

Grace Nakamura

Associate Chaplain

Associate chaplain with 2 years of hospital ministry, including a 4-unit ACPE residency, now serving a 450-bed teaching hospital. Provides spiritual care and crisis intervention in emergency and critical care units, completes spiritual assessments for new referrals, and guides patients of many faiths through advance directives and end-of-life decisions.

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Experience

Associate Chaplain

Lakeshore Health System • Milwaukee, WI • 09/2025 - Present
Associate chaplain on a 5-person spiritual care team at a 450-bed teaching hospital.

- Deliver spiritual care on **4** critical care and emergency units, seeing 60-70 patients and families a week.
- Complete spiritual assessments for every palliative referral within 1 business day and chart them in Epic.
- Respond to about 12 trauma and death pages a month with crisis intervention for families and staff.
- Guide about 20 patients a month through advance directives at the request of nursing.
- Represent spiritual care at daily interdisciplinary rounds in the medical ICU, raising family concerns.

Chaplain Resident

St. Brendan Medical Center • Milwaukee, WI
08/2024 - 08/2025

- Twelve-month ACPE residency at a 380-bed Catholic hospital.
- Completed 4 units of Clinical Pastoral Education, logging 1,600 supervised hours on medical and surgical floors.
 - Offered grief support to families at 45 deaths, staying with them through viewing and release of the body.
 - Covered 30 overnight on-call shifts as the only chaplain for the hospital and its emergency department.
 - Planned a weekly interfaith worship service in the chapel for 15-25 patients, families and staff.

Skills

Spiritual Care
Spiritual Assessments
Crisis Intervention
Grief Support
Clinical Pastoral Education
Advance Directives
Interfaith Worship
Epic Charting , Empathy
Communication

Education

Master of Divinity

Garrett-Evangelical
Theological Seminary
Evanston, IL
05/2024
Divinity

Certificates

Clinical Pastoral Education, 4 Units

ACPE • 08/2025

Ecclesiastical Endorsement for Chaplaincy

United Methodist
Endorsing Agency
07/2025