



**CHAPLAIN SUBSTANCE ADDICTION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM  
2021-2022**

**VA PUGET SOUND HEALTH CARE SYSTEM  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON**

The Chaplain Service and the Center of Excellence in Substance Addiction Treatment and Education (CESATE) at the VA Puget Sound Health Care System, Seattle, WA are pleased to announce the availability of a one-year specialty Chaplain Fellowship position with an emphasis in the treatment of **Substance Use Disorders**. The Chaplain Fellow selected will be part of the CESATE Interprofessional Fellowship Program, joining a cohort of Psychology Post-Doctoral Fellows and Social Work Fellows. All fellows, regardless of discipline, receive training in the Addiction Treatment Center within existing interprofessional teams.

The purpose of the fellowship training program is to prepare chaplains for service in the VA system of care or elsewhere. At completion graduates will be conversant with scientifically based approaches to treatment of substance use disorders, the intersection of spiritual care and substance use disorders, and in providing spiritual care to a diverse population. The program places strong emphasis on clinical activity, with additional training in current models of etiology, course and treatment. The Chaplain Fellow will have opportunity to be involved in clinically focused research activities, such as program development, program evaluation, and/or quality improvement.

Through clinical engagement in the Addiction Treatment Center and the CPE learning process, the Chaplain Fellow will be challenged to further develop and integrate pastoral competencies in the areas of acute clinical skills and deepening of pastoral identity and formation. Opportunities for development of pastoral practice in a clinical setting will include individual client care coordination, group facilitation, and interdisciplinary teamwork. By the conclusion of the fellowship year, the successful Fellow will be equipped to move toward professional specialty certification. In addition, the fellow will receive a certificate of Completion of the Fellowship and credit for four units of Clinical Pastoral Education.

The fellowship is a 12-month, full-time training program beginning August 16, 2021. The annual stipend for the Chaplain Fellows is currently \$35,672.00, paid biweekly, with health and life insurance available. Housing is not provided. Annual Leave (vacation) and Sick Leave are also included. The VA Puget Sound Health Care System is an equal opportunity employer.

The successful candidate will: (1) have an MDiv or equivalent, (2) be Board Certified or in process, (3) be in good standing with their faith group, (4) will have completed or be in the process of completing 4 units of CPE, (5) will be able to demonstrate basic knowledge of the behavioral sciences, and (6) will articulate goals and reason for a year's focus in VA mental health with an emphasis on substance use disorders and CPE.

**Applicants interested** in this post-masters Fellowship should send: (1) a letter of interest stating professional and personal goals for participating in a Fellowship Program (2) an ACPE application (3) a current resume, (4) three letters of recommendation, (5) one work sample (i.e., verbatim account of pastoral care conducted by the applicant, preferably with a person with substance abuse issues), and (6) the most current Self and Supervisor's Final Evaluation.

***Submit Completed Application and CPE Materials To:***

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**Application materials MUST be received by *March 31, 2021*.** After receipt of written materials, suitable applicants will be contacted for interviews with Fellowship faculty. Applicants can interview by Video Teleconference depending on proximity to available resources. Selections and notifications are anticipated to be made by the end of April, 2021.