

**atrium health**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SPIRITUAL CARE AND EDUCATION**

**CPE INTERN PROGRAMS 2025-2026**

All programs of Clinical Pastoral Education at Atrium Health are accredited for Level I and Level II CPE by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (ACPE). CPE programs consist of 400 hours, at least 100 of which are structured group and individual education. Tuition is \$450.

Extended unit classes are scheduled one day per week, with clinical ministry time negotiated according to the need of the healthcare facility and the CPE student. Extended units involve 4-6 hours of class time, plus 8-15 hours of clinical time per week. Extended students meet every other week with a CPE supervisor. Some of the extended units offer the opportunity of using up to 100 hours of current ministry work in a parish or religious setting as part of a student's clinical hours, *as approved by the Clinical Educator*. Some extended interns also participate in on-call rotations.

Following is a list of the current and upcoming CPE intern units offered through Atrium Health:

<b><u>Extended Unit</u></b>	<b><u>AH Behavioral Health Davidson</u></b>	<b><u>May 11, 2026 – October 25, 2026</u></b>
Class Hours: Virtual, Tues 5:30-8p. 4 in person retreat days On-calls: No, Sunday afternoon rotations Levels: 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B		Clinical Hours: 13 per week Clinical Ministry in Parish?: No

<b><u>Extended Unit</u></b>	<b><u>Roof Above</u></b>	<b><u>March 31– Sept 29 2026</u></b>
Class Hours: Virtual, Tues 5:30-8p. On-calls: Yes Levels: 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B		Clinical Hours: 12 per week Clinical Ministry in Parish?: No

<b><u>Full-time Summer Standard Unit</u></b>	<b><u>AH Carolinas Medical Center</u></b>	<b><u>May 2026 – August 2026</u></b>
Class Hours: 8-10 hrs per week On-calls: Yes, overnight once a week/weekends Levels: 1A		Clinical Hours: 8:00-4:30, M-F Clinical Ministry in Parish?: No

<b><u>Extended Unit</u></b>	<b><u>Atrium Health Cleveland</u></b>	<b><u>October 12 2026 – March 26 2027</u></b>
Class Hours: 4 hrs per week On-calls: Yes Levels: 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B		Clinical Hours: 12-15 per week Clinical Ministry in Parish?: Yes (up to 100 hours)

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**CPE RESIDENT PROGRAMS 2024-2025**

CPE resident programs at Atrium Health are paid 12-month or 16-month positions that enable students to complete further units of CPE.

Atrium Health offers two residency programs:

**Atrium Health Cabarrus**

Requirements: No initial unit of CPE required

Length: 12 months or 16 months, depending on whether student has an initial unit of CPE (student remains in program until 4 units are completed)

Start dates: late August, late December, early May

Applications Accepted: rolling admission

Contact: [lauren.thomas1@advocatehealth.org](mailto:lauren.thomas1@advocatehealth.org)

**Atrium Health Carolinas Medical Center**

Requirements: An initial unit of CPE **required**

Length: 12 months

Start date: Last week of August

Applications Accepted: Year round, but we make our first round of decisions in February; to be considered at this date, you must submit no later than December 1.

Contact: [angela.janssenkeenan@advocatehealth.org](mailto:angela.janssenkeenan@advocatehealth.org)

## Atrium Health Facilities Offering CPE

- ◆ **Behavioral Health Davidson** is a 66-bed in-patient psychiatric hospital with three adult units. Behavioral Health Charlotte, located in uptown Charlotte, NC is a 66-bed in-patient psychiatric hospital with two adult units and one child/adolescent unit. These centers serve a broad range of people who suffer from chronic mental health disorders or have more acute episodic needs. Education is held in Davidson. Students will provide pastoral care to patients and lead spirituality groups and chapel services.
- ◆ **Cabarrus** is comprised of an extensive inpatient and outpatient network that services the residents of multiple counties through 457 acute care beds. Approximately 300 physicians are members of the active medical staff. Home to Jeff Gordon Children's Hospital. In addition, Atrium Health Cabarrus has six Centers of Excellence: Levine Cancer Center, Cannon Heart Center, Diagnostics and Imaging Center, Emergency Care Center, Hayes Family Center and Surgery Center.
- ◆ **Carolinas Medical Center** in Charlotte, NC, is a national leader in specialized care for a broad range of medical conditions. CMC is the largest research hospital in the region and one of five teaching hospitals in North Carolina. With 874 licensed beds, CMC has specialty programs, including neurosciences, orthopedics, rehabilitation, surgery, trauma, and women's services.
- ◆ **Cleveland** in Shelby is a 241-bed hospital serving greater Cleveland County, NC, and the surrounding region. It was the first Level III trauma center in NC, offering advanced emergency care. AH Cleveland also offers outpatient cancer care through the Levine Cancer Institute Cleveland
- ◆ **Mercy** was established in 1906 by the Sisters of Mercy as the first Catholic Hospital in North Carolina. CMC-Mercy is licensed for 162 beds. As an adult acute care facility, Atrium Health Mercy provides a full-range of services, from emergency room care to surgery to rehabilitation. We serve as the home to some of the area's most advanced specialty services, such as complex orthopedic surgery, bariatric surgery, The Center for Pelvic Health and Horizons, an 11 bed in-patient detoxification unit.
- ◆ **Union** is a 175-bed hospital in Monroe, NC, providing comprehensive emergency services and specialty medical care for the past 15-plus years. The campus offers a variety of medical services, including a day surgery center, cancer treatment center, long-term care facility, behavioral health center, specialty care clinics, a community wellness and outreach program, a women and children's center, interventional heart program and physician practices.
- ◆ **Roof Above** is a comprehensive homeless service provider serving 1,200 people per day through a spectrum of services ranging from street outreach, day services, emergency shelter, and permanent supportive housing. Roof Above's organizational goal is to unite communities to end homelessness, one life at a time.

### Application:

The application can be found on the ACPE website, at  
<https://acpe.edu/education/cpe-students/cpe-application>

If you have questions about any of these programs, or to submit an application, please contact:

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