



CONNECT

faith, health & medicine

a graduate theological certificate program

New Cohort Starting in Fall 2023

A 12-credit year-long program of graduate study integrating faith traditions and medical practices into a holistic understanding of healthy persons, congregations, communities, and institutions.

CONNECT is for:

- doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals
- chaplains, pastors, and other ministers
- theological students
- *everyone* concerned with the challenges of integrating faith and health

CONNECT includes five sequential modules plus a practicum that together build understanding and competency:

Text and Tradition: Health, Healing, and Human Flourishing in the Biblical Narrative (3 credits)

Fridays 6–9 pm, Saturdays 8:30–4:30: Aug 25-26, Sept. 22-23, Oct. 20-21

Science Looks at Faith: The “Faith & Health” Movement (1 credit)

Friday 6–9 pm & Saturday 8:30–4:30: Nov. 17-18

I and Thou – The Imperative of Relationships (1 credit)

Friday 6–9 pm & Saturday 8:30–4:30: Dec. 8-9

Medicine and Morality: The Shape of Curing and Caring in The Christian Tradition (3 credits)

Fridays 6–9 pm, Saturdays 8:30–4:30: Jan 19-20, Feb 16-17, Mar 15-16

What People Believe Matters – World Religions’ Views on Health and Illness (2 credits)

Friday 6–9 pm & Saturday 8:30–4:30: Apr 12-13

Thursday 6-9 pm & Saturday 8:30 – 4:30: May 2 & 4

Practicum – Faith & Health in Action (2 credits, required only for Certificate students)

Students may do the practicum concurrently throughout the program or in Summer 2024.

Now available wherever you are – in the room, or synchronously by Zoom

More information: Contact Galen Zook, 410.864.4203 / gzook@stmarys.edu



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Faculty Leaders

Pat Fosarelli, MD, DMin, MAT, is the Director of the Masters of Arts in Christian Ministries degree program at St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute, where she teaches in the areas of spirituality, practical theology, and faith and health. Since 1983, she has also served on both the full-time and part-time faculty at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine (Department of Pediatrics). Dr. Fosarelli is the author of 12 books, including *The Family Ministry Desk Reference*; *Prayers and Rituals at a Time of Illness and Dying: The Practices of Five World Religions*, and *Whatever You Do for the Least of These: Ministering to Ill and Dying Children and Their Families*.

Joel Shuman, PhD, PT, is Professor of Theology at King's College, where he was a long-serving chair of the Department of Theology. After practicing physical therapy for several years, he pursued theology, studying New Testament with Richard Hays and Christian Ethics with Stanley Hauerwas. A noted medical ethicist, he has written *The Body of Compassion: Ethics, Medicine and the Church*, *Heal Thyself: Spirituality, Medicine and the Distortion of Christianity* (with Keith Meador, M.D.), *Reclaiming the Body: Christians and the Faithful Use of Modern Medicine* (with Brian Volck, M.D.), and *To Live is to Worship: Bioethics and the Body of Christ* (2007). He co-edited (with L. Roger Owens) and contributed to the volume of essays, *Wendell Berry and Religion: Heaven's Earthly Home*.

Brian Volck, MD, MFA, MAT, is a pediatrician with extensive intercultural experience in Central America and on the Navajo Nation. A theologian, essayist and poet, he is the author of *Attending Others: A Doctor's Education in Bodies and Words*, *Flesh Becomes Word: Poems*, and coauthor of *Reclaiming the Body: Christians and the Faithful Use of Modern Medicine*. While serving as Assistant Professor at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, he was a founding instructor in the Global Child Health Boot Camp, the Initiative on Poverty, Justice and Health, and an elective on literature and medicine. In 2014 he was Faculty Teacher of the Year. He is a long serving board member of the Ekklesia Project, and a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Moral Theology*.

John Hayes, PhD, ABPP, MAT, is a psychologist and psychoanalyst and a priest of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland. He is on the clinical staff of The Retreat at Sheppard Pratt Hospital and in private practice in Baltimore, and serves in the faculty of Psychiatry University of Maryland School of Medicine, Washington-Baltimore Psychoanalytic Institute, and the Brookhaven Institute for Psychoanalysis and Christian Theology. As a priest he pastors St. Luke's Church and offers spiritual direction and retreats, and teaches pastoral care and spirituality at St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute.

Certificate Program Cost: \$5,700 program cost for 12-credit graduate certificate.

Payment option: 12 monthly payments of \$475. Scholarship assistance available to qualified applicants.

Continuing Education Program Cost: \$2,000 for 100 hours of CE.

Payment option: 10 monthly payments of \$200.

Program Cost includes Saturday lunches during class sessions for in-person students.

Register by July 1st and receive \$120 off the cost of the program.