



MSH Hospice • College of Nursing and Health

About the Program

Overview

The Master of Science in Hospice (MSH) degree prepares individuals to serve diverse client populations during the terminal phase of life; to perform effectively as members of an interdisciplinary team whose goal is to enhance the psychological, social, emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of the hospice patient and family; and to become leaders in the hospice movement.

Program Objectives

Graduates will be able to:

- Synthesize hospice history and trends as a means of understanding the past and current hospice movement.
- Analyze hospice models of care that support palliative, interdisciplinary interventions in an advanced hospice practice.
- Analyze advanced bereavement models and relevant interdisciplinary theories that support bereavement counseling and spiritual interventions in advanced hospice practice.
- Evaluate current transcultural, ethical/moral, and legal issues pertaining to hospice patients/families to develop a professional code of conduct in advanced hospice practice.
- Develop expertise in a cognate area and apply concepts to areas in hospice.
- Apply research methodology to the resolution of problems in advanced hospice practice.

Admission Requirements

Applicants for admission to the hospice education specialty are evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Possession of a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution, with an undergraduate grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
2. Satisfactory score on the GRE (Graduate Record Exam) for applicants with less than a 3.25 undergraduate grade point average.
3. Two letters of recommendation from an employer or agency affiliate.
4. Admission interview with the Chair of Hospice Education Department or assistant.
5. Writing assessment: completion of an extemporaneous writing sample on an issue related to hospice.
6. Admission requirements and procedures follow the policies in the Graduate Bulletin.

Transfer Students

Students may transfer up to 6 semester hours of credit, with departmental approval.

Tuition

The tuition rate for the 2004-2005 academic year is \$350.00 per semester hour.

Requirements

30 s.h. of coursework including:
Hospice Core Courses (15 s.h.)

- HSP 5000: History & Philosophy of Hospice (3 s.h.)
- HSP 5010: Dimensions of Bereavement: Theory, Research & Practice (3 s.h.)
- HSP6000: Advanced Holistic Palliative Care (3 s.h.)
- HSP6010: Ethical and Legal Issues in End-of-Life Care (3 s.h.)
- HSP 6020: Hospice Seminar Practicum (3 s.h.)

Electives:

- ENG 5050: Communication for the Executive (3 s.h.)
- HSP 5800: Current Trends and Topics (3s.h.)
- MGT 5300: Behavior in Organizations (3 s.h.)
- MGT 6400: Power, Politics and Networking (2 s.h.)

Choose one cognate from the following:

Bereavement (9 s.h.)

- HSP 5200: Grieving Family Systems (3 s.h.)
- HSP 5300: Complicated Grief & Related Disorders (3s.h.)
- HSP 5400: Developing Comprehensive Bereavement Programs (3 s.h.)

Business Cognate (9 s.h.)

- MKT 5160:Essentials of Marketing (3 s.h.)
- MGT 5300: Behavior in Organizations (3 s.h.)
- MGT 5500: Human Resource Management & Development (3 s.h.)

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Education Cognate (9 s.h.)

- EDU 5000: Current Developments in Teaching & Learning Theory (2-3 s.h.) **OR**
NUR 5020: Adult Learners: Approaches to Learning and Instruction (3 s.h.)
EDU 5080: Instructional Research (2 s.h.)
EDU 5650: Education and the Community (2 s.h.)
EDU 5800: Selected topics in Educational Leadership (1-3 s.h.)
EDU 5950: Curriculum Leadership (2 s.h.)

Nursing Cognate (9 s.h.)

- NUR 5000: Theoretical basis for Nursing Practice (3 s.h.)
NUR 5210: Power, Politics & Health Policy (3 s.h.)
NUR 5760: Disciplined Inquiry in Nursing (3 s.h.)

Pastoral Ministry (9 s.h.)

- RE 5300: Conversion and Reconciliation (2 s.h.) **OR**
MT 5500: Principles of Christian Morality (2 s.h.)
(Pre-Req. For MT 5500 is THE 2740)
PM 6600: Pastoral Counseling (2 s.h.)
PM 7000: Ministry to the Elderly (2 s.h.)
PM 7150: Pastoral Care of the Sick **(Required)** (3 s.h.)
PM 7200: Pastoral Care of the Family (2 s.h.)

Pastoral Ministry courses are offered through a consortium arrangement with Sacred Heart Major Seminary on the Seminary campus.

Required Research Course (6 s.h.)*

- BR 6430: Research Design (3 s.h.)
HSP 6840: Research Project/Thesis (3 s.h.)

**BR 5170 (3 s.h.) is a strongly recommended prerequisite for the student who has not had a recent undergraduate statistics course.*

Special Program Feature:

Certificate in Bereavement (9 s.h.)

Like the hospice curriculum, this specialized training in bereavement theory, counseling, and programming is available for college credit and is unique to Madonna University. It includes three graduate courses in:

- HSP 5200: Grieving Family Systems (3 s.h.)
HSP 5300: Complicated Grief and Related Disorders (3 s.h.)
HSP5400: Developing Comprehensive Bereavement Programs (3 s.h.)

This certificate is recommended for graduate students who wish to supplement an existing counseling, psychology or social work (or related) degree with clinical knowledge and expertise in their work with grieving persons and families. It is also available as a cognate for students pursuing the Master's Degree in Hospice Education. Some Bachelor's level students may take the three courses for content only, but it will not be listed as a Post-Master's Certificate on one's transcript.

Certificate in Hospice Education (15 s.h. - 5 core hospice courses):

This certificate provides students with a strong foundation regarding the core concepts and philosophy of interdisciplinary hospice care. Students complete the five core courses within the graduate curriculum (listed on reverse side).

The hospice certificate is recommended for graduate students who wish to supplement an existing graduate degree and/or those desiring to enhance knowledge base for advanced work within the field of hospice and palliative care.