

***“Without CPE I would be less confident
and competent in my ministry.”***
— CPE Student

Distance Learning Collaborative

CPE is offered to pastors from both CRC and RCA churches in communities throughout the continent. Two communities each year will be identified and a group of six pastors in each community will learn and work together in congregational ministries.

Pine Rest will provide CPE seminars, group sharing, and personal supervision through distance learning technology via a digital platform developed for the project.

***“Through Pine Rest CPE I developed my
pastoral identity with meaning and depth;
it has brought me alive in my ministry,
identity and work.”***
— CPE Student

Supervisor

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Karl is ordained in the
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and my functioning as a pastor.”***
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The Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program is designed to train participants in pastoral care ministry through:

- Active engagement in ministry for at least 16 hours per week
- Reflection on ministry experience
- Assimilation of learning into ongoing ministry

Opportunities for clinical reflections occur one day a week for up to 24 weeks in:

- Group settings
- Individual supervision
- Seminars with professionals from other disciplines

CRC and RCA Collaboration

Pine Rest CPE program serves as an excellent forum for Christian Reformed Church (CRC) and Reformed Church in America (RCA) seminary students, ministerial candidates, and congregational pastors to learn together, work together, and support each other in ministry. Pine Rest, the CRC, the RCA, their seminaries, and their directors of ministerial candidacy are collaborating to achieve the following outcomes:

- Improve the lives of parishioners in CRC/RCA churches through improved pastoral leadership and pastoral care skills of clergy.
- Develop close bonds of friendship and collegiality between RCA/CRC clergy that can lead to improved denominational collaboration.
- Reduce clergy turnover through improved self-awareness and self-care.

Prerequisites

One year in an accredited seminary, or other accredited college or university theological program, or equivalent experience in a ministry setting, a completed application, and an admission interview.



Pine Rest CPE

Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services has been providing CPE for 45 years. CPE helps pastors and seminarians develop pastoral care skills, self-awareness, and spiritual leadership. Pine Rest's program is nationally accredited.

The CPE program offers seminars about pastoral care as well as experiential learning. A key program component is the time spent in small group discussions. Led by a CPE Supervisor, participants discuss their ministry interactions, what they are learning about themselves and their ministry, and their understanding of the pastor's leadership role in the congregation. These sessions create strong often lifelong bonds with others in the program.

"I count my CPE experience as one of the, if not the, most important experience I had while at seminary."
— CPE Student

Fees

Participants who are not able to pay the full cost of tuition are encouraged to seek financial assistance from others, i.e. their congregation, denomination, seminary and others, to put together a financial assistance package.

Application fee: \$75

An application fee of \$75 is submitted with application.

Tuition: \$1,000

The tuition cost for each unit of CPE is \$1,000.

Need based scholarships are available from Pine Rest for seminarians.