

INTERPROFESSIONAL SPECIALTY PALLIATIVE CARE EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN THE UNITED STATES

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CURRENT LANDSCAPE IN THE UNITED STATES

Palliative care is specialized care for people living with a serious illness. This type of care is focused on proactive management of symptoms and stress of the illness. The goal is to improve quality of life for both the patient and the family or other caregivers.

There are two levels of palliative care, and thus two levels of palliative care education: primary and specialty as delineated below.

Primary Palliative Care	Specialty Palliative Care
○ First line pain and symptom management ○ Commonly needed communication skills, such as having goals of care discussions ○ Assessing quality of life pain assessment ○ Understanding the available resources in one's community practice	○ Builds on generalist skills ○ Includes more culturally nuanced delivery of care ○ Management of complex and refractory pain and symptoms ○ Advanced skills in communication and conflict resolution ○ Navigation of the evolving care needs across the trajectory of serious illness

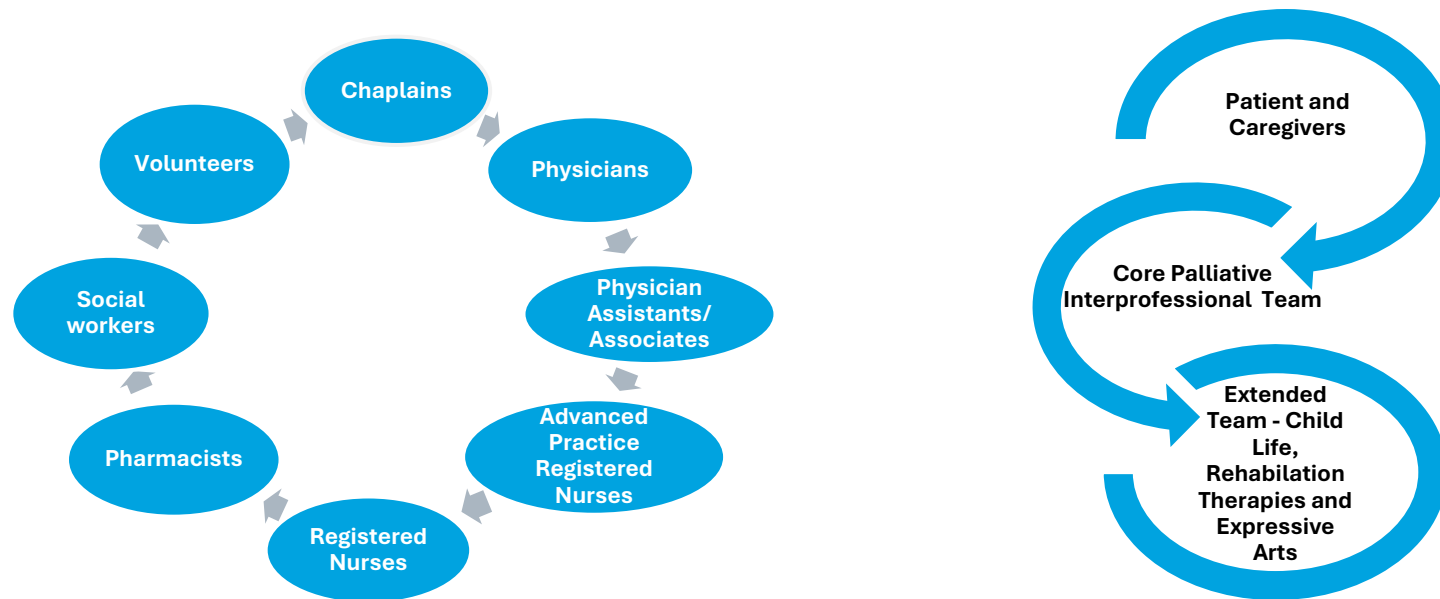
Education is the content or knowledge necessary to practice specialty palliative care (SPC) as opposed to *training* or structured which provides learners with clinical experience to prepare for specialization in palliative care. *Education* sets the foundation for palliative care practice and provides learners with content with the goal of increasing knowledge. Currently, only nursing requires primary palliative care education as part of academic preparation for the profession - a requirement that enacted in 2021 by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing.¹

