To Apply

An application form for this program must be filled out online from our website at:
http://socialwork.nyu.edu/alumni/continuing-education/post-masters/palliative-care.html

In addition to the application form, you must submit your resume and a personal statement (guidelines below). Two letters of reference must also be mailed or faxed to the address at the bottom of the page. An interview is also required for admission.

Note: At least 2 years of post-master’s experience in or related to PELC are required to apply to this program.

Statement Guidelines
300-500 words addressing your personal and professional reasons for working in palliative and end-of-life care; what you hope to gain from this program; issues you would like to work on; how you will incorporate the knowledge gained from the program into your practice.

Fees
The cost of the certificate is $800 per course or $3,200 for the full Certificate. There is an additional cost for materials. Discounts may not be combined.

Discounts
• 25% discount for NYU SSSW MSW/PhD graduates, NYU SSSW field instructors, and educational coordinators
• 15% discount for applicants who have already completed one NYU SSSW certificate program
• 50% discount for veterans

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Program Description

This certificate program is a 2-semester course of study that emphasizes the integration of theory and practice. It will enhance clinical practice knowledge, expand assessment and clinical intervention skills, examine the treatment needs of individuals and families facing life-limiting and life-threatening illnesses, utilize a bio-psycho-social-spiritual framework and provide opportunities to develop leadership skills.

How long will it take me to complete the certificate?
Two semesters. Each course (except Leadership) meets for 10 two-hour sessions every other week, unless otherwise noted. The Leadership course is taught as an intensive over two semesters and includes in-class time and telephone consultation. Regular attendance is required to obtain your certificate.

How many continuing education credits (CEs) will I earn?
20 CEs for each course; total of 80 CEs for the certificate.

Where can I find more information?
For program requirements, dates, times, and other detailed information, go to http://goo.gl/8tpDmO or contact silver.continuingeducation@nyu.edu.

About the Faculty
The faculty brings a combination of extensive practice and leadership experience with palliative and end-of-life care in varied health, hospital, and agency settings, as well as experience in academic teaching.

Course of Study

FALL

Ethical Issues in Palliative Care/Pain and Symptom Management: Multidimensional Perspectives

The ethics sessions in this module introduce students to an in-depth exploration of bioethical principles and their application to individuals and families facing life-threatening illnesses.

Topics include
- Discussion of classic Supreme Court right-to-die cases such as Quinlan, Cruzan, and Schiavo
- Ethical theory and assessment
- Student presentations of ethical issues in their own practice

Pain management sessions in this module introduce students to the comprehensive assessment of pain and other symptoms.

Topics include
- Assessment of pain and symptoms along the continuum of illness and at the end of life
- Interventions for easing the suffering of individuals and their families

Theories of Attachment, Loss, and Bereavement

The objective of this module is to enhance students’ skills in providing evidence-based, theoretically grounded interventions with individuals, families, and groups. Students learn primary psychosocial theories that inform clinical practice in palliative and bereavement care of diverse populations.

Topics include
- Attachment, loss, and bereavement
- Spirituality
- Family systems

SPRING

Practice Seminar

This course builds on the theory and ethics classes taken in the fall semester, with students discussing their clinical practice issues. Each student selects a client/family case study to present and two readings, writes a bio-psycho-social-spiritual description of the client, and identifies issues with which they want help, particularly in terms of client/family theoretical approaches and interventions.

Topics include
- Boundary issues
- Self-disclosure
- Use of self
- Meaning-making at the end of life
- Narrative theory
- Integrating theory and practice
- Ethical/clinical tensions
- Transference and countertransference

Interdisciplinary Collaboration and Leadership Development

Because much of the work in medical settings requires collaboration among professions—doctors, nurses, chaplains, and others—leaders in social work must develop skills in interdisciplinary collaboration. In this module, participants:
- Create and present a leadership plan
- Gain skills in interdisciplinary collaboration
- Select a project to work on in their institutions