

Institute for Palliative Care



ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

For nurses, social workers, chaplains, physicians and other healthcare professionals

The Institute's professional development programs are designed to ensure healthcare professionals have the skills to provide the supportive care patients and families suffering from chronic or life-threatening illness need. Incorporating the latest in evidence-based palliative care practices, these courses are practical and highly interactive. All programs provide continuing education hours (CE Hours) and some offer BRN, BBS, CCM and CME hours. If you are looking to enhance your skills or prepare for more certification, or are an organization setting up a palliative care program or hiring new hospice or palliative care staff, these are the courses you need.

The following is a brief overview of many of the programs we offer. All of these courses are online and offered in a variety of formats including asynchronous instructor-led cohorts and self-paced courses. Check our **website** for details.

NURSING

Advanced Practice RN Certificate in Palliative Care (Instructor-Led - 175 CE Hours)

Are you an Advanced Practice RN currently working or intending to work in hospice and palliative care? If you are looking for a way to expand your skills, this 9-month course makes it easier than ever. Fully online, this comprehensive certificate program is designed specifically for busy advanced practice nurses looking for expert skills without a classroom schedule. For those with necessary clinical hours, it prepares you to successfully sit for the Advanced Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (ACHPN) exam. Participants will gain in-depth knowledge of a broad range of current topics in this growing field – all while working in partnership with instructors who are experienced palliative care nursing experts. **COST: \$3900**

RN Certificate in Palliative Care (Instructor-Led - 64 CE Hours)

This dynamic 8-week course, aimed at enhancing nurses' competencies in palliative care, provides essential knowledge for professionals who deliver hospice or palliative nursing care regardless of the setting (hospice, inpatient or outpatient, oncology, long-term care, home settings and more). The course work is fully online, is led by instructors who are experts in palliative care nursing, and allows you flexibility in balancing work responsibilities while furthering your professional development. **COST: \$929**

SOCIAL WORK

Post-MSW Palliative Care Certificate (Instructor-Led - 144 CE Hours)

The Post-MSW Palliative Care Certificate Program is designed to provide master's-prepared social workers with the knowledge and skills to be successful leading or providing palliative care services in interprofessional environments, whether that is in a hospital, hospice or other setting. Over eight months MSW's will sharpen problem solving, goal setting and many more skills that are foundational in social work. Former participants compare this course to "getting advanced clinical supervision from national experts." **COST: \$2530**

Critical Palliative Care Skills for Social Workers and Counselors (Instructor-Led - 48 CE Hours)

This 8-week online course has been designed by leading palliative care experts who are actively engaged in today's palliative care issues. Critical Skills in Palliative Care participants will learn to effectively support individuals experiencing serious or chronic illness, discuss strategies for working within a multidisciplinary care team, and apply critical thinking and positive problem solving in the context of palliative care. **COST: \$829**

INTERPROFESSIONAL COURSES

Applying Motivational Interviewing Techniques and Interventions in Palliative Care (Self-Paced - 6 CE Hours)

This in-depth course explores the spirit of motivational interviewing and gives palliative care professionals tools that can be immediately applied in their work with patients and families. **COST: \$249**

INTERPROFESSIONAL COURSES, *continued*

Ensuring Your Community-Based Palliative Care Success (Live - one or two-day seminars)

This interactive and informative full-day workshop will teach your association members what it takes to build a palliative care program and provide you with a customizable organizational implementation plan that can lead to your success. We bring this to you as a pre-conference or stand-alone seminar in most states. See [website](#) for details.

Effective Advance Care Planning: Skill Building for Everyone (Self-Paced - 3 CE Hours)

The Coalition for Compassionate Care of California partnered with the Institute to develop a series of three courses to provide effective advance care planning tools for any staff member. Individual courses address Advance Care Planning Fundamentals, Difficult Conversations & Billing for Advance Care Planning. Participants can take any course or all three.

COST: \$405 FOR SERIES OF 3 COURSES OR \$149 PER COURSE

The Business Case for Palliative Care (Self-Paced - 4 CE Hours)

This self-paced course is designed to orient clinical and administrative leaders to concepts that are unique to the business of palliative care. It introduces the analyses needed to assess the impact of existing programs while identifying growth opportunities for hospital, clinic, and home-based palliative care services. Participants will learn how their palliative care program adds value to their organization's mission. This course was developed by nationally recognized experts in the field of palliative care, including: Kathleen Kerr BA, Dr. Brian Cassel, Dr. Michael Rabow, and Dr. Shelley R. Adler. **COST: \$229**

Palliative Care for Care Managers (Self-Paced - 20 CE Hours)

This course delivers the practical skill and knowledge health plan case managers need to put palliative care principles into practice. Available 24/7 in a self-paced online format or delivered through customized on-site instruction, it is designed for experienced care managers needing to add palliative care approaches to their toolkit. Developed in collaboration with the Coalition for Compassionate Care of California, it builds skills for handling challenging conversations, addressing advance care planning, recognizing members appropriate for palliative care and assessing and addressing the needs of the whole person. **COST: \$399**

Excellence in Interprofessional Palliative Care Documentation (Self-Paced - 3 CE Hours, CMEs Available)

In palliative care, documentation is at the heart of our communications. This self-paced course provides quick, discipline-specific and team-focused strategies for ensuring that your documentation facilitates communication and supports great relationships within the team and with your referral sources. If you are staying late working on documentation or frustrated by the documentation habits of your colleagues, this course is for you! **COST: \$129**

What Every... Needs to Know About Palliative Care (Self-Paced - 1 CE Hour, CMEs Available)

For your patients and your organization to get the full benefits of palliative care, EVERYONE needs to understand what palliative care is, how to practice some basic skills and when to refer. Through this series of quick, discipline-specific modules built on a common framework, physicians, nurses, social workers, chaplains and all healthcare professionals can learn the fundamentals that they need to appropriately integrate palliative care into their practice. Professionals, from clinicians to administrators, will gain a foundational understanding of palliative care and a set of tools and resources to put to work in their settings immediately. **COST: See website**

Working With POLST for Professionals (Self-Paced - 2 CE Hours)

POLST stands for Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment. It is a physician order that gives patients more control over their care by specifying the types of medical treatment they want to receive during advanced serious illness. This self-paced course helps the healthcare professional understand the role and value of this document, and how to employ it in documenting and honoring patient wishes. This course provides specific details about POLST in California. **COST: \$25 / \$50 With CE Hours**

Care of Latinos with Serious Illness (Self-Paced - 4 CE Hours)

The reality is, in order to provide the best care possible to Latino patients and their families, we must reach a higher level of self-awareness and a deeper understanding of Latino cultural perspectives. This new, self-paced course will give your team the understanding and tools they need to deliver the best care possible to Latinos and their families. **COST: \$169**

Journey of Self-Awareness (Self-Paced - 3 CE Hours)

The Journey of Self-Awareness is an online program that teaches professional self-awareness in the midst of challenging and stressful careers. It helps health care professionals reflect on their approach to caregiving and identify ways to balance that with their own self-care. **COST: \$99**

Not ready to start a course yet? Join our [Interest List!](#)

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Call Brandon at 760-750-7288 for more information!



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