

Madonna University

Hospice and Palliative Studies • College of Nursing and Health

About the Program

Overview

The Hospice and Palliative Studies faculty at Madonna University believe in the hospice philosophy as defined by the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization. In accord with this belief, our purpose is to comprehensively prepare individuals to serve diverse client populations during the terminal phase of life, and to perform effectively as members of an interdisciplinary team whose goal is to enhance the quality of life by focusing on the physical, psychological, social, and spiritual needs of the hospice patient and family.

Unique features

- Only university-based Hospice and Palliative Studies program in the U.S.
- Smaller, personalized classes.
- Flexible scheduling.

Program Specifics

Students may earn a bachelor or associate degree in hospice and palliative studies, as well as a certificate of achievement. A minor is also available. At the graduate level, the University offers a Master of Science in Hospice and Palliative Studies degree.

Hospice and Palliative Studies Major: Bachelor of Science (31 s.h.)

Required Major Courses:

HSP 2210	Introduction to Palliative/End-of-Life Care Concepts	3 s.h.
HSP 3310	Management of the Bereavement Process	3 s.h.
HSP 3480	Psychosocial Domains of Palliative/End-of-Life Care	3 s.h.
HSP 3500	Spiritual & Ethical Considerations in Palliative/End-of-Life Care	3 s.h.
HSP 3530	Palliative/End-of-Life Comfort and Care	3 s.h.
HSP 4620	Palliative/End-of-Life Care Management I	3 s.h.
HSP 4650	Hospice/Palliative Care Field Experience I	3 s.h.
HSP 4750	Emerging Issues in Palliative/End-of-Life Care	3 s.h.
HSP 4820	Palliative/End-of-Life Care Management II	3 s.h.
HSP 4850	Hospice/Palliative Care Field Experience II	2 s.h.
HSP 4950	Hospice/Palliative Care Senior Seminar	<u>2 s.h.</u>
		31 s.h.

Required Support Courses:

RST 4140	Life/Death Issues	4 s.h.
SW 2390	Empathy Listening Skills	1 s.h.

Hospice and Palliative Studies Minor (21 s.h.)

Required Minor Courses:

HSP 2210	Introduction to Palliative/End-of-Life Care Concepts	3 s.h.
HSP 3310	Management of the Bereavement Process OR	
HSP 4750	Emerging Issues in Palliative/End-of-Life Care	3 s.h.
HSP 3480	Psychosocial Domains of Palliative/End-of-Life Care	3 s.h.
HSP 3500	Spiritual & Ethical Considerations in Palliative/End-of-Life Care	3 s.h.
HSP 3530	Palliative/End-of-Life Comfort & Care	3 s.h.
HSP 4620	Palliative/End-of-Life Care Management I	3 s.h.
HSP 4650	Hospice/Palliative Care Field Experience I	<u>3 s.h.</u>
		21 s.h.

Recommended Course:

RST 4140	Life/Death Issues	4 s.h.
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Hospice and Palliative Studies Certificate of Achievement (31 s.h.)

Required Certificate Courses:

ENG 1010	College Composition I	3 s.h.
HSP 2210	Introduction to Palliative/End-of-Life Care Concepts	3 s.h.
HSP 3310	Management of the Bereavement Process	3 s.h.
HSP 3480	Psychosocial Domains of Palliative/End-of-Life Care	3 s.h.
HSP 3500	Spiritual & Ethical Considerations in Palliative/End-of-Life Care	3 s.h.
HSP 3530	Palliative/End-of-Life Comfort & Care	3 s.h.
HSP 4620	Palliative/End-of-Life Care Management I	3 s.h.
HSP 4650	Hospice/Palliative Care Field Experience I	3 s.h.
HSP 4750	Emerging Issues in Palliative/End-of-Life Care	3 s.h.
RST 4140	Life/Death Issues	<u>4 s.h.</u>
		31 s.h.

