OVERVIEW OF WCSI CARITAS COACH EDUCATION PROGRAM® & APPLICATION PROCESS

Working Definition of Caritas Coach:
A Caritas Coach is defined as a knowledgeable, experienced, reflective health care professional, who is prepared and committed to personally and professionally practice and model intelligent heart-centered approaches to health care by translating and sustaining the ethic, philosophy, theory and practice of the Science of Human Caring into our systems and society.

Purpose of Caritas Coach:
The purpose of a Caritas Coach is to transform self and systems with an intentional Caritas Consciousness/Caritas Ways of Being that integrate and restore Caring–Healing and Love into our life and work/world, providing deeper meaning, purpose, dignity and wholeness to health care providers, patients, institutions and society.

Personal Focus for Caritas Coach:
The Caritas Coach is committed to personal and professional transformation through Being/Becoming/Radiating the Caritas field into the universe. A Caritas Coach is one who strives toward an evolving consciousness of heart-centered living by holding an intentionality to restore and sustain human caring as a way to deepen our shared humanity and help to preserve humanity in our systems and society.

Professional Outcome of Caritas Coaching:
The ultimate outcome of Caritas Coaching is to deepen and sustain our shared humanity, preserve human caring, human dignity and wholeness as the highest gift to self, systems, society and humankind worldwide; to be part of the evolution of human caring as the highest ethical commitment to humankind and society.

CCEP Program Information:
The Caritas Coach Educational Program is a formal 6-month Program that is designed to provide 58 contact hours of nursing continuing education. An application process and application fee are required. The tuition is paid upon acceptance into the Program. All applications are reviewed by a faculty committee.

The program format offers a combination of two 2-day onsite seminars and faculty-mentored home study over a 6-month period. The two on-site required CCEP seminars will be held immediately following the semi-annual gathering of the International Caritas Consortium (ICC). ICC meetings followed by CCEP seminars are conducted in various locations every six months. They are hosted by healthcare systems/organizations actively engaged in applying Caring Science and the Theory of Human Caring. The ICC/CCEP meetings are typically held in April and October of each year. For follow-up information on planned meeting locations, visit the WCSI website. (http://www.watsoncaringscience.org/)

Relation of CCEP Application to International Caritas Consortium (ICC) Registration:
Please note that, although the International Caritas Consortium (ICC) and the Caritas Coach Education Program (CCEP) are held at the same location and at contiguous times, they are two distinct and different events. All CCEP students must attend both events.
The ICC is a separate two-day gathering of health care providers from various institutional systems and of individuals who are actively engaged in applying Caring Science and the Theory of Human Caring. The ICC provides opportunities
for networking and formal presentations of ongoing research and application of the theory. **Participation in the ICC is traditionally “by invitation only,” and requires a separate registration and registration fee. All CCEP students are required to attend the ICC gathering immediately preceding their Introductory and their Completion Seminars. CCEP students must register separately for ICC.**

**CCEP** is a separate six-month educational program that requires an application process, application fee, and tuition payment. A new Cohort of CCEP students is admitted to the Program every 6-month period. Each Cohort begins the Program with a two-day on-site Introductory Seminar that is typically held immediately after an ICC meeting. Attendance at the ICC preceding the CCEP Introductory Seminar and the Completion Seminar is required of all CCEP students during the Program. CCEP candidates will receive notification and appropriate details for attending the ICC meeting and CCEP program upon formal acceptance into the assigned CCEP cohort group. **CCEP students must register for ICC, which is a separate registration form and attendance fee, and are responsible for all related fees associated with the ICC gathering.**

**CCEP Application Acceptance Policy**

WCSI Faculty review applications on an ongoing basis and in the order in which they are received. Acceptance into a requested CCEP cohort will be given top priority, but cannot be guaranteed. Actual participant cohort placement is based on formal receipt of the completed application and application fee, available space, faculty review, and successful completion of all program prerequisites/requirements, including tuition. Late submissions (less than 30 days prior to a scheduled program) may necessitate the advancement of a candidate into the next scheduled CCEP program. Candidates may be notified by the CCEP Registrar or Director and consulted directly to discuss and explore all possibilities to support their application, acceptance and progression into the Program.

**CCEP Dates, Locations & Application:**

For the most up-to-date CCEP information, location and dates, please visit the CCEP page of the WCSI website [http://www.watsoncaringscience.org/cfwebstorefb/index.cfm](http://www.watsoncaringscience.org/cfwebstorefb/index.cfm).

**ICC Dates, Locations and Registration Information:**

For the most up-to-date ICC information, location and dates, please visit the home page of the WCSI website [http://www.watsoncaringscience.org/](http://www.watsoncaringscience.org/).

**CCEP Application Fee:**

A $25.00 non-refundable processing fee must be paid at the time of CCEP application. This application fee can be remitted in one of two ways:

1. **Online via the WCSI website:** click on the “Pay Tuition Online” link at bottom of the Caritas Learning Center page ([http://www.watsoncaringscience.org/cfwebstorefb/index.cfm](http://www.watsoncaringscience.org/cfwebstorefb/index.cfm))
2. **By check:** mail to Watson Caring Science Institute (attn: Barbara Hope), 4450 Arapahoe Avenue, Suite 100, Boulder, CO 80303 USA. Please indicate on check that it is for CCEP Application fee.

Questions about the application fee and alternative payment methods should be directed to Barbara Hope at barbaras@watsoncaringscience.org.

**CCEP Tuition:**

Tuition is $3,000 and due in full on formal acceptance in the CCEP. Tuition includes all educational sessions including both CCEP seminars, program materials, 6-months of faculty mentoring, access to the Website-based restricted portal of the Caritas Learning Center and Resources, and continuing education credit. Please contact Barbara Hope, WSCI Secretary/Treasurer, at barbaras@watsoncaringscience.org or (303) 546-7970 for payment arrangements and any tuition questions.

**CCEP Additional Costs:**

CCEP tuition does not include the cost of books necessary for the program nor the ICC registration fees, the costs of attending the ICC meetings or social activities held in conjunction with the ICC. **In addition there are costs for the travel, hotel accommodations and meals associated with attending the four-day ICC/CCEP meetings at the start and end of the program.**

**CCEP Application:**

The CCEP Application form is a writeable PDF document to be filled out using the free Adobe Reader. This form and a copy of the applicant’s current resume/cv are to be submitted to the registrar as Email attachments. The CCEP Application form is accessible at: [http://www.watsoncaringscience.org/cfwebstorefb/files/CCEP_Application_Form.pdf](http://www.watsoncaringscience.org/cfwebstorefb/files/CCEP_Application_Form.pdf)