**Internships at Yale Divinity School**

Internships prepares degree candidates for leadership in the church and the world by engaging them in student-centered experiential learning and theological reflection on the nature, practice and context of ministry and/or service. It also provides a foundation and inspiration for continuing theological reflection, ongoing discernment, and lifelong learning.

In current times, the shape of ministry takes many forms and is located in surprising places. Hence YDS takes a student-centered approach. The student leads the process of exploration and selection of a site—whether from a list of actively engaged sites with whom prior students have interned before or finding a new site that better meets the student’s goals for learning.

There are three essential components to Supervised Ministry at Yale Divinity School:

1. 370 hours of meaningful work on site.
2. A supervisor qualified to oversee and mentor that work.
3. Regular meetings with a group of peers, also doing internships, in a setting where they can safely explore their experiences as spiritual and professional formation.

Other important information:

* Internships (both academic year and summer) are academic courses that receive 6 semester credits, 3 each semester for academic internships, or 6 for the summer.
* Credit for one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) can transfer as 6 elective credit hours and will fulfill the MDiv degree internship requirement.
* YDS provides a $4,500 stipend to students engaged in an internship. $4,000 is provided for CPE students via work study funds.
* Internships can take place during the 2nd and/or 3rd year and/or summers.
* Students can receive elective credit for up to 15 hours of supervised ministry. Students are eligible for funding for one internship AND one unit of CPE.

*For more information, contact:*

*Non-Profit, Justice Internships: Alison Cunningham, Director of Professional Formation*

*Ministerial Internships: Jennifer Davis, Director of Supervised Ministries*

**These options are for both church/chaplaincy/school (Supervised Ministries) and for non-profit and justice (Professional Formation) internships.**

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|  | **Academic Year Part-Time Internship with Practicum** | **Summer Intensive Internship with Online Practicum** | **CPE**  **Clinical Pastoral Education** |
| **Brief Description** | Students select from churches, campus ministries, non-profits, schools and other sites that meet the internship site requirements. Interns do work while taking classes. Practicum groups meet on Thursday afternoons (4-5:30 pm). | Students locate (with guidance) a community agency or other setting for full-time summer placement. Interns have a 2-day **required** on-campus class (May 11 and 12, 2020) and a virtual 2-hr weekly practicum during the months of June and July. | A formal training program in providing pastoral care in institutional settings, typically hospitals, but also nursing homes, prisons or hospice settings. Usually 10 weeks in summer. “Extended” units are offered part-time while doing traditional coursework. |
| **Geographic Locations** | Most sites are in CT. A handful are in NY and MA. Commuting students often select sites close to home. | Students locate sites, which must be approved by DPF or DSM.\* Sites could be anywhere, but student *must have* online access. | Sites approved by ACPE anywhere in the US or Canada. |
| **Assignments** | Practicum exercises, case studies. | Minimal reading, web posts, weekly online discussions. | Verbatims; otherwise, depends on the program. |
| **Credit – 15 max of SM** | 6 elective credits (non Area) | 6 elective credits (non Area) | 6 transfer credits |
| **Tuition** | Included in block tuition. | Summer tuition for 6 hrs; YDS scholarship may apply. | Set by site. In the neighborhood of $800. |
| **Stipend – one SM and one CPE** | $4500—paid semi-monthly from September through April. | $4500—paid in installments in June and July. | Work-study funds of $4000 are available through the business office. Students must apply to DSM for funding *before* starting CPE. |
| **Types of sites** | Parish, campus ministry & college chaplaincy, schools, non-profits, clinical, prison, etc. | Same as part-time sites, but must have active summer programs | Clinical sites, hospice, prison, a few others. See acpe.edu |
| **How are sites matched with students?** | Students indentify and apply to a desired sites, followed by interviews with potential supervisors.  Final approval by DPF and DSM. | Same as part-time academic year internships. | Sites and information are on [www.acpe.edu](http://www.acpe.edu). Students select their own sites, apply, interview—entirely **independent of YDS.** DSM is available for consult and funding. |
| **Hours** | 400 hours: 30 in Practicum, 370 at site over 2 semesters (roughly 15 hrs/wk) | 400 hours: 12 on campus in May, 18 online, 370 at site between June 1 and July 31. | Usually 400 total. Some end up being more. |
| **Class time** | 1.5 hours a week; total of 30 hours; Thursday 4-5:30 | 12 hrs at YDS in May, then 2 hours weekly for 8 weeks | Depends on the site |
| **Offered** | Fall plus Spring | Summer | Summer or academic year |
| **Deadlines** | Apply to sites by **March 31.**  Interviews in April.  Decision by April 24. | Apply to sites by **March 1.**  Decision by mid-April. | “Rolling” – accept until full.  Summer: Sep-Feb  Extended: Apr-Aug |

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