



# ALBERTA SUPERVISED PASTORAL EDUCATION COMMUNIQUE

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## **WHAT IS SPE AND CPE?**

Supervised Pastoral Education is described in the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care Manual as "an experience-based approach to learning spiritual care and counselling which combines care with qualified supervision and group reflection." Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) is an adult-learning modality that utilizes clinical work, classroom/group teaching/learning and individual supervision for personal and professional development of the student. CPE has been offered in Alberta for over 40 years. In those 40 years, CPE has seen periods of growth, decline, and even near death. What has happened since the near death of CPE in 2014? **Read on...**

## **CHANGES IN GROWTH**

It has been more than three years since the last communeque went out in June of 2016, with many changes happening since. The past three years have seen the continual collaboration and dedication of time and expertise shared by our placement partners comprised of six theological colleges in Alberta (see Table 2), six Supervisor-Educators (see Table 4), and the Alberta Consortium for Supervised Pastoral Education (AC-SPE) Steering Committee members (see Table 1). Perhaps the greatest resource and strength for the AC-SPE program is the consistent support and administrative oversight of the AC-SPE Steering Committee members.

**TABLE 1: AC-SPE PROGRAM STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

1.	Mr. Augustine Parattukudi	Associate Chair of Psychotherapy and Spirituality, St. Stephen's College (Edmonton)
2.	Ms. Bonnie Tejada	Covenant Health, Director of Mission and Spirituality (Edmonton)
3.	Dr. Darlene Pranke	Supervisor-Educator (Edmonton) and AC-SPE Program Coordinator (Provincial)
4.	Dr. Fred Tappenden	Instructor and Dean, St. Stephen's College (Edmonton)
5.	Dr. Jo-Ann Badley	Instructor and Dean, Ambrose University (Calgary)
6.	Rev. Karen Hansen	Covenant Health, Spiritual Care Manager, Acute Care (Edmonton)
7.	Rev. Kathy Marshall-Spate	Supervisor-Educator (Calgary) & Senior Practice Consultant, Spiritual Care, Provincial Spiritual Health Care Team, Allied Health Professional Practice & Education, Health Professions Strategy & Practice
8.	Mr. Kris Knutson	Executive Director, The Mustard Seed (Edmonton)
9.	Rev. Paul Bergen	Alberta Health Services, Spiritual Care Manager (Edmonton)
10.	Dr. Zinia Pritchard	Practice Director, Provincial Spiritual Care, Manager Provincial Spiritual Health Care Team, Allied Health Professional Practice & Education, Health Professions Strategy & Practice

**TABLE 2: SIX THEOLOGICAL COLLEGES AND PLACEMENT PARTNERS**

1.	Ambrose University (Calgary)
2.	Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary and College (Cochrane)
3.	Concordia Lutheran Seminary (Edmonton)
4.	Newman Theological College (Edmonton)
5.	St. Stephen's College (Edmonton)
6.	Taylor Seminary (Edmonton)

**TABLE 3: GROWTH IN NUMBERS OF CPE IN ALBERTA**

12 Program Offerings (Calgary and Edmonton) from 2015 to 2019
101 Students (Calgary and Edmonton)
<b>17 Placement Sites:</b> - 5 Alberta Health Services, Calgary (includes Palliative Home Care) - 4 Alberta Health Services, Edmonton - 1 Alberta Health Services, Red Deer - 1 Bethany Care Society, Calgary - 5 Covenant Health, Edmonton - 1 Mustard Seed, Edmonton (Community Setting)

The AC-SPE program is now "thriving" and has even become a national leader in the uniqueness of its program, being the only provincial program and the only program in Canada that offers a Preceptorship course. See Table 3 above for it's volume and growth.

Another innovation of the AC-SPE Program has been the placement of a student in a community agency. In Alberta, placement of CPE students has historically been in the healthcare sector, but, in 2016, Bethany Care Society took their first student. In 2018, the AC-SPE Program followed through on its vision to formalize CPE offerings into the community to include specialized settings that offer spiritual care to vulnerable populations. Another student placement occurred at The Mustard Seed (Edmonton) in 2019 and Palliative Home Care (Calgary) also trialed their first student in 2019.

