

# Certificate in Pastoral Care and Counseling Application and Instructions

**READ CAREFULLY AND RESPOND TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:**

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1. Read instructions carefully before submitting. International applicants have additional requirements and deadlines. Please e-mail the completed form and all requested items to [infocpe@jtsa.edu](mailto:infocpe@jtsa.edu). Complete this application face sheet and submit both pages to us.

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  2. Submit two essays with your application (as e-mail attachment). Aim for approx. 5–7 pages for the first two essays each, the others as needed.
    - a: **Personal/Spiritual essay:** Describes your spiritual development: include, for example, significant and important persons and events, especially as they have impacted, or continue to impact, your personal growth and development. How has your personal theology developed and how does it relate to your wish to pursue more advanced training in pastoral care and counseling? What significant relationships and life experiences have you had in giving or receiving help that have motivated you to enter the field of pastoral care? If you have prior experience with CPE how did this affect your decision to apply to the Certificate program?
    - b: **Statement Of Purpose:** Specifically addresses your motivation in seeking admission to the Certificate in Pastoral Care and Counseling. Your statement should demonstrate an ability to synthesize your professional/personal experiences and desire to enter the field of pastoral care and counseling. This statement will be used to assess your creativity, critical thinking, self-awareness and writing skills: Describe your understanding of the pastoral profession and its core values. How have you incorporated them in your interactions with others? What personal qualities equip you for the profession? Discuss your experiences and feelings about working with populations different from your own. What are your particular areas of interest? Discuss your undergraduate/graduate academic experience and include a description of your academic strengths and weaknesses. Are there any health conditions or physical limitations that will impact your participation in graduate study and field work?

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  3. A standard C.V. or current resume.

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  4. An applicant with prior CPE should attach all **previous final evaluations (your own and your supervisor's)**. Your typed signature below indicates your permission for previous CPE centers to release your evaluations for purposes of this application process.

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  5. Transcripts

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  6. A graduate level writing sample

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  7. Two academic references

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  8. Retain your own copy of this completed application and bring it with you to any interview for CPE.

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  9. You are required to complete an admissions interview with the program advisor.

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  10. Note: Acceptance into the Certificate Program in Pastoral Care and Counseling does not guarantee acceptance into units of CPE. Separate application procedures apply.
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I certify that all information in this application is factually true, complete, and honestly presented. I understand that I may be subject to disciplinary action, including admission revocation or program expulsion, should the information I've certified be false. I verify that if sending in this application electronically it constitutes my electronic signature.

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Signature:

Date:

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The Jewish Theological Seminary, [www.jtsa.edu](http://www.jtsa.edu)

Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., [www.acpe.edu](http://www.acpe.edu)

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Type responses and submit to the Center for Pastoral Education at JTS

Applying for:  Certificate in Pastoral Care and Counseling

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth (mm-dd-yy): \_\_\_\_\_ Social security number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov.: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Day phone: (     )                      Alt phone: (     )                      Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov.: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Religious affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Current position/Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

B.A. Major/Minor: \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been or are you currently enrolled in a seminary? \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

M.A. Major/Minor: \_\_\_\_\_ From: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Prior CPE Study      From: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

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Have you ever been convicted or pled no to a misdemeanor, a felony, or other crime?  
 Yes     No

**REFERENCES** (Reference forms can be found online for the references to complete and send back to us)

Academic reference 1 (name/title): \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov.: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic reference 2 (name/title): \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov.: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPED SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Please download this form, complete, and email to [infocpe@jtsa.edu](mailto:infocpe@jtsa.edu).