

Internships at Yale Divinity School

Internships prepare 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.

The vocational directions of our students and graduates differ in often surprising ways. 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 ways a student may participate in the YDS Internship Program:

1. **Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) unit**
Usually at a hospital, nursing home, hospice, or prison;
YDS provides \$5000 work-study support and 6 transfer credits
2. **First Internship**
Usually in a church, non-profit, or other site meeting site requirements;
YDS provides \$5000 stipend and 6 elective credits
3. **Advanced Internship**
Usually in a church, non-profit, or other site meeting site requirements;
YDS provides \$5000 stipend and 3 elective credits. Students must finish a First Internship to participate.

There are three essential components to any internship at Yale Divinity School:

1. 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:

- Credit for one unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) can transfer as 6 elective credit hours and can fulfill the MDiv degree internship requirement.
- First year students cannot participate in an internship until they have completed two full-time or part-time semesters of academic enrollment (either at YDS or transferring in from another institution).
- Internship credits are capped at 15 – 6 credits for a first internship, 6 transfer credits for CPE, and 3 credits for an advanced internship. Students are eligible for funding for **all three internship opportunities**, with a total support amount of \$15,000.

YDS Internship Options

These options are for both church/chaplaincy and for non-profit /justice internships.

Internship type	Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE)	First Internship	Advanced Internship
Brief description	<p>A formal training program in providing pastoral care in institutional settings, typically hospitals, but also nursing homes, prisons or hospices.</p> <p>Total 400h on site, including educational practicums.</p> <p>YDS provides educational support, 6 transfer credits, and a stipend of \$5000.</p>	<p>A supervised internship at a church, campus ministry, non-profit, school, prison, or any other site that meets the site requirements.</p> <p>Total 400h on site or remote, including educational practicums.</p> <p>YDS provides educational support, 6 elective credits, and a stipend of \$5000.</p>	<p>An opportunity <i>after the First Internship</i> to continue at site or work at any other site that meets site requirements.</p> <p>Total 300h on site or remote, including educational practicums.</p> <p>YDS provides educational support, 3 elective credits, and a stipend of \$5000.</p>
Internship hours	<p>Total 400 hours completed in the form of either</p> <p>A) Academic part time (roughly 15h/week over 2 semesters) or</p> <p>B) Summer full time (roughly 40h/week for 10 weeks over June-August).</p> <p>Hours include educational practicums as arranged by site.</p>	<p>Total 400 hours completed in the form of either</p> <p>A) Academic part time (roughly 15h/week over 2 semesters) or</p> <p>B) Summer full time (roughly 40h/week for 10 weeks over June-August).</p> <p>Hours include 370h of work at site or remote, and 30h of educational practicums</p>	<p>Total 300 hours completed in the form of either</p> <p>A) Academic part time (roughly 10h/week over 2 semesters) or</p> <p>B) Summer full time (roughly 40h/week for 7.5 weeks over June-August).</p> <p>Hours include 270h of work at site or remote, and 30h of educational practicums</p>
YDS stipend	\$5000	\$5000	\$5000
YDS credits	6 transfer credits	6 elective credits	3 elective credits
Site application	<p>Student identifies and applies according to instructions and sites listed on www.acpe.edu.</p>	<p>Student identifies and applies to any sites meeting site requirements;</p> <p>YDS supports with a list of past internship sites, process guidance, and final approval on site requirements</p>	<p>As with First Internship, at the same or a different site.</p>
Deadlines	<p>Rolling admission until full.</p> <p>A) Academic part time: Apr-Aug</p> <p>B) Summer: Sep-Feb</p> <p>Funding application to YDS before start of work.</p>	<p>A) Academic part time: Apply to sites by March 31. Decision by April 24.</p> <p>B) Summer: Sep-Feb Apply to sites by March 1. Decision by mid-April.</p>	<p>As with First Internship</p>
Tuition	<p>Set by site, usually around \$800.</p>	<p>Academic part time program covered by academic year tuition. Summer full time internship entails tuition for 3 hrs, YDS scholarship applies.</p>	<p>As with First Internship.</p>