

Doctor of Ministry in Spiritual Care Education and Leadership

The Doctor of Ministry degree program at Union Theological Seminary provides advanced education and training in supervisory clinical spiritual care for persons who work within multicultural, interreligious and clinical spaces. The program welcomes students pursuing certification as CPE (clinical pastoral education) Supervisors, as well as supervisors interested in enhancing their training and seeking to be credentialed as ACPE National Faculty. Those interested in an education in spiritual care as they discern a path toward CPE supervision or a similar position may also find this program of value.



D.Min. students and Professor George Fitchett gather during the 2018 two-week residency.

The fully accredited degree program aims to:

1. Develop analytical, spiritual care, and practical professional competencies and skills.
2. Develop an appropriate personal and professional ethic in keeping with sound organizational principles, high ethical standards and mature conduct in the professional of spiritual care and supervision.
3. Develop a theologically informed, contextually attuned and integrated understanding of the nature, purposes, theories and practices in the specialized area of Supervisory Clinical Spiritual Care Education.
4. Develop the ability to demonstrate the capacity to function as an independent and competent educator/leader in all of the areas defined by the new ACPE Certification process.



“Getting this knowledge, bringing it to the hospital and teaching it to our externs and our residents—how they can implement it in the workspace—has been awe-inspiring. It helped me in getting my position, and has enhanced our relationship with doctors and other care providers.”

- Tiffany Redmond,
Chaplain at Palmetto Health, SC

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The program director is **Rabbi Jeffery M. Silberman**, DMin, DD (pictured below, far right). Rabbi Silberman is Director of Spiritual Care and Education at Yale New Haven Health at Bridgeport Hospital. He has been a Board-Certified Chaplain and an ACPE Certified Educator for thirty years. Rabbi Silberman was the founding President of the NAJC and was the first rabbi to become an ACPE Supervisor.



Faculty

Candidates in Union's Doctor of Ministry degree program will learn from a number of religious leaders and experts in the clinical spiritual care field, including several members of Union's full-time faculty. The D.Min. instructional staff includes (from left) Dr. Mary Boys, Rev. Dr. Pamela Cooper-White, Rev. Dr. Sam Cruz, Dr. George Fitchett, and Rev. Meigs Ross. Throughout the program, the faculty will guide student instruction, supervise the D.Min. final project, and serve in mentorship roles.

Courses focus on the conceptual knowledge central to CPE supervision

The Doctor of Ministry degree is a 42-credit hybrid degree with three two-week intensive residencies (one a year, held in August) and two online courses offered in each of the fall and spring terms. The course work totals 36 credits, and a thesis or project (6 credits) completes the program. Courses will be taught by Union Theological Seminary faculty, complemented by experienced adjunct professors.

Online Courses

Candidates for the D.Min. program do not need prior experience with online education, nor do they need to possess sophisticated technological skills. Online courses require access to a computer with a camera, internet access, headphones, and a microphone (usually built into computer).

Tuition

Tuition for the Doctor of Ministry is \$705 per credit. Modest scholarship help may be available.

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