

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

**1. *Why should I take CPE?***

For those involved in ministry, CPE is an invaluable learning tool. It will help you learn to be more reflective and will increase your effectiveness in ministry, teaching, and healthcare.

**2. *How many students are accepted for each unit?***

A typical unit has eight students, sometimes divided into two groups according to the number of previous units completed.

**3. *How much clinical experience will I get?***

Each unit includes both classroom and clinical work. You will take call regularly, both weeknight call and 24-hour weekend call. You will do a minimum of 300 clinical hours, in addition to a minimum of 100 classwork.

**4. *Can I work or go to school while taking CPE?***

Many students take classes or work part-time during an extended unit. However, if you are taking the intensive summer unit, we recommend that you devote your entire time to CPE.

**5. *What is the difference in an intensive (full-time) CPE unit and an extended unit?***

An intensive unit consists of 40 hours/week at the hospital and in the classroom for ten weeks. An extended unit is spread out over 16 weeks. Loma Linda offers two extended units and one intensive unit each year.

**6. *What should I know about Loma Linda University Health? (LLUH)***

LLUH is a faith-based educational institution and health care facility. It is comprised of 6 schools and six hospitals. Students are assigned at the adult medical center, the children's hospital, east campus hospital, and surgical hospital. LLUH's mission is to continue the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus Christ; our motto is to make man whole. Each year, we welcome students from many faith traditions to our CPE program.

**7. *Do you have a residency program?***

We hope to have one shortly.

**8. *What are the dates of the upcoming units?***

To obtain program dates, please contact the Chaplain Services Department at 909-558-4367 for upcoming class schedules.

**9. *What is the cost for each CPE unit?***

There is a \$25 non-refundable application fee; a \$600 tuition fee per unit when completing the clinical hours within LLUH; and a \$1,000 tuition fee per unit when completing the clinical hours outside LLUH.