



UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO HOSPITAL
Association of Clinical Pastoral Education
Admission Criteria

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University of Colorado Hospital and its Department of Spiritual Care Services shall not discriminate against any individual for reasons of race, color, national origin, gender, sex, age, physical disability, sexual orientation, faith group, or military status. Equal access to educational opportunities is extended to all qualified persons. All members of the faculty, student body, and staff are expected to assist in making this policy valid in fact.

This policy notwithstanding, all students accepted in the program shall be able with reasonable accommodation to physically and emotionally perform the duties as contained in the job description for student chaplain. All students must be open to learning, change, and growth.

ACPE Level I

- Completion of standard [ACPE Application](#) (307.1).
- Minimum education requirements: graduation from high school or GED;
- Preferred education requirements: graduation from college, attending or graduated from seminary (307.4).
- Favorable admissions interview by an ACPE Certified Educator or other qualified interviewer (307.2).
- Favorable review of application by staff.
- Acceptance into a training group by an ACPE Certified Educator (307.5).
- Arrangements for payment of fees.

ACPE Level II

- Completion of standard [ACPE Application](#) and addenda as required (307.1).
- Successful completion of one or more units of ACPE Level I. Some exceptions are made.
- Minimum education requirements: graduation from college.
- Preferred education requirements: attending or graduated from seminary; or upon recommendation of faith group and the satisfaction of the Admissions Committee members (307.4).
- Copies of final evaluations of previous ACPE/CPE by both student and Certified Educator.
- Favorable interviews with at least one staff ACPE Certified Educator and two members of the PAC Admissions Committee - a total of three interviews (307.2).
- Acceptance into a program by an ACPE Certified Educator and admissions committee of this center (307.5).

Certified Educator CPE (307.6)

- A completed [ACPE Certified Educator Application](#)
- College graduation
- Graduate theological degree or its equivalent
- Ordination or commissioning to function as a spiritual care provider by an appropriate religious/spiritual authority as determined by ACPE. Individuals whose spiritual or religious communities do not have ordination should email certification@acpe.edu for more information.
- Endorsement/statement of accountability from an appropriate religious/spiritual authority as determined by ACPE
- Successful completion of a minimum of four units of Level I/Level II CPE
- Demonstration of spiritual care and conceptual competence as evidenced by the attainment/completion of Level I/Level II Outcomes
- Evaluation of the [competencies](#) for admission to a Certified Educator Program
- Using the application materials that applicants have uploaded to their portfolio, the ACPE Certified Educator(s) will conduct an initial assessment of each applicant's suitability for admission and potential for becoming an educator. Acceptance into the local program is distinct from acceptance to the ACPE Certification Process.
- When a center has a single candidate and the ACPE Certified Educator has determined that the applicant meets the competencies for admission to the ACPE Certification Process, they will arrange for Part Two of the process to take place.

Any inquiries regarding this policy shall be directed to the Manager, Department of Spiritual Care Services, UCH. Applications will be processed in a timely fashion (304.1).

While UCH and the Center reserve the right to revise curriculum information, requirements, regulations or financial charges at any time, the basic principle of non-discrimination contained in this policy shall remain intact.