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105.4 and 304.9 - Pastoral Context – Client Population SCHS

One of the strengths of the ACPE program at the SCHS. is the variety of institutional settings where students learn the art of spiritual care. The two primary hospitals in this system are St. Vincent Charity Medical Center and St. John Medical Center. Other placement sites have included institutions supported by Catholic Charities and Lutheran Chaplaincy Services. We have established a placement sites for students from Stark County at Mercy Medical Center and Regina Health Care Center operated by the SCHS.

St. Vincent Charity Medical Center provides the home base for the ACPE Program. It is licensed for more than 400 beds. It is well known for its Bariatric Surgery, Mental Health, Orthopedic Surgery and providing healthcare to those without financial resources, as well as a center for medical education. Other unique services include the Center for Bloodless Surgery meeting the special medical needs of Jehovah's Witnesses, Rosary Hall which meets the needs of those with addictions, and renal dialysis.

St. John Medical Center is a suburban hospital licensed for 200 beds serving the middle class western communities of Cleveland. There are a number of clinical specialties, in addition to the typical medical-surgical areas, which include adult and pediatric urgent care, rehabilitation, renal dialysis, and obstetrics.

A number of other hospitals have served as placement sites for extended ACPE students. They include: Mercy Medical Center, Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, South West Medical Center, and Hillcrest Hospital. Pastoral Care policies for each hospital are in the ACPE Supervisor's Office and your supervisor can give you more details about each placement site.

In 2005, a contract was established with Walsh University in North Canton, Ohio to be an accredited Satellite Center, beginning in January 2006. Walsh University is a Catholic University founded by the Brothers of Christian Instruction. The Brothers of Christian Instruction live out their commitment to Jesus as men who take the Gospel seriously. Their vowed life, with the person of Jesus as focal point, makes them available to meet today's needs, particularly those of Christian education. At this time, the Walsh University Satellite is seeking new ACPE leadership and is not currently accepting students.

Walsh University is accredited by the North Central Association/Higher Learning Commission; National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission; Ohio Department of Education; Ohio Board of Counseling & Social Work, and American Physical Therapy Association. Walsh University offers a number of undergraduate degrees and they have graduate programs in Education, Physical Therapy, Business Administration, Counseling and Human Development and Theology. They provide classroom space and an excellent library with over 136,268 volumes, 605 subscriptions (paper & microfilm), 1,423 audio visual and electronic media as well as providing all library resources via the Internet. Currently they have over 1800 undergraduate students and 325 graduate students.

The addition of Walsh University has increased the educational resources and learning possibilities for students. Together these partners, placement sites and satellite centers serve the pastoral care education needs of students in Cuyahoga, Stark and the surrounding counties. They make use of the placement sites Mercy Medical Center. The System Supervisor has Pastoral

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Care Policies and more details about these placement sites for residents and interns at the Walsh Satellite Center even though .

In 2009, the SCHS moved forward with an initiative in the area of pastoral education to become an ACPE System and offer ACPE throughout the System. This includes Providence Hospitals, a SCHS institution located in downtown Columbia, South Carolina since 1938. There are a number of clinical specialties to include: orthopedics, internal medicine, ophthalmology, emergency medicine, nuclear medicine, maternity care, rehabilitation services, chronic wound treatment and occupational medicine. Providence Hospitals serves the spiritual needs of Providence Downtown and Providence Northeast. In 2008, Providence Hospitals hired a fully certified ACPE Supervisor to establish this newest component to the SCHS ACPE Program.

304.9 and 306 - Pastoral Context – Environment for Learning at SCHS

SCHS is the new name of the CSA Health System (CSAHS), which originated in France and came to Cleveland, Ohio in 1851. The Sisters of Charity of St. Augustine are a mission driven community of religious woman who minister to the underserved. They have established orphanages, education programs, health care, and alcohol/drug addiction recovery programs to further holistic ministries as they continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Today, the SCHS is made up of administrative units, hospitals and long-term health facilities in Ohio and South Carolina.

Since 1997, as part of their educational mission, an ACPE program was conducted as a partnership of two SCHS hospitals: St. John Medical Center and St. Vincent Charity Medical Center. The history of this program began in 1985 at St. Luke's Hospital, which is now closed. As the program matured and gained stability, it has grown to offer Level I, II and Supervisory ACPE. Hospitals have become clinic sites and a satellite was established at Walsh University. ACPE staffing has followed a creative model and now includes two ACPE Supervisors. As part of their mission the SCHS felt that the ACPE program should be offered to all the hospitals in their health system. This development continues to further the SCHS and ACPE mission to education persons to provide spiritual care throughout SCHS and many other institutions where our graduates minister.

It is the policy of the SCHS that all people are considered important whether or not they have the resources to pay for their medical care. An environment of care is upheld in each of our settings. This attitude extends to the staff as well, where valuing the contribution of all is a guiding principle. Human dignity and growth are held as important values by all staff.

Students are seen in light of the Mission, Vision and Values of the partnership. It is understood that students serve the spiritual needs of patients and staff, while learning about themselves as caregivers. Thus, learning to be good caregivers is a goal that the staff and administration support.

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303.3 Opportunities for Professional Interchange in 2007 at SCHS

Students have a number of opportunities for professional interchange at this center. Each student is assigned to a unit for no less than six months. During this time they build relationships with the nursing staff, social workers and physicians who care for patients on that unit. Students are encouraged to attend nursing rounds on the unit where they are assigned.

The students relate to the Pastoral Care Staff at their assigned sites. Each intern and resident is provided with a staff contact person who serves as a mentor. The pastoral care staffs at each site meet regularly for scheduling, education and mutual support. Once a year, the residents and extended students are invited to attend an annual retreat of SCHS chaplains where they have an opportunity to interact with chaplains in a variety of settings.

The curriculum has a number of regularly scheduled programs that enhance the students learning. Professional ethics are taught through interdisciplinary sessions that meet at least ten times each year. The Zella Hall Ethics Lectures presents issues relevant to the medical setting. Issues have dealt with poverty, prejudice and questions that are current in the medical field. In addition, two telephone ethics discussions happen each year.

Students have a number of learning opportunities that focus on different issues each year. The SCHS has a Fall Pastoral Care Retreat. As we are able, students attend conferences in the area that enhance their learning. These opportunities enhance the learning and curriculum.

During the second unit of the residency program in Cleveland, pastoral care residents join with medical residents in a ten-week Communications Seminar. Richard Christie, MD conducts this seminar. These seminars provide direct communication between the medical and pastoral care residents. This interdisciplinary educational series provides an opportunity for physicians and chaplains in training to learn about the each other's role healthcare and facilitate greater interdisciplinary communication.

A number of didactics are scheduled during each unit to meet the needs of the learning group. Presenters have shared topics to include Native American spirituality, hospice, mental health concerns and other topics. Students are encouraged to attend a variety of seminars that are offered throughout the hospital. Students experience a rich environment for learning they are encouraged to participate on a regular basis.