

CONTRACT/FLEX CHAPLAIN

Position Summary

The Contract/Flex chaplain supports the spiritual, emotional, physical and social needs of patients, families and associates by providing skilled pastoral care. The Contract/Flex chaplain assists individuals with spiritual and emotional integration of their current health crises/or situation by engaging the other in an encounter with the Sacred in the midst of their experience.

Essential Functions

1. To provide pastoral ministry to individuals at their point of need and to assist them in the spiritual and emotional integration of their current crises.
 - a. With the patient, by providing appropriate intervention at the time of crises.
 - b. With the family, by tending to the dynamics and effect of the patient's illness on the family system.
 - c. At the time of codes, crises, death, end of life issues, chronic illness or pain, referrals or direct requests.
 - d. Through the means of sacramental care, individual counsel, spiritual direction, prayer, appropriate to the individual(s).

Minimum Education:

A bachelor's degree preferable and some theological/pastoral training. One unit of CPE. Previous experience as a volunteer chaplain.

Required Knowledge:

- Pastoral theology that is contemporary, functional and integrated into professional practice.
- Medical/ethical issues and foundational principles
- Spiritual and emotional issues encountered in the health care setting.

Required Skills:

- Ability to be self-reflective, have a clear sense of personal identity, and well grounded in a relationship to God, self and others.
- Ability to relate to and communicate with others.
- Ability to function effectively under stress, to cope with crises situations and to respond creatively to a multiplicity of challenges.

- Ability to understand and help others discover meaning in the experiences of suffering, grief and loss.
- Ability to provide intensive pastoral care to persons in various life situations and crises circumstances.
- Capacity for intervening in acute situations.