Pastoral Counseling and Care Internship

Administrative Advisor: Dr. Elaine Bednar, Chaplain

Statement of Purpose for Pastoral Counseling and Care Internship

“Ashland Theological Seminary has embraced an educational philosophy that focuses on the development of the whole person. In addition to theological education’s traditional emphasis on information and skill development, the Seminary also values the nurturing of the soul or personal formation” (2011-2012 catalog pg. 63). The Pastoral Counseling and Care Intern comes along side of the student for their:

• Upward Journey—knowing who one is in Christ and making practical commitments that will deepen that understanding and relationship with the Lord....the foundation of life and ministry for the servant and a pathway to greater intimacy with the lord. (pg. 64)
• Inward Journey—personal transformation into the likeness of Christ. Positioning one’s self for the ongoing work, allowing the purging and perfecting process to occur within one’s life. (pg. 64)
• Outward Journey—a clear sense of call. The development of authentic and accountable relationships. Being healthier than those that one serves. (pg. 64)

Student will be required to work 10 hours per week and will receive a $1,000 scholarship per quarter applied towards tuition for a total of a $3,000 scholarship applied towards tuition per academic year. This will most likely look like 5-7 sessions per week. It would include facilitating formational prayer groups. If services are needed during the summer, the intern would agree to work 10 weeks for an additional $1,000 scholarship to be split into $333, $333, $334 tuition applications during the academic year.

• Student must be interested in and enrolled in the pastoral counseling and care curriculum.
  o Preferred (but not mandatory) that the student has already taken PM 828 Formational Prayer, PM761 small Groups, and PM 755 Soul Care.
  o Consideration will also be given to those who have completed CPE.
• Application will include three references.
  o Applicants will be interviewed by the Chaplain.
• If the student has not yet taken the Formational Prayer class, they must be willing to attend the Formational Prayer Seminar.
• Intern will be supervised by the current Chaplain.
• One intern per center location, two at the Ashland location.
• At the Ashland location, the intern will share the Pastoral Counseling and Care/Interns office as a place to provide services.
• Students are responsible for maintaining malpractice insurance

Duties will include:

• Provide students with pastoral counseling/care services and formational prayer services.
• Facilitate formational prayer groups.
• Weekly supervision group with the current Chaplain.
• Can be used to fulfill a requirement for the Field Study class.
  o Cannot fulfill any of the clinical counseling internship requirements.
• Miscellaneous duties as assigned by the Chaplain.
Please return the completed application **BY MAY 1ST** to:
Dr. Elaine Bednar, Chaplain
Located in Sandberg Leadership Center at Ashland Seminary, Ashland Campus

**General Information**

Name: ___________________________________________ Date: __________
Address: _____________________________________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________________________ State: ___________ Zip: __________
Email: ___________________________________________ Degree Program: __________________

For which campus location are you applying? _________________________________________________

When did you/will you complete: PM 828-Formational Prayer_____; PM 755-Soul Care_____; PM 761 Small Groups_____.
Have you attended the IFC Formational Prayer Seminar?_____. Do you have completed CPE hours? ________

**References—please enclose three letters of reference**

**Personal References**

Name: ___________________________________________ Email: __________________________

**Personal Reference**

Name: ___________________________________________ Email: __________________________

**Personal Reference**

Name: ___________________________________________ Email: __________________________

**ARE YOU ABLE AND WILLING TO COMMIT TO:**

- Providing services when they are needed, up to 7 session per week Yes No Not Sure
- Attending all required training and supervision sessions Yes No Not Sure
- Remaining in this position for at least one full academic year Yes No Not Sure
- Making yourself accountable to those in positions of authority over you Yes No Not Sure
- Receiving constructive criticism in a healthy manner Yes No Not Sure

**Philosophy of Ministry**
Briefly state your personal philosophy of ministry

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**Ministry Qualifications**
Skills: What general skills, natural talents, and special abilities do you possess?

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Leadership Experience: Over the course of your life, how have your leadership skills been developed?

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What specific pastoral counseling and care experience have you had?

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Please attach a brief faith narrative

Strengths and Growth Areas
What are your top three personal strengths and what would you identify as three areas where you would like to see personal growth?

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Calling
Why do you believe this internship is a good fit for you?

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Legal
We take seriously our responsibility to maintain a safe ministry environment for the students at Ashland Theological Seminary. Please answer the following questions in an honest and forthright manner:

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? Yes No

Do you have any history of, or have you been convicted of any form of child or sexual abuse? Yes No

Explain any “yes” answers in the space below:

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Agreement
The undersigned applicant hereby certifies that the information contained in this internship application is true and correct. I have not omitted any information which I reasonably believe would reflect unfavorably on the institution’s decision regarding my service in the internship program.

I hereby authorize Ashland Theological Seminary to contact any person I have listed on this application to independently verify the correctness of the information I have provided and to receive any other information that would be relevant to my application. I also agree that this application, once submitted to Ashland Theological Seminary, is the property of Ashland University and will not be returned to the applicant.

Signature: __________________________ Date: ______________

Received By: ________________________ Date: ______________