



Hebrew SeniorLife CPE
Chaplaincy Education through a Jewish and Geriatric Lens
Summer 2026: Level IA, IB, IIA, and IIB CPE
May 27 - August 13, 2026

Program Description:

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Hebrew SeniorLife is designed for seminary and rabbinical/cantorial students, clergy, chaplains, and laypeople interested in pursuing spiritual care education. It provides important formation, skills, and resources for the rabbinate or ministry, as well as for healthcare chaplains. CPE at HSL also serves as a valuable resource to those in affiliated professions who are seeking to further their education in spiritual care for their own fields.

Chaplain interns support the spiritual and emotional lives of diverse patients and their family members in ways that enhance overall health and wellbeing. Chaplain interns also work with caregiving staff around the spiritual aspects of their patients' needs, and are available to staff as they navigate ongoing emotional demands of their own work. The educational segment of the program provides students the background to accompany patients through the challenges of aging, loss, end of life decision making, dementia, and the seeking of spiritual fulfillment in late life. Special attention is given to the impact on spiritual caregiving of those with historical trauma as evoked by personal and world situations, resilience, working with LGBTQ elders, and spiritual care of those who do not identify as "religious." HSL CPE offers this education with an attunement to Jewish religious and cultural approaches to aging. Students are offered regular supervision and opportunities to reflect on their clinical work, learning goals, and personal growth.

Students are placed for their clinical time with patients in our long-term chronic care hospital or with our rehabilitation patients, and will have exposure to the palliative care

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team if interested. As a long-term chronic care hospital, the HSL environment blends an exposure to a higher need medical environment with the ability to form longer term relationships with patients than is possible in an acute care setting. Some students will also have the opportunity to interface with our Assisted Living residents at Newbridge, which offers exposure to a more social (non-medical) model of care.

English is the predominant language of the educational program, and applicants must be fluent in both spoken and written English.

Location: The education for summer CPE unit will take place at our Roslindale campus. Students may be placed either on our Roslindale or Dedham campus for clinical time, depending on campus need, car availability, and other factors.

Times: Class and clinical time cover Monday–Friday, 9:00am--5:00pm. Class does not meet on major Jewish or secular holidays (Independence Day weekend will have Monday off in 2026). Readings, written assignments, and some preparation for event leadership are required outside of regular 9-5 hours. Given the intensity of the program, work or study commitments beyond CPE are discouraged as weekends provide much needed time for rest. Because of the intense and brief nature of a CPE program, there are no other vacation days during CPE. Planned absences due to family weddings, ordinations, etc. must be discussed in advance. No planned absences will be permitted during orientation (first five class days), Midunit evaluations (tbd), or Final evaluations/Siyyum (August 11-13).

The CPE program does not require overnight call, and is appropriate for students who are shomer/et Shabbat. Students must be able to document completion of a minimum of 100 education hours, a minimum of 250 clinical hours, and a total of 400 hours in the unit, and must demonstrate the Outcomes and Indicators for their level of CPE (IA, IB, IIA, or IIB) in order to receive full credit for the unit. Any hours over the required 400 are considered volunteer hours. Individual supervision with your Educator is scheduled 1 hour weekly within the hours of the program.

Faculty: Rabbi Beth Naditch, Director of CPE at Hebrew SeniorLife, ACPE Certified Educator, as well as guest summer contract ACPE Certified Educator Rabbi Shulamit Izen. Guest speakers from within and outside HSL will bring their expertise to the

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didactic parts of the curriculum. Email: bethnaditch@hsl.harvard.edu, Office phone: 781-234-9889.

Location: 1200 Centre St., Boston MA 02131 / 6000 Great Meadow Rd., Dedham, MA 02026

Tuition: \$36 application fee. Tuition payment is \$1200. \$600 of tuition serves as a nonrefundable deposit when accepting a position in the program and is credited toward the total tuition payment.

Who may apply? This program is open to persons of any religious/ spiritual/ meaning-making tradition interested in CPE with a focus on spiritual care of older adults, through a Jewish lens. E-mail CPE@hsl.harvard.edu or bethnaditch@hsl.harvard.edu with any questions. Application instructions are below.

Transportation and Parking: Our Roslindale campus is accessible by public transportation. Students living close by in Jamaica Plain or Boston often walk or bike to HSL through the Arnold Arboretum. Free parking is available at both Roslindale and Newbridge.

About Hebrew SeniorLife:

In the last 100 years, Hebrew SeniorLife (HSL) has grown from a small residence for frail elderly in Dorchester to a highly integrated system of housing, day care, and health care with an international reputation. HSL's system encompasses 650 long-term chronic care hospital patients, groundbreaking senior care research through the Marcus Institute for Aging Research, palliative and hospice care, rehabilitation services, and home care. HSL serves over 3000 older adults each day. NewBridge on the Charles, located in Dedham, offers independent and assisted living as well as skilled nursing services and long-term chronic care. The Boston (Roslindale) campus offers long-term care, post-acute care, rehabilitation services, and outpatient specialty services. Over 60% of the long-term chronic care patients in Boston are Jewish, with half of these being Jews from the former Soviet Union. In Dedham, approximately 65% are Jewish. Our dedicated staff come from a multitude of cultures and countries around the world.

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APPLICATION PROCESS

Application process: Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. The final deadline for applications is December 1, 2025. More information may be found on our [website](#). To apply, please follow the instructions below.

1. Download and complete the official ACPE fillable [CPE Application form](#). Please remember to sign and date.

Note: As we transition to an electronic system, much, though not all, of the demographic information on the *front* of the ACPE application is duplicated in our online form. Thanks for your patience in filling out both forms. For your references' contact information, you may choose to write "See online form" on the ACPE form and fill out the fuller information in the appropriate fields in our HSL form.

We do not accept applications by snail mail.

2. In *one* document, which includes your name somewhere in the title, please provide all essay responses.

3. Complete this [HSL Application Form](#) and attach the required documents

4. Your references should receive an email with the link to the reference form once you complete your HSL Application form.

- We move forward with admissions decisions only after at least two of your three references have been received.
- If your references have not received the link to the online reference form, you may share it with them. It can be found here: [Reference form](#)

5. Please [use this link](#) to pay the \$36 application fee, or pay through the website.

Interviews for candidates are scheduled once the full application is reviewed and the application fee is received.

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