Hospice and Palliative Studies Major: Associate of Science (28 s.h.)

Required Major Courses:

HSP 2210	Introduction to Palliative/End-of-Life Care Concepts	3 s.h.
HSP 3310	Management of the Bereavement Process	3 s.h.
HSP 3480	Psychosocial Domains of Palliative/End-of-Life Care	3 s.h.
HSP 3500	Spiritual & Ethical Considerations in Palliative/End-of-Life Care	3 s.h.
HSP 3530	Palliative/End-of-Life Comfort & Care	3 s.h.
HSP 4620	Palliative/End-of-Life Care Management I	3 s.h.
HSP 4650	Hospice/Palliative Care Field Experience I	3 s.h.
HSP 4750	Emerging Issues in Palliative/End-of-Life Care	3 s.h.
	Major electives	<u>4 s.h.</u>
		28 s.h.

Required Support Courses:

RST 4140	Life/Death Issues	4 s.h.
SW 2390	Empathy Listening Skills1	1 s.h.



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Foundations of Hospice and Palliative Studies Certificate of Completion (15 s.h.)

This certificate provides students with a basic overview of the core concepts and philosophy of transdisciplinary hospice and palliative care. Offered online and on campus* it is designed to supplement an existing degree or to serve as a foundational tool for employees and volunteers serving in the field of hospice and palliative care.

Required Certificate Courses:

HSP 2210	Introduction to Palliative/End-of-Life Care Concepts	3 s.h.
HSP 3310	Management of the Bereavement Process	3 s.h.
HSP 3480	Psychosocial Domains of Palliative/End-of-Life Care	3 s.h.
HSP 3500	Spiritual & Ethical Considerations in Palliative/End-of-Life Care	3 s.h.
HSP 4750	Emerging Issues in Palliative/End-of-Life Care	<u>3 s.h.</u> 15 s.h.

Note: These five courses are offered to all students on campus and online. However, for students who are certificate bound only, the final capstone course, HSP 4750, must be taken online. See student advisor.

Hospice Philosophy

Hospice provides support and care for persons in the last phases of incurable disease so that they may live as fully and as comfortably as possible. Hospice recognizes dying as part of the normal process of living and focuses on maintaining the quality of remaining life. Hospice affirms life and neither hastens nor postpones death. Hospice exists in the hope and belief that through appropriate care, and the promotion of a caring community sensitive to their needs, patients and their families may be free to attain a degree of mental and spiritual preparation for death that is satisfactory to them. Hospice offers palliative care to terminally ill people and their families without regard for age, gender, nationality, race, creed, sexual orientation, disability, diagnosis, availability of a primary caregiver, or ability to pay.

Hospice objectives

- To explore the history of hospice/palliative care and its philosophy which differentiates hospice care from curative approaches to care.
- To examine the transdisciplinary nature and function of the hospice team approach to hospice and palliative care.
- To identify developmental and psychosocial principles, theories, and approaches, including effective communication techniques, which will facilitate meeting the multi-level psychosocial needs of hospice patients and families.
- To identify and demonstrate basic physical interventions and environmental measures, including pain management and symptom control, which will enhance the comfort of the hospice patient.
- To explore diverse cultural, ethnic, spiritual, and religious beliefs in order to develop a sensitivity to the spiritual needs and search for meaning of hospice patients/families.
- To examine practices of mourning, principles and theories of loss and grief, bereavement, and interventions appropriate for effective management of the bereavement process.
- To present the hierarchy of legal and ethical principles and gain problem-solving experiences by analyzing moral dilemmas facing patients, families, administrators, and hospice caregivers.
- To explore various management principles and techniques and their potential for application in various hospice settings.
- To identify elements of licensure, certification, and standards of practice for hospice settings.
- To provide opportunities for application and practice of hospice/palliative principles of care and management through supervised hospice field experience.
- To interpret current issues and emerging trends in hospice and to facilitate use of research in hospice practice.