

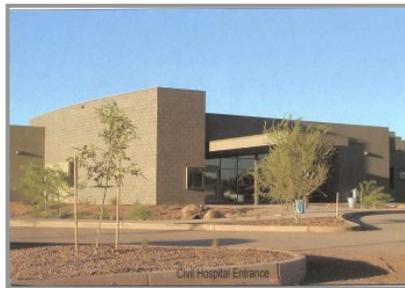
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Our mission is to contribute to restoration and enhancement of the quality of life of patients through pastoral care in a context of healthy spirituality and religious practice.



Worship Services

Religious practices of worship, prayer, singing, Scripture reading and participation in the sacraments are vital to the well-being of our patients.

The Pastoral Care Department provides patients with sensitive and compassionate care to address spiritual and religious needs through Sunday and weekday worship services, memorial services, Ash Wednesday observances and special services. These religious services include Catholic, Protestant and Muslim. Native American and Jewish observances are held upon request.

Pastoral Visitation

Chaplains devote a major portion of their time to pastoral visitation with patients. These visits help bring a sense of connectedness to patients while maintaining continuity with their core religious beliefs. Such visits often include spiritual guidance, religious counseling and intercessory prayer. Chaplains support and encourage patients in their efforts toward recovery.

Spiritual Needs Assessment

Chaplains meet each newly admitted patient to assess their spiritual and religious needs. During this time, chaplains are often able to help new patients with the fears and uncertainties of hospitalization. Patients may also be free to address their religious needs and requirements at this time.

Memorial Services

One of the most difficult challenges we all have is facing our own mortality. In the unfortunate circumstance that a person should die while at the Arizona State Hospital, Chaplain Services provides an appropriate memorial service in order to help bring closure for patients and staff in their time of grieving and loss.