



Certificate Program in Formational Care

Healing Care Ministries provides a Certificate Program in Formational Care for those who desire more training in this field. The Certificate standards are approved by a board of advisers respected for their work in the disciplines of Christian Counseling, Spiritual Formation, and Formational Prayer. As a part of the certificate process individuals are assigned an adviser who will monitor the participant's progress toward receiving the certificate, as well as provide 4 individualized hours of face to face supervision.

The Certificate Program is not a degree program; rather it is a certificate to earn, which shows you have had extensive training in Formational Prayer under individuals who are highly skilled and trained in this ministry. The mission of the Certificate Program is:

- To provide opportunities for individuals to grow in their understanding of Formational Prayer
- To develop and fine-tune their skills
- To assist the individual on their own personal journey of healing which we believe is essential to become a safe and qualified caregiver in this ministry.

In the Certificate Program participants are given the opportunity to attend the Summer Intensive in June. The Summer Intensive is a formative week long experience where you are given the opportunity to go much deeper into this ministry through hands on practice, experiential learning and practice of Formational Prayer in a very small group. Individuals are guided by some of the most experienced and seasoned caregivers in Formational Prayer.

The Certificate Program also provides the opportunity to serve as a "Caregiver in Training" at a Formational Prayer Seminar. This is separate from the Summer Intensive and usually takes place at a Formational Prayer Seminar. During that time you will sit through the Formational Prayer Seminar a second time and work alongside a seasoned caregiver throughout the entire seminar. There is no seminar fee, only the cost for travel, food, and housing.

With both of these experiences, and the others listed on the requirement sheet, you have the opportunity to debrief and discuss/process your experiences with your adviser. For instance when you participate/lead a Healing Care Group you can call and process that experience with your adviser, if needed. This is a part of the four face to face hours.

If you have completed any of the certificate requirements prior to entering the Certificate Program, those requirements will be credited. Individuals who have completed several of the requirements in the Certificate Program before actual acceptance to the program will be able to use the advising time for focusing on their personal development and the coaching in context of their current ministry in Formational Prayer.

The Certificate Program is the process we use to develop new caregivers and advisors for our programs. Those enrolled in this program are given 3 years to complete all requirements. Upon completion of the Certificate Program some additional opportunities may be available to you. 1) With your permission you may be placed on our referral list 2) You may also be asked to serve as a Caregiver on our team 3) You may be asked in the future to become an adviser in the Certificate Program. Note not everyone will be asked to do these things. We ask on an as needed basis and at the discretion of the board.

Standards

- Educational background of a bachelor's degree, 10% of participants may have a high school diploma only. This is at the discretion of the Certificate board or the Board Chair.
- Attendance of the Basic Formational Prayer Seminar
- A verifiable association with a local Christian congregation
- Submit three recommendations
- Submit an applicant picture (J-Peg) *OPTIONAL helps administrators for congruence
- Evidence Christian maturity, detailed in a Christian faith narrative submitted in writing.
- Submit signed informed consent

Requirements

- Receive advising from your coordinating advisor and individuals who have extensive experience in Formational Prayer.
- Attend the Formational Prayer Summer Intensive Training Seminar.
- Serve as a caregiver-in-training at a Formational Prayer seminar.
- Attend the Integrating or Essentials Seminar.
- Participate in or lead a group of peers using the Healing Care Group curriculum, for group experience.
- Attend a seminar related to the foundational understandings of Formational Prayer, must be pre-approved by the coordinating advisor. Please note: all Healing Care seminars are approved.
- Attend a conference on a theme related to healing and prayer or spiritual direction; and pre-approved by your coordinating advisor. Please note: all Healing Care seminars are approved.
- Read seven books to be chosen from books listed on page 13 of this manual.
- Submit a reflection paper to your advisor in response to participation in these experiences:
 - o The Healing Care Group
 - o Summer Intensive
 - o Caregiver-in-training
 - o Integrating Seminar or Essentials Seminar
 - o Additional Seminar
 - o Guidelines for writing reflection papers are included on page 12
- Exit Interview

Time Limit

- There is a three-year limit to complete this program.
- After three-years the advisory funds must be paid again and a new advisor will be assigned.
- In special circumstances when requested in writing an extension may be granted.
- All time limits are at the discretion of the Advisory Board.

Costs

- Application Fee of \$450 is due at the time of application
- Coordinating advisor fee of \$425 is paid directly from the advisee to the coordinating advisor.
Advisee is responsible to contact the coordinating advisor to initiate the certificate program process.
Relationship begins when fee is paid.
- *Fees listed above do not reflect the cost of attending required events