

Residency Programs

CPE One-year residency, LIA-LIIB

What: Five to six full-time positions with challenging clinical placements. We have one second-year residency position available each year

Who: Religious/Spiritual leaders with at least one unit of CPE

Focus: Opportunity to deepen vital spiritual care giving skills during crisis and other life-changing moments. Preparation for becoming a professional Board Certified Chaplain

When: A year long program offering three units of CPE beginning Aug. 21, 2028

***Benefits:** Stipend \$44,800. Health and dental insurance available, vacation and sick days and more.

Educator in Training

What: One position addressing supervision and education in the theory and practice of clinical pastoral education

Who: Religious/Spiritual leaders with at least four units of CPE; Master of Divinity degree or equivalency; Demonstrated pastoral competence

Focus: To become an ACPE Certified Educator

When: Program involves a renewable two-year commitment

***Benefits:** Stipend \$53,580. Health and dental insurance available, vacation and sick-days, and more.

*Benefits are subject to final approval

Faculty

- Rev. Israel Mutema, BCC, ACPE Certified Educator
- Rev. Christian Ricker, BCC
- Rev. Marvin Jonasen, BCC
- Rev. Anna Gordon, BCC
- Rev. Megan Pike, BCC
- Rabbi Sam Schauvaney
- Rev. Will Runyon, BCC
- Rev. Chris Davis
- Chaplain Brian Petry
- Chaplain Emily Ronsberg
- Thomas Harter, PhD, Clinical Ethics
- Denise Nicholson, RN, Caritas Coach, Advance Care Planning

About Emplify Health

Emplify Health is comprised of two of the Midwest's most respected healthcare systems, Bellin Health and Gundersen Health System. Once neighbors, we are now partners, united in our mission to provide exceptional care to our communities. As a not-for-profit, patient-centered healthcare network, we have headquarters in Green Bay and La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Our extensive network includes 11 hospitals and more than 100 clinics, serving 67 cities and rural communities across Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota and Michigan's Upper Peninsula. With over 4,500 dedicated nurses and providers, we are committed to delivering primary, specialty and emergency care, along with innovative medical education programs.

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Clinical Pastoral Education

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Clinical Pastoral Education at Emplify Health by Gundersen is an intense training experience, providing diverse experiences in a pluralistic ministry setting. This exciting program prepares its participants for ministry in hospitals, hospices, nursing homes, mental health centers, congregations and other specialized settings.

Participants develop skills and understanding to serve people at life's crossroads—coping with crisis and serious illness, facing change and challenges, confronting aging and dealing with death.

As a chaplain, you are involved in the interdisciplinary care of patients, family members and staff from many different faiths. You will work

closely with our exceptional Spiritual Care faculty and other Emplify Health professionals. CPE residents are assigned to particular units working in tandem with board-certified chaplains.

The faith backgrounds of our faculty and staff reflect the wide-ranging religious and spiritual expressions found throughout the Tri-state Region. We work with community pastors, faith leaders and ministers to care for the religious needs of patients as well as explore ways to offer ministry to people who define themselves as more spiritual than “religious.”

Clinical placements for CPE residents are within the Medical Center, Emergency Services and Palliative Care. CPE residents work closely with dedicated staff chaplain coordinators

and mentors to receive training in our nationally recognized programs. This is just a sampling of why our CPE program is one of the best in the United States.

Our program balances intensity with an emphasis on caring for the self and staff. Students are involved in on-call and crisis ministry with regularly scheduled days off to provide important life/work balance.

Emplify Health by Gundersen is a fully accredited ACPE center offering certified units of Level I and II CPE and Educator CPE. Ordained clergy, religious leaders, seminarians, allied healthcare professionals and lay people are encouraged to apply.

CPE at Emplify Health by Gundersen

Tuition: \$200 per unit because of support from Gundersen Medical Foundation (normal/unit fee \$500)

There is no application fee

Internship programs

Summer CPE internship, 12 weeks

• No summer positions available for 2026 or 2027

Extended CPE internship, 7 months

What: Four to seven part-time positions

Who: Religious/Spiritual leaders, seminarians and lay persons.



Focus: LIA-LIIB Addresses competencies in spiritual care and issues of pastoral identity and integration. Opportunity to use your ministry site as your clinical placement. Interns learn on-call chaplaincy at the Emplify Health by Gundersen hospital in La Crosse working one night every other week 4 p.m. to 8 a.m.

When: Program meets virtually once a week October 7, 2027, through April 28, 2028. Designated in-person meetings during the program include orientation and as needed.

Benefits: Stipend \$750 (subject to approval)

