The San Francisco Night Ministry (SFNM) announces a full-time summer intensive unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) training in Summer 2020. Anyone who has a four-year degree or equivalent, an earnest engagement with a spiritual community, tradition or practice, and a heart of service is welcome to apply.

CPE is spiritual care training in a clinical context. Students use CPE for personal and professional formation. Many hospices and hospitals require spiritual care professionals to complete at least one unit of CPE. SFNM is fully accredited by the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education (www.acpe.edu).

For more information: go to “CPE Program” on www.sfnightministry.org

SFNM offers a unique clinical context: spiritual care on the streets of San Francisco. Students will practice a “ministry of presence” and deep listening with the most marginalized populations, mostly during the night.

This intensive unit of CPE will run from June 1st – August 14th, 2020. It includes an average of 40 hours per week of clinical and education time. Clinical hours are mostly late night hours. Educational hours will occur during the day, with group time and seminars scheduled into two afternoons.

SFNM offers the opportunity to learn about grass-roots nonprofits and ministry in the digital age. Students will acquire skills for social media outreach and community building. Upon admission, students will launch a peer-to-peer fundraising campaign for SFNM. All students will participate in CPE regardless of reaching their fundraising goal. Upon successful completion of the program, students will receive a stipend of $1000.

Rev. Trent J. Thornley is an ACPE Associate Certified Educator, an ordained minister of the Metropolitan Community Churches, and an ordained Buddhist Dharma Leader in the tradition of Anam Thubten.

Accepting Applications Now


Send your completed application and $35 processing fee payable to “San Francisco Night Ministry” to: Rev. Trent Thornley, San Francisco Night Ministry, 1031 Franklin Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. Direct questions to trent@sfnightministry.org. Apply early to secure a spot in this rolling admissions process.

SFNM does not discriminate against persons because of race, gender, age, faith group, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability.

“What will you do with your one wild and precious life?” - Mary Oliver