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The Pastoral Care Specialist Training Program

2005 – 2006

Application – The Pastoral Care Specialist Training Program 2005-2006

Name: _____ Email: _____
Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____
Your Denomination/Religious Affiliation: _____

Please include:

- a. Resume or vitae including listing of educational credentials
- b. One page description of your current ministry
- c. Brief paragraph giving reasons for your interest in this program
- d. Statement of endorsement of your care ministry on letterhead by a designated administrative leader of your congregation or religious community
- e. \$100 check for nonrefundable program deposit payable to **CCCG**

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What Is Offered

Pastoral Care Specialist (PCS) is a general membership category offered by the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. Preparation for this level of membership requires a minimum of 50 hours of specialized training on topics examining a variety of pastoral care and supportive pastoral counseling modalities. The Care and Counseling Center of Georgia (CCCG) offers a nine month program fulfilling the education and training necessary for PCS.

How Is It Structured

The PCS program is offered as a 51 hour training course meeting biweekly for 17 weeks beginning in September and finishing in May. Meetings are held at CCCG and are scheduled for Friday mornings from 9:00 to 12:00 on the first and third Fridays of each month beginning September 16, 2005. The program is administered and directed by pastoral counselors of CCCG.

Each meeting will follow a similar format of didactic presentation and facilitated discussion. Participants are encouraged to bring to the discussions particular situations from their own pastoral care experience that relate to ongoing topics of group concern. The course will concentrate on the integrating of practical skills for ministry with an enhanced ability for pastoral theological reflection.

Presentation topics center upon a variety of pastoral concerns such as suicide, mental health problems, crisis intervention, grief and loss. Issues of pastoral diagnosis and referral will also be examined. Special attention is given to the person of the caregiver as a resource and sometimes hindrance in the work of care giving.

How Much Does It Cost

The cost of the PCS program is \$1250 for 17 meetings over the course of the training year. An application and nonrefundable deposit of \$100 is required to secure a class position. The maximum number of participants accepted for any program year is twelve and a minimum of seven participants is required in order to organize the class.

What You Will Receive

At the end of the program participants will receive a certificate of training that can be submitted to AAPC as part of an application for the PCS designation. The biweekly meetings throughout the course will provide a place for professional consultation and continuing education offering rich opportunities for personal growth in skills and pastoral identity. You will complete this program having gained an enhanced ability to reflect upon your ministry along with a deeper understanding of your gifts and graces for offering pastoral care and supportive pastoral counseling to your congregation.

How Do I Apply

Acceptance into this program requires:

- a. Endorsement of applicant's care ministry within their local religious community.
- b. A willingness to covenant with other program participants for confidentiality, mutual support and consistent meeting attendance for the length of the training.
- c. Submission of a completed application including a check for the course deposit.

For further information you can contact Skip Johnson, Ph.D., CCCG Training Director at (404) 636-1457 ext. 437 or via email at sjohnson@cccgeorgia.org.