

MASTER OF DIVINITY
(Thesis Track)
Major in Spiritual Care/CPE

I. Justification for this New Curriculum: M. Div. major in Spiritual Care/CPE

In the past years, Master of Divinity has been the staple master degree course offering of the Divinity School for everyone who comes to the seminary. This was based on the presumption that everyone who goes to the seminary will serve a congregation as a parish pastor. However, the rapid industrial and technological developments have changed its harvest paradigm from carabao and tractor to cyberspace. With the reality of a wider coverage of new fields and new harvests, the Divinity School has to prepare its graduates to various ministries, such as: pastoral or spiritual care in parish settings, chaplaincy in different institutions like the hospitals and clinics, rehabilitation centers, universities and colleges. Furthermore, there are needs for graduates who can serve as teachers of pastoral care and counseling in church-related institutions, chaplains in the military and industrial complex. The new industries developing all around and its corresponding need of spiritual care should not be overlooked. These are some of the "new parishes" that the Divinity School has to consider.

This Master of Divinity major in Spiritual Care (CPE) is a thesis track program designed for those who have finished their Bachelor of Theology degree program (5-year or 6-year academic program) who seek to continue their studies and concentrate in Spiritual Care.

II. Program Objectives

1. To offer a degree program in Spiritual Care (Clinical Pastoral Education) that integrates wisdom from the faith traditions and the behavioral sciences.
2. To offer pastoral care education programs for ministers, lay workers, congregations and community professionals as they provide competent, compassionate pastoral care giving.
3. Partnership in responding to community needs for healing the eco-spiritual brokenness of environment.

A good background, preferably advanced courses, in behavioral sciences and in pastoral care education will be required from students.

III. Graduation Requirements:

1. Completion of the curricular requirements of 48 units: the 24 being in compliance with CHED's required number of units for the core courses.
2. Cumulative QPA of at least 3.0.
3. Passed the Public Defense of Thesis that is scheduled between January and February during the Second Year.
4. Endorsed by the Faculty for Graduation.

IV. The Program Offering

The core courses will be designated DSC, where D stands for Department, SC stand for Spiritual Care. This program will require two (2) CPE units, where one unit requires 400 hours of practice of Spiritual Care (the new name for Clinical Pastoral Education) based on international standard of CPE accreditation.

First Year (36 units)

1st Semester

Code	Description	Units
DSC 441-A	Basic Spiritual Care (CPE) 1	3
DSC 443	The Ministry of Spiritual Care	3
DSC 449	Religion, Spirituality and Health	3
THE 441	Seminar in Christologies	3
DS 1	Research Methods	3
	Total	15

2nd Semester

Code	Description	Units
DSC 441-B	Basic Spiritual Care (CPE) 2	3
DCM 442	Intimate & Domestic Violence as a Social, Pastoral, Theological and Ethical Issue	3
DSC 444	Spiritual Care and Counseling in Grief Situations	3
DCM 456	Illness, Disability and Healing: Theological, Spiritual and Biblical Perspectives for Ministry	3
DS 2	Thesis Proposal Writing	3
	Total	15

Summer

Code	Description	Units
DSC 442-B	Basic Spiritual Care (CPE) 2B	6
	Total	6

SECOND YEAR (12 units)

1st Semester

Code	Description	Units
DS 3	Thesis Writing	3
	Elective	3
	Total	6

2nd Semester

Code	Description	Units
DS 4	Thesis Completion and Defense	3
DCM 454	Seminar in Pastoral Theology	3
Total		6