



SCHOOL OF CLINICAL PASTORAL PSYCHOTHERAPY

Doctor of Theology Degree in Clinical Pastoral Psychotherapy (DTH-CPP)

72 Credits

The Doctor of Theology degree in Clinical Pastoral Psychotherapy is a professional doctorate for experienced professionals who want to translate their expertise into a higher position of credibility, leadership, and influence within the profession.

The Doctorate in Clinical Pastoral Psychotherapy degree program combines taught components with independent research in a student's area of expertise. This is achieved by advanced research skills and specialist knowledge in their area of expertise, so they have not only the ability, but also the confidence, to facilitate change. The fundamental difference between a Ph.D. and a professional doctorate is that while PhDs teach students how to conduct research to create new knowledge that improves the understanding of a field, a professional doctorate teaches a student how to evaluate, synthesize and apply existing knowledge in novel ways to a field.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Student will demonstrate knowledge, skills and dispositions associated with:

- Assessing the current state of knowledge within professional Clinical Pastoral Psychotherapy
- Learn about and use research methods.
- Advocate for changes that support clients, organizations, and community through an action research project. This project enables you to focus on an everyday problem or unmet need and develop a plan for remediating the issue.
- Expanding the body of knowledge within professional Clinical Pastoral Psychotherapy through their research findings.
- Gain skills for designing and implementing programs within chaplaincy departments.

Students will participate in courses, assignments with deadlines, and the opportunity to learn with like-minded professionals. The Program ends with the student writing a dissertation that identifies a topic within Clinical Pastoral Psychotherapy, investigates it through research, and proposes practical solutions. In addition, general suggestions are made as to how others in their field can practically use the research findings, and other problem areas may be identified for future investigation.

Doctorate-level courses combine taught components with independent research in a student's area of expertise. Students will be challenged and encouraged to utilize specialist knowledge and advanced research skills in each course to evaluate, synthesize, and apply their learning to the field of professional Clinical Pastoral Psychotherapy.



Prerequisite: Master's degree

Academic Requirements: 72 credits total

10 required core courses (10 x 3 credits)	30 credits
4 required CPE units (1600 hours CPE each) (4 x6 credits)	24 credits
1 required Dissertation Writing Course	3 credits
1 required capstone dissertation paper	15 credits

Required Core Courses: 10 courses / 30 credits

- CP421 Human Development/3 credits
- CP422 Spiritual and Pastoral Counseling for Individuals/3 credits
- CP423 Premarital and Family Counseling from a Spiritual Perspective /3 credits
- CP424 Spiritual Small Group Ministries /3 credits
- CP425 Spiritual Assessment and Evaluation /3 credits
- CP426 Spirituality and Mental Illness/3 credits
- CP427 Spiritual Competencies in Practice: Research and Evaluation /3 credits
- CP428 Spirituality and Care Ethics/3 credits
- CP429 Clinical Pastoral Psychotherapy/3 credits
- CP430 Spiritual Competencies in Practice: Research & Evaluation

Required Graduate Practicums: 4 courses /24 credits

- CPE521 Clinical Pastoral Education / 6 Credits
- CPE522 Clinical Pastoral Education / 6 Credits
- CPE523 Clinical Pastoral Education / 6 Credits
- CPE524 Clinical Pastoral Education / 6 Credits

Required Dissertation Writing Course: 1 course /3 credits

- DD422 Doctoral Project and Dissertation Writing/3 credits

Required Capstone Dissertation Paper: 15 credits

- Optional WL421: Doctoral Thesis Writing Lab (not for credit)

Course Modality: Asynchronous Online and Hybrid Practicum Clinicals