Compassionate Care Education for Service Professionals
A World Poised for Healing

“The people of God need skilled, caring professionals who know how to facilitate groups, engage suffering, understand trauma and grief and their complex socio-cultural roots, care for the dying, and bring real transformation and healing to such situations.”

— Rev. Dr. Laurie Garrett-Cobbina
Director, Shaw Chaplaincy Institute;
Shaw Chair for Clinical Pastoral Education
The Shaw Chaplaincy Institute for Spiritual Care + Compassionate Leadership (SCI) is a multicultural, interpersonal, and interfaith education program that provides opportunities for intellectual and inspirational development for religious leaders, spiritual care specialists, clinicians, and other professionals who have interest as a spiritual “generalist,” or other service-oriented vocations.

We aspire to be an educational beacon of the rich and luminous spiritual forces that permeate the lives of millions of people. We educate and nurture the formation of spiritual care leaders and spiritually interested learners empowered to engage the emotional, spiritual, physical, intellectual, and moral needs of all people. All Institute programs foster an understanding of how caring practices are expressed across cultures and religious traditions, and contribute to multiple dimensions of interreligious thought, faith, life and witness in the world.

**PROFESSIONS WE SERVE**

**Spiritual Care/CPE**
- Healthcare professionals (social workers, hospice, nurses, physicians, counselors)
- Schools of education (nursing, MSW)
- Armed forces (army, navy, air force, marines)
- Pastors, students, congregations, and spiritual caregivers
- Other seminaries, interreligious
- Seminary students who want to be ordained (mainline)

**Compassionate Leadership/MATS Degree**
- Lawyers/law students
- Professional business people
- Healthcare professionals
- Physicians & medical residents/students

**Continuing Education/Trauma Care**
- Emergency care (EMTs, firefighters, police)
Academic Programs

The Shaw Chaplaincy Institute offers a wide variety of academic and experiential programs for qualified individuals who seek further development of their spiritual care and compassionate leadership skills, from master’s degree concentrations to continuing education for nurses, physicians, lawyers, social workers, and current chaplains looking to enhance their caregiving skills. In recognition of the social structures, web of connections, interdisciplinary and faith traditions represented in sociopolitical life and community, we place curricular concepts in the context of real-life situations where service-learning connects students to a community of service.

Clinical Pastoral Education
- Extended Units—Fall/Winter/Spring
- Intensive Summer Unit
- 2-Year Street Ministry Residency

Graduate Degrees
- Doctor of Ministry
- Master of Divinity
- Master of Arts in Theological Studies

SFTS/GTU Courses
- Clinical Pastoral Education
- Critical Self Reflection
- Critical Theological Reflection
- Intro to Christian Education
- Intro to Pastoral Care and Counseling
- Cultivating Compassionate Leaders
- Dismantling Structures of Oppression in Pastoral Care
- Preaching and Pastoral Care
- The Resilient Practitioner
- The Dynamics of Trauma
- Systemic Issues of Trauma
- Board Certification Preparation

Certificates & Continuing Ed
- Certificate in Trauma & Spiritual Care
- Certificate in Compassionate Leadership
- Certificate in Companionship for Congregations
- Certificate in Worship & Pastoral Care
- Diploma in Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care Research Literacy

See SFTS course catalog for more information.

San Francisco Theological Seminary has designed this program so that it may be considered by participants for use as continuing education to enhance the professional knowledge and pastoral competency of chaplains certified through the Board of Chaplaincy Certification Inc.® an affiliate of the Association of Professional Chaplains®.

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Community Engagement

Our Community Engagement programs provide a way to live out the conviction that spiritual care is ultimately a theology of service. Out of involvement with persons in need, and feedback from peers and instructors, students develop new awareness of themselves and of the needs of those they serve. From theological reflection on specific human situations, students gain a new understanding of caring and compassionate leadership. Participating students will choose a care context that stresses leadership and service, which may be on or off campus, public or hidden. This service-learning will directly engage caregiving with the disadvantaged and address structural issues that underlie systems.

Service Opportunities
- Introduction to Spiritual Care & Reflective Learning
- Street Ministry: Parks, Free Dining Rooms, Sidewalks
- Jail Visitations
- Nursing Home/Rehab
- Hospital Visitations

Congregational Workshops
- Making Hospital Visits for Congregational Care Teams
- Secondary Trauma Response for First Responders & Health Care Professionals
- Mental Health Awareness for Congregations
- Addiction & Substance Use Disorders for Congregations
- Domestic Violence in Congregations

Professional Process Groups
- Chaplain Peer Process Group
- Social Worker Process Group
- Health Care Manager Process Group
- Nurse Process Group
- Doctor Process Group

Feminist Reading Room
- Spiritual Care for Women Seminarians
- Feminist Book Group

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At the center of The Shaw Chaplaincy Institute is our renowned Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program. The Shaw Chaplaincy Institute is the only ACPE-accredited center offering a full CPE program on a seminary campus. We are fully accredited to offer Level I, Level II, and Supervisory CPE programs. San Francisco Theological Seminary first blazed a trail when Rev. Dr. John F. Shaw (MDiv, 1954) and Mrs. Julia Shaw endowed the first CPE chair embedded in the curriculum of a seminary.

This program is offered for pastors, religious professionals, theology students, and qualified laypersons who seek further development of their pastoral skills. In this exciting type of graduate-level education, students learn how to integrate knowledge from theological, psychological, and social science disciplines into the practice of pastoral ministry. SFTS offers a Supervisory Education Fellowship to one student preparing to become a certified ACPE supervisor.

The Shaw Chaplaincy Institute is unique in that it provides students with the flexibility of choosing a community-based learning center, as opposed to learning and training in a hospital or military program. Affiliate learning sites include a variety of venues such as congregational and parish-based settings; state, police, and firefighting agencies; prisons; and addiction recovery facilities.

During CPE training, students receive close supervision while involved with persons seeking spiritual and/or religious care. Out of intense involvement with persons in various levels of crisis and need, and with feedback from peers and teachers, CPE students develop new awareness of themselves and the needs of those they serve.

**Program Structure**

- Three sessions of CPE coincide with the SFTS academic calendar
- 13–17 weeks of class
- 11 hours of structured education each week
- 22–30 hours of direct spiritual care each week

*Please contact us for more information.*
We offer a 2-year Master of Arts in Theological Studies with a concentration in Spiritual Care and Compassionate Leadership as a Shaw Scholar.

This degree is designed for spiritual “generalists” who want to apply the principles of compassion to their vocations and professions, but do not necessarily want to seek a formal ordination path:

- Lawyers/law students
- Professional business people
- Healthcare professionals
- Physicians
- Medical residents/students
- Healthcare workers
- Teachers

Through Spiritual Care theory, practice, and research methods, Shaw Scholars learn to focus their care on discovering and meeting the expressed, unexpressed, structural and underlying spiritual needs of those they serve so that learning flows out of caring activities that meet actual needs.

Program Structure
- Two years full-time; up to four years part-time
- 16 courses; 48 units

Graduate Theological Union (GTU)
SFTS is proud to be a founding member of the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) in Berkeley, CA. Students enrolled at the GTU or any of its member schools have the opportunity to choose from among more than 700 courses offered across the consortium each year. With 8 member schools, 5 academic centers, and 4 affiliates, the GTU is one of the largest interreligious theological consortiums in the world.
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About SFTS
San Francisco Theological Seminary is an ecumenical Christian graduate school that offers students from all walks of life a rigorous educational experience focused on critical theological reflection and innovative ministries for social impact.

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