**Research Education for Chaplains: Chaplaincy Research Summer Institute 2020**

**Chicago, Rush University Medical Center, July 20-24, 2020**

**Background and Purpose** Chaplains have embraced the importance of a research-informed approach to chaplaincy practice. The purpose of the Chaplaincy Research Summer Institute (CRSI) is to equip chaplains with knowledge and skills to undertake basic but important research and quality improvement projects in a short-term intensive format with follow up. Participation in the CRSI also facilitates networking with novice and experienced chaplains engaged in chaplaincy research. Participation in CRSI counts toward research-related CE hours of professional chaplaincy organizations.

**Audience** The audience for the CRSI includes chaplains who wish to develop basic projects to advance their understanding of chaplaincy-related issues and practices (e.g. the religious and/or spiritual needs and resources of patients and families being served in a specific clinical context; pilot testing a new approach to screening for religious/spiritual need in a new clinical area) and chaplains who are providing leadership to chaplaincy quality improvement projects. The CRSI will also be useful for chaplains who plan to collaborate on research projects with non-chaplain investigators as well as those planning chaplaincy-related DMin projects. The CRSI also provides a useful background for CPE Educators who are leading research literacy curriculum in their centers.

**Content** The content of the CRSI provides participants with an introduction to the research process, various methods relevant for chaplaincy research (e.g. case studies, qualitative and quantitative methods), and important examples of existing chaplaincy-related research. The CRSI includes a number of hands-on activities, including using PubMed to conduct a literature search. Participants will also work in small groups to discuss individual or group research questions and proposals. Participants in the midst of chaplaincy-related projects are welcome to bring those projects to work on through the week. Time will be available for several participants to present their research to the whole group at the end of the week for consultation and feedback.

**Faculty** The CRSI is led by **George Fitchett, DMin, PhD, BCC**, Director of Research, Department of Religion, Health and Human Values, Rush University Medical Center and Director of Transforming Chaplaincy. Additional faculty include: **Beth Muehlhausen, PhD, MDiv, BCC,** **LCSW**, Ascension Research for Spiritual Care & Mission Integration, St. Vincent’s Medical Center, Ascension Health; **Dirk Labuschagne, MPH, MDiv, BCC**, Chaplain Researcher, Department of Supportive Oncology, Rush University Medical Center; **Jeanne Wirpsa, MA, BCC**, Program & Clinical Ethicist, Medical Ethics Program; Research Chaplain, Spiritual Care & Education, Northwestern Memorial Hospital

**Application** Participation is limited to 30 persons. Participants must be working or otherwise engaged as a chaplain, or providing consultation to chaplains, in a health-related context (hospital, clinic, hospice, long-term care). Applicants should send a one-page statement of interest (including relevant research experience) and resume to [Andrew Andresco](mailto:andrew_w_andresco@rush.edu), Transforming Chaplaincy Project Coordinator. Application instructions can also be found on the [Transforming Chaplaincy](https://www.transformchaplaincy.org/grants-training/summer-research-institute/) website.

**Cost** $900. Registration includes 3 dinners, 2 lunches, and 2 breakfasts during the sessions. Participants will be responsible for their own travel, lodging, and remaining meals during the week.

*Early Bird Registration*: $800 for participants enrolling before **June 20, 2020**

**For further information and registration details, go to** [**Transforming Chaplaincy**](http://www.transformchaplaincy.org) **(**[**www.transformchaplaincy.org**](http://www.transformchaplaincy.org)**)**

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