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Centra, a regional, not-for-profit health care system located in the heart of Central Virginia and serving southwest VA, is comprised of Lynchburg General Hospital, Virginia Baptist Hospital, Southside Community Hospital, Bedford Memorial Hospital, Gretna Medical Center and a wide range of other health care services. With more than 8,000 skilled health care professionals, this twice re-designated Magnet facility provides comprehensive medical care in a variety of settings including emergency medicine, critical care, cardiology, orthopedics, intensive care, pediatrics, neurology, mental health, birthing, neo-natal services, home health care, palliative care, hospice and congregational health.

CENTRA DEPARTMENT OF PASTORAL CARE

The mission of Centra's Department of Pastoral Care and Education is to provide excellent spiritual, emotional, and religious support to the patients, residents, families, and staff of Centra. In addition, we are also committed to providing quality education for persons in professional chaplaincy and ministry.

In 2003 Centra celebrated fifty years of Pastoral Care Ministry. The Department of Pastoral Care and Education is directed by a Certified ACPE Educator with Board Certified Staff Chaplains, Relief Chaplains, Chaplain Residents and Chaplain Interns covering Centra Lynchburg General, Centra Virginia Baptist, Centra Southside Community Hospital, Centra Bedford Memorial Hospital and Centra Hospice. The Department’s Congregational Health program is coordinated by a Master Prepared Registered Nurse. This large staff offers students a diverse array of mentors, colleagues, and peers.

Additionally, interaction with Centra’s College of Nursing, Lynchburg Family Practice Residency, Pharmacy Residency Program, and Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine exemplify Centra’s commitment to be a medical teaching organization, offering challenging and rewarding opportunities for CPE residents to augment their educational experience, interdisciplinary team learning, and pastoral ministry.

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CPE was first offered at Virginia Baptist from 1963-1973. After a hiatus of almost 30 years, CPE was reestablished at Centra as a satellite of The University of Virginia before becoming fully accredited with ACPE, Inc. in 2013. There is a Manager for the CPE program who is responsible for administration of the program and works in conjunction with the Director.

The CPE Program offers Level 1 and 2 CPE through an Internship and a Residency program. The Residency program allows a student to complete 4 semesters of CPE in a year while the Intern program is designed for part-time students. Generally, the residency begins during the last week of August and ends the first week of September with some overlap for orientation. Application materials are received throughout the year. Residents receive a stipend and a full benefits package. The primary work is in the acute care setting of the hospital but Residents are also able to obtain a specialty in mental health, palliative and hospice care.