SA11: Advancing Chaplain Research Literacy  
April 23, 2016, 2:00-3:15  

Today’s Outline

1. Overview Transforming Chaplaincy initiatives.
2. Provide chaplains with information about our Fellowship programs and introduce our first cohort of CPE Curriculum Development Grant recipients.
3. Describe current resources that will assist NACC members in completing research-oriented continuing education.
4. Describe opportunities for all members of NACC to develop research literacy through Transforming Chaplaincy’s forthcoming online courses.
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- Neshama—the Association for Jewish Chaplains
- The Association for Professional Chaplains
- The Association for Clinical Pastoral Education
The aim of the Transforming Chaplaincy project is to better equip hospital chaplains to use research to guide, evaluate and advocate for the spiritual care they provide.
TRANSFORMING CHAPLAINCY
Promoting Research Literacy for Improved Patient Outcomes

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3 Core Project Activities
• 16 Templeton Chaplain Research Fellowships
• Research literacy curriculum development grants to 70 CPE residency program
• Free online continuing education Introduction to Research course for members of chaplaincy organizations

Together these initiatives will create over 800 research literate chaplains strengthening understandings of religion, spirituality and health and transforming chaplaincy as a profession.

Phase 1 – July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016
Phase 2 – July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2019

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TC Activity 1: Fellowships

- The Fellowship program will pay for 16 board-certified healthcare chaplains to complete a two-year Master of Science or Master of Public Health in epidemiology, biostatistics, or public health.
Fellowship Benefits

• Full tuition and associated program fees
• Yearly stipend
  – $45,032 Year 1, Cohort 2
• Yearly conference funds and travel costs
  – Kickoff conference scheduled July 27-29, 2016 in Chicago
• Support for select Fellows to conduct original research
Fellowship Applications

• Application resource documents on our website
  – Fellows Application
    • Overview of program, timeline, and application content
  – Fellows FAQs
    • Answers to specific questions about employment, specific degrees, board certification, etc.
  – Employer Letter
    • Outline of how the Fellowship offers opportunities to build an evidence-based chaplaincy department
  – Fellow Requirements
    • Summary of Fellow expectations once invited to the program
## Cohort 2 Timeline

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<td>Applicant confirm acceptance</td>
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TC Activity 2: Online Continuing Ed for Chaplains

• Course: *Religion, Spirituality and Health: An Introduction to Research*

• Cost: Available at no charge to members of NACC and the other major professional chaplaincy and pastoral education organizations.
## Online Course Timeline

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Single Centers

- Academic Medical Centers: 10
- Faith-based: 5
- Community Hospital: 1
- Psychiatric Hospital: 1
- VA Medical Ctr: 1
- Counseling Center: 1
Other Creative Projects

• Collaborations
  – Between Multiple CPE Centers and a Seminary in Denver
  – Between Unrelated CPE Centers in Dallas
TC Activity 3: CPE Curriculum Development Grants

• Two-year $5,000 Curriculum Development Grants will be awarded to 70 ACPE-accredited Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) programs
  – To support incorporation of research literacy education in their curricula
    • 35 programs in Cohort 1 (awarded July 2016)
    • 35 programs in Cohort 2 (awarded July 2017)
Meeting the NACC Continuing Education Requirements

- Specific research CEs are not required by NACC
- Hours spent in research CEs will be accepted by NACC
- Options for research CEs*
  - Attend Webinar Journal Clubs
  - Read research articles
  - Attend a research conference presentation

*See our handout *Research about Spiritual Care Provided by Health Care Chaplains*
Resources & Contact Info

• [www.researchliteratechaplaincy.org](http://www.researchliteratechaplaincy.org)  
  – Sign up for our email list and Twitter to receive project-related announcements and updates

• Questions? You are welcome to contact:  
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