

PEDIATRIC CHAPLAINS INSTITUTE

The Pediatric Chaplains Institute desires to enhance the spiritual care of children and families in health care settings by offering continuing education to improve the quality of professional development in pediatric chaplaincy.

In Partnership with:



What is the PCI Intensive Training?

PCI training is a program that includes information essential for spiritual caregivers working with children and their families in pediatric health care settings. The Training Sessions are primarily interactive and multi-focal: presentation, small group, individual. Creative use of audio/visual materials emphasizes the learning objectives. Objectives center around not only developing knowledge and skill, but competency in application. Students are encouraged to share/teach from their experiences.

The PCI curriculum is delivered through four- six (4-6) weeks of asynchronous and group eLearning and a capstone in-person intensive week on-site. Curriculum topics include deep exploration of:

- Learning to identify spiritual strengths and spiritual distress
- Developing an understanding of, and skills related to, spiritual assessment
- Age-specific competencies: physical, emotional, spiritual development and related spiritual needs/assessment (Infancy, Toddlers, School-Age, Adolescence)
- Medical ethics
- Adverse childhood experiences & Trauma Informed Care
- Death/dying/grief/loss
- Professional boundaries, staff care and self-care
- Practical application through simulations with standardized patients

Who will benefit from this training:

- Chaplains in their first position, after completing 4 units of Clinical Pastoral Education
- Experienced chaplains who are new to working in a pediatric clinical setting
- Experienced pediatric chaplains who are looking to refresh their training in the essential elements of pediatric chaplaincy
- When you are willing and able to commit to the full process of training of Six (6) Weeks eLearning + One (1) Week In-person, On Site

Participants are expected to participate in the pre-Intensive learning modules and group discussions and attend all in-person Intensive sessions. Tuition assistance is available by application. A Certificate of Completion will be presented when all course requirements have been fulfilled. ** Please note: this is not a certification program. **

2024 PCI Faculty

- Patrick Jinks, Dean, Prisma Health Children's Hospital, Greenville, SC
- Mark Bartel, Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, Orlando, FL
- Kathleen Ennis-Durstine, Children's National Medical Center, Washington, DC
- Eliza Leatherberry, Advocate Children's Hospital, Oak Lawn, IL
- Jamez Terry, Providence Health and Services, Anchorage, Ak
- James Denham, Texas Children's, Houston, TX

About the Pediatric Chaplains Institute

The Pediatric Chaplains Institute (PCI) of hosted its first week-long intensive training in 2007. Since then, more than 200 chaplains from more than 70 institutions, 31 states, the District of Columbia, one Canadian province, and international students from Brazil, Columbia, and Germany have attended the PCI!

Originally hosted by Arkansas Children's Hospital, the training moved to Children's National Medical Center in Washington, DC beginning with the 2014 session, and to Birmingham, AL in 2018.

Prior to 2007, members of the PCN began a relationship with the Wilbert Foundation which included sponsorship of the curriculum development team and support of this exciting new endeavor. Wilbert recognized that chaplaincy in the pediatric realm is complex and wanted to participate in the work of preparing new chaplains in pediatric settings. Their generous donations over the years continue to provide both development opportunities and scholarships for attendees.

The Pediatric Chaplains Network has consistently supported and encouraged the work of the PCI. In partnership, PCN and PCI are wholly committed to providing excellent education and mentoring to all pediatric chaplains.