## TABLE 4: SUPERVISOR-EDUCATORS

Mr. Blaine Allan (Edmonton)	Certified
Rev. Brent Watts (Edmonton)	Certified
Dr. Darlene Pranke (Edmonton)	Certified
Rev. Jonathan Moll (Calgary)	Provisional
Rev. Kathy Marshall-Spate (Calgary)	Certified
Dr. Margaret Clark (Edmonton)	Retired
Dr. Philip Behman (Calgary)	Retired

The AC-SPE Supervisor-Educators' team continues to meet twice annually in Red Deer. It draws from the expertise of two retired Supervisor-Educators: Dr. Margaret Clark (Edmonton) and Dr. Philip Behman (Calgary), whose knowledge and many years of experience continue to guide and foster growth. The team is also animated by five new Supervisor-Educators, three in Edmonton and two in Calgary, who bring dedication and vision for the future.

## SUPERVISOR-EDUCATORS



From Left to Right: Darlene Pranke, Blaine Allan, Philip Behman, Jonathan Moll, Brent Watts, Kathy Marshall-Spate and Margaret Clark

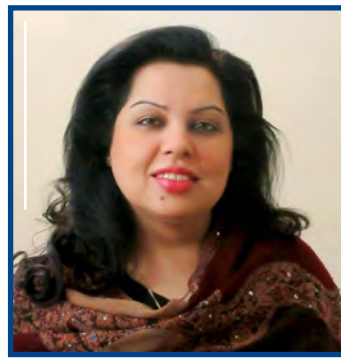
Further mention also needs to be made about the newly innovated Preceptor role started in 2015. This role has become integral to a successful CPE student experience and placement. Since the implementation of "The Sacred Art of Preceptorship" course in August 2015, 23 preceptors have completed this course and are actively preceptoring in collaboration with Supervisor-Educators. Preceptors are Certified Spiritual Care Practitioners and are employed at various placement sites.

## **ESTABLISHING TWO NEW ROLES WITHIN THE AC-SPE PROGRAM**

Beginning in 2018, the AC-SPE Steering Committee partnered with St. Stephen's College to establish and fund a Coordinator/Faculty position in a 0.2 FTE at St. Stephen's College. Dr. Darlene Pranke was seconded from Covenant Health into this role to oversee the responsibilities of the AC-SPE Program. In October of 2019, the AC-SPE Steering Committee again partnered with St. Stephen's College to establish and fund a temporary AC-SPE Administrative Assistant (also 0.2 FTE) at St. Stephen's College. Salimah Mohamed, the newly hired AC-SPE Program Assistant, works in tandem with the AC-SPE Program Coordinator to oversee the functions of the Provincial Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Program and to help prepare the provincial program for an Accreditation review with CASC/ACSS.



Darlene Pranke



Salimah Mohamed

## ***MOVING TOWARDS ACCREDITATION WITH THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR SPIRITUAL CARE (CASC/ACSS)***

To offer CPE or PCE, an Education Centre must first seek Program Approval and then proceed to seeking Program accreditation within CASC/ACSS. In 2016, the AC-SPE program received a three-year Program Approval, meaning that Alberta Supervisor-Educators could provide CPE with the exiting approval until the end of 2019. In 2019, the AC-SPE Steering Committee and Supervisor-Educators felt that they were not ready to request a review for accreditation due to so much change and newness while establishing a new CPE program structure, so requested a one year extension that was granted by CASC/ACSS and takes us to 2020. Over the past 12 months, extensive work has taken place to review and update any needed policies, to form a Self-Study Committee and to prepare documents for an accreditation review. In January 2020, a formal request for Accreditation with CASC/ACSS was made. We look forward to a site visit from a CASC/ACSS Accreditation team in the fall of 2020. The AC-SPE Steering Committee feels hopeful and confident that the maximum of 5 years accreditation will be granted.

