning covenant based on learning opportunities identified within teaching sites represented in the group. All M.Div. students are required to complete Introduction to Christian Ministry (M-514, M-515) concur-

rently with SCOFE (M-516, M-517). This year-long course guides students in developing a practical theology for discernment and decision-making in ministerial leadership. It provides resources for increased self-understanding as well as analysis of the ministerial context and skills for ministerial leadership.

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION

Christian Theological Seminary is affiliated with the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) offers supervised experience in pastoral care. CPE experience is highly recommended in preparation for careers in congregational ministry, chaplaincy and counseling and is generally offered in hospital settings, though outpatient and congregational settings are also available. CPE programs are offered in conjunction with accredited training centers including Clarian Health Partners (Methodist-IU-Riley Hospitals, Clarian West); St. Vincent Hospital; Deaconess Hospital, Evansville; Howard Community Hospital, Kokomo; Lutheran Hospital and Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne; and Saint Joseph Care Group, South Bend. The student may receive certification by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education as well as academic credit from the seminary for this work. In addition to preparing students for parish or specialized ministry, CPE is recommended for ministers seeking continuing education. Registration may be on a non-academic basis or for academic credit. Duly registered special students may later request transfer of academic credit to a degree program. Counseling students are encouraged to take CPE before applying to the counseling practicum. Contact the field education office for CPE information.

LEVEL I, LEVEL II CPE

A clinical pastoral education unit may be taken as a standard 10- to 12-week summer program, as an extended one-and-a-half day to two-day per week program for 30 weeks during the school year, or as negotiated. The unit introduces the student to emotional and spiritual factors in illness

and health as well as interprofessional ethics. It affords supervised experience in pastoral care. Specific outcomes for completion of Level I and Level II CPE are available in the field education office. Prerequisites: Completion of at least one academic year of theological education, fulfillment of requirements set by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education and consent of the chaplain supervisor. Note: One unit of CPE entitles currently enrolled students to 6 semester hours of credit with payment of tuition at the off-campus rate. Students who want to receive academic credit must register for P-800, 801; P-802, 803; or P-804, 805, as appropriate. To issue academic credit for CPE, the registrar must receive written evaluations from the student and the CPE supervisor and an issued letter grade from the supervisor. Students must sign an authorization, available online (www.cts.edu under "registrar") or in the registrar's office, for the CPE supervisor to provide such an evaluation and grade.

SUPERVISORY CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION

Advanced Clinical Pastoral Training opportunities are available in the Indianapolis area for a student to pursue supervisory CPE training. Chaplaincy internships and residencies are also available. Further information about these programs is available from the CTS Pastoral Counseling Center or the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education (www.acpe.edu).

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

LIFELONG THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Christian Theological Seminary sponsors a continuing education program to encourage lifelong learning and professional development. It offers regular short-term, non-degree opportunities for theological study to ordained and lay leaders. Lifelong Theological Education offerings are usually available free to CTS students and faculty.

PETTICREW SEMINAR

The Petticrew Faith-in-Action Seminar was established in 1986 by C. Richard Petticrew to help church, civic leaders and pastors attain an informed and balanced perspective on some of the pressing ethical and moral issues affecting American society today. The Faith-in-Action Seminar brings together people of differing perspectives to engage in meaningful dialogue about contemporary issues.

JEWISH CHAUTAUQUA SOCIETY

The Jewish Chautauqua Society helps make possible the teaching of courses in Jewish studies by prominent leaders from the Indianapolis Jewish community.

RELIGION AND THE ARTS

CTS is known for its commitment to religion and the arts. In 1994, CTS established the Frederick Doyle Kershner Chair in Religion and the Arts and initiated a new program to explore and open the relationship between the arts and theology. The seminary setting is enhanced by displays of many donated works of art in the form of sculpture, oil and acrylic paintings, fabric and mixed-media pieces.

SCUPE

CTS is a member of the Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education (SCUPE), which provides a variety of opportunities for students to experience urban life in Chicago in a context of theological reflection and sociological analysis. Students who participate in one of SCUPE's intensive courses (S-302 and S-309) may earn academic credit and fulfill the cross-cultural requirement for the M.Div. See page 65 for a listing of courses.

OVERSEAS STUDY OPTIONS

CTS regularly offers study trips abroad for credit and cross-cultural experiences. Recent trips have included Jamaica and India. CTS students can also participate in exchange programs in Jamaica and India for credit toward certain degrees. Contact the director of cross-cultural and international programs for more information.

AMERC

CTS is a member of the Appalachian Ministries Educational Resource Center Consortium (AMERC). AMERC provides specialized training for students preparing for ministry in the Appalachian church and other mission settings, with particular attention to small town and rural congregations. Students who participate in an AMERC seminar may receive academic credit and fulfill the cross-cultural requirement for the M.Div.