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.

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