

# SPIRITUAL CARE TRAINING PROGRAM MCGILL UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTRE



## CLINICAL EDUCATION FOR SPIRITUAL CARE\*

Association of Spiritual Care Professionals of Quebec (ASCPQ)

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The program is designed to develop and increase competency in spiritual care and spiritual accompaniment. It is based on an action-reflection educational model. The participants learn through the practice of spiritual care, supervision and interaction in a group of their peers.

### The Spiritual Care Service

Spiritual Care is integrated into all levels of the hospital's life. Our non-denominational approach reflects an emphasis on whole-person care.

### Objectives

- To develop communication skills in the practice of spiritual care.
- To grow in the understanding of spiritual needs.
- To achieve greater self-awareness in one's professional functioning + practice.
- To integrate theological concepts with the art of spiritual care.
- To integrate human sciences into the practice of spiritual accompaniment.

### L'AISSQ / ASCPQ

Education programs accredited by l'ASCPQ/AISSQ are recognized by CAPPE/ACPEP (Canadian Association for Pastoral Practice and Education) as a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education.

### The program is comprised of a variety of learning experiences:

- **Direct Patient Involvement:** Each student is assigned to a clinical area and will also be part of the on-call rotation. This may include some evenings and weekends.
- **Verbatim:** Written reports of spiritual care interventions for discussion, analysis and evaluation in a peer group setting.
- **Didactic seminars:** designed to provide formal input by resource persons on a wide scope of issues faced in spiritual care.
- **Growth groups:** focus on the student's personhood with the intention of facilitating personal and professional growth and insight, within the context of a caring and supportive peer group.
- **Individual supervisory sessions:** for the purpose of examining any aspect of the student's work.
- **Reading and written assignments for self-reflection:** require time outside course hours.

### Application

The program is open to people of all faiths. Previous university courses in theology and human sciences are a pre-requisite. Normally, a Bachelors or equivalent in Theology or Religious Sciences is expected (equivalencies will be considered). Upon receiving the completed application, qualified candidates will be invited to a selection interview.



### Fall/Winter: *Extended Unit*

30 weeks - 2 days/wk –  
Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00 to 16:00 + On Call hours  
mid-September 2010 to mid-April 2011

### Program Supervisor

Robert Lambert, D.min.  
Teaching Supervisor, AISSQ

### Language

This program is conducted in English and French. Candidates must be functional in both languages.

### Fees and University Affiliation

The program is accredited by the Faculté de théologie de l'Université de Montréal and students will pay the fees for 12 credits directly to the University. A further non-refundable fee of \$400.00 is payable to the hospital one month before the first day of the program; this covers accreditation of the program by ASCPQ/AISSQ and administrative costs to the hospital.

### Return application to:

MUHC - Royal Victoria Hospital  
Spiritual Care Services  
687 Pine Avenue West, M6.04  
Montreal (Quebec) H3A 1A1  
Tel: 514 934-1934 ext. 34163  
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\* This program is also known as Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) throughout Canada and the U.S.