

Certified Educator Formation

GISCE offers formation for experienced spiritual care practitioners preparing to become **ACPE Certified Educators**. The process develops the capacity to supervise, teach, evaluate, and form others in Clinical Pastoral Education through supervised educational practice, theory development, reflection on one's own functioning as an educator, and increasing responsibility for CPE programs.

Certified Educator formation requires sustained commitment, intellectual rigor, capacity for self-reflection, and readiness to assume responsibility for the formation of others. Applicants must meet current ACPE admission requirements and complete GISCE's application and interview process.

Formation at GISCE

Educator formation at GISCE is developmental and progressively autonomous. Candidates move from observation and participation into supervised co-education, then toward increasing responsibility for individual supervision, peer-group facilitation, curriculum development, student evaluation, and the education of CPE units.

Candidates also develop and articulate the theoretical foundations from which they educate. This includes sustained work in theology and spiritual care, educational theory, personality and human development, group process, systems, culture, and clinical practice.

The Certification Journey

The pathway typically unfolds over approximately **36 months**, although progress depends on demonstrated competencies, readiness, and current ACPE certification requirements.

Candidates move through four major certification milestones:

Admissions Interview → Theory Integration Interview → Phase I Interview → Phase II Integration Interview → ACPE Certified Educator

Throughout the process, candidates receive supervision as educators, develop theory, engage increasingly independent teaching, and complete the competencies required for certification.

Interested in Certified Educator Formation?

GISCE welcomes applicants from diverse religious, spiritual, cultural, and professional backgrounds who meet ACPE requirements and are ready for sustained educator formation.

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