

Roswell Park Cancer Institute  
Division of Pastoral Care  
**Pastoral Care Visitors’  
Training Program Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination/Faith Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution/Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND  
BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL**

Name and Location of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Ordained \_\_\_yes\_\_\_no      Endorsed \_\_\_yes\_\_\_no

Present Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Recent Positions Held: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Previous Experience in Pastoral Care: \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ I am interested in the lecture series only.

## Fee\*

**Pastoral Care Visitors’ Training Program:**  
\$200 tuition, plus \$25 registration fee payable with your acceptance into the program.

This fee includes both the Clinical and Lecture programs.

**Pastoral Care Lecture Series Only:** \$150 plus \$25 fee payable with your registration.

## Dates

The Pastoral Care Lecture Series will begin on Monday, September 14, 2015.

The Pastoral Care Training program (Clinical and Lecture) will begin with a mandatory Retreat on August 24, 2015 from 1:00pm to 4:30pm. Clinical Work will begin on Monday, September 14, 2015.

*\* Registration for both programs are due by August 1, 2015.*

## Location and Parking

Parking is available in the Roswell Park ramp, for a minimal cost.



## Topics included in the 20-week lecture series:

- Call to Ministry
- Communication
- Oncology
- Counseling Theory
- Theological Reflection
- Pastoral Counseling
- Loss, Mourning and Grief
- Medical Ethics
- Pediatric Patient/Child as Caregiver
- Cultural Competency, Spirituality, Religion
- Family Systems
- Ministry to the Elderly
- Spiritual Assessment/Spiritual Distress
- Forms of Prayer/Ritual
- Palliative Care/Hospice Care
- Substance Abuse
- Abusive Relationships
- When a Violent Death Occurs
- Emergency Preparedness
- Alternative Healing Modalities



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Pastoral care of the sick and injured, the dying and the bereaved is a primary ministry for all religious denominations. Meeting the physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs of patients and our congregations is an immense challenge and requires the intervention and assistance of mature, well-balanced, compassionate people who have been specially trained for this work.

At Roswell Park Cancer Institute (RPCI), our Pastoral Care Visitors' Training Program is designed to provide men and women of various faiths, ordained and non-ordained, with professional training in key theoretical, theological and practical approaches to pastoral care.

RPCI's Pastoral Care Director and faculty pursue a holistic approach to medicine, mindful of the fact that each human being is worthy of and entitled to total patient care. RPCI recognizes the value of faith and its place in the healing process.

The Pastoral Care Visitors' Training Program at Roswell Park enables members of our Pastoral Care Team to provide participants with pertinent knowledge and tools to enable them to minister in a hospital setting, nursing home, and/or in the faith community.

## Goals and Objectives

The program is designed to provide participants with:

- The necessary tools to minister in a specialized, pastoral care environment.
- A keener awareness of the need for shared ministry to the sick.
- A sensitivity to other faith traditions and experiences of God as well as to cultural, gender and age differences.
- An understanding of the medical and ethical issues that may impact the healing process.
- A forum to share insights, feelings, situations and experiences in ministry.
- Individual supervision.
- An opportunity for personal growth through group interaction, personal interviews with a supervisor, written evaluations, and lectures.

## Faculty

The faculty will consist of men and women from Roswell Park Cancer Institute as well as other Western New York health care facilities, the Buffalo Diocese, University at Buffalo, Chaplains, local clergy and ministers who are noted for specific areas of pastoral care expertise.

## Program Basics

The Pastoral Care Visitors' training is a two-part 20-week program consisting of the following:

**Monday afternoon (1 to 4:30 pm)** program consisting of active clinical pastoral experience at Roswell Park Cancer Institute under the supervision of a qualified chaplain.

*The Monday afternoon three and a half hour sessions include actual clinical experience, verbatim, group interaction, supervisory sessions, and personal evaluation.*

AND

**Monday Evening (6 to 9 pm)** lecture series covering 60 hours of actual classroom work.

The lecture series will be conducted in Roswell Park's Research Studies Center, across from the main entrance to the hospital.

*PLEASE NOTE: Participants may choose to register for the Monday evening lecture series only. The lectures should be of particular interest to individuals who have experience in visiting the sick and dying.*

## Registration

Registration for the Monday Pastoral Care Visitors' Clinical Training Program will be limited to six students. A written application, a personal interview and a letter of recommendation from your pastor or spiritual leader are required. After receiving your application, you will be interviewed by the Director of Pastoral Care at Roswell Park Cancer Institute. The interview date will be determined by mutual agreement.

Registration for the Monday Pastoral Care Lecture Series will be limited to 40 students. Those who plan to attend only the lecture series should complete the application on the back of this brochure.

Those who plan to attend both the lecture series and clinical training, should complete the application and also provide the following information:

1. An overview of your life, including a description of your immediate family, health status, educational experience, significant relationships, outstanding life events, and memorable periods of emotional and spiritual growth.
2. A letter of recommendation from your pastor and/or spiritual leader.
3. Personal goals and expectations for the program.
4. A personal statement as to why you wish to enter the Pastoral Care Visitors' Training Program.

*All registration materials should be sent to:*

**Beth Lenegan, PhD  
Director of Pastoral Care  
Roswell Park Cancer Institute  
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