

Working with Gender Fluid Patients & Family: Body, Mind, and Spirit

- In-person

*One and a half (1.5) hours for Social Work CEU has been approved for this session.

Speaker: Adrian Mazur, M.Div., BCC

Adrian Mazur was born in Romanian and moved to the Ukrainian as a child with his parents. Adrian came to USA at age 13 and lived in NYC most of my life in a very conservative Christian Orthodox family. He received a full scholarship to Sacred Heart University and graduated in 2010 with a double major in finance and investments. However, he decided to quit his job at JP Morgan after 6 months and booked a one-way thicket to Australia. After 7 months of traveling, he found himself in the Ukraine volunteering at an orphanage sponsored by his church. Three weeks after that experience he enrolled in Saint Sophia Seminary. Later he volunteered at Bellevue Hospital in NYC as a chaplain. Later that year, he was offered a residency as a pediatric Chaplain at Cohen Children's Medical Center and was hired soon afterward. Nine years later, Adrian describes CCMC as the most wonderful place to work. He is the recipient of numerous awards for his humanity and work including the Northwell Health President's Award. However, Adrian views his biggest award as being at CCMC with his patients and the CCMC staff who are family. He wouldn't trade it for anything in the world.

Description of Presentation: The presentation will offer insights into working with gender-fluid individuals and their families from the perspective of the medical center chaplain. Special attention will be given to the challenges of working through unintentional bias and acceptance issues with families and staff. The presenter will offer didactic content, case studies, and encourage reflection.