CAPC has long provided primary-level palliative care education for two potential audiences: all practicing clinicians who are not specialized in palliative care, and clinicians on palliative care teams who do not yet have specialty certification. These professionals complete CAPC education as a foundation/ first step toward the longer process of specialty certification (See CAPC's [Clinical Training Hub](#) for more information or to find learning activities).

This resource lists *specialty palliative care education* programs – for clinical practice options, see CAPC's Interprofessional Specialty Palliative Care Training resource.

Defining Quality Interprofessional Palliative Care Education

The National Consensus Project (NCP) *Clinical Practice Guidelines* articulates quality palliative care in the United States, and outlines the interprofessional specialty team as including²:



Per the NCP Guidelines, quality palliative care programs must have:

Palliative care specialists a part of an interdisciplinary team (IDT) with the professional qualifications, education, training, and support needed to deliver optimal patient- and family-centered care

However, the specifics of such education and training are broad. Guideline 1.6 delineates specialized education and training with two themes:

- a) initial orientation and continuing education focused on the NCP Guidelines
- b) training regarding the use of opioids, including the following: safe and appropriate use of opioids, risk assessment for opioid substance use disorder, monitoring for signs of opioid abuse and diversion, managing pain for patients at risk for substance abuse, and safe disposal of opioids in home and community settings.

Because the NCP Guidelines do not comprehensively explain the knowledge, skills, or attitudes essential to delivering SPC, each profession delineates the competencies or the necessary knowledge to pass specialty examinations.

While there has been major evolution in SPC education and training across the various professions, there is no consensus on standardized interprofessional specialty education – although SPC training is moving in this direction. The NCP *Guidelines* outlines eight domains of quality palliative care, which were developed to be used both as an educational framework and program development, although they lack specificity to clinical practice.³ The result is a range of educational formats from academic programs and certificate programs that vary in their emphases, structure, and content.³ It should be noted that there has been no research to indicate a preference of one type of interprofessional palliative care education format or program over another, or that one program facilitates better learning.⁴

Palliative Care Specialty Certification vs. Specialty Palliative Care Education

Specialty certification is different from a certificate from courses in palliative care. Many of the core professions have specialty certification in palliative care (i.e., chaplaincy, counseling, medicine, nursing, social work, physician assistants/associates). These examinations require educational preparation (e.g. graduate education or course work), required clinical practice hours within palliative care, and a profession specific examination which covers the delineated scope of practice within that profession. Thereafter, there are ongoing requirements and costs to maintaining certification.

Specialty palliative care education may be stand-alone education or courses taken as part achieving certification. In the United States, currently there are three types of education programs that prepare health professionals with the content and knowledge of specialty palliative care.

- **Certificate** - A group of selected educational content delivered over a specific time period. These may be offered by professional organizations or academic programs, may require self-study, or may combine asynchronous with synchronous learning, involving faculty and other learners. Without an oversight entity or consensus requirements, SPC certificate programs vary widely in content, length, requirements, andragogy, quality, and cost.
- **Academic Certificate Programs** - A certificate offered within an academic institution that is awarded after *completing a non-degree program that concentrates on a specific expertise in palliative or palliative care specific educational competencies. Some programs are offered as part of undergraduate or graduate programs. Some programs may be used to enter a master's program. Others are a terminal certificate program within an academic program meaning they are offered by themselves.*

- **Degree Program** - A curriculum offered by an academic institution for SPC practice. This means the curriculum has been reviewed by a curriculum committee, approved by an academic institution, and has ongoing evaluation. They include the range of bachelor's, master's, post-master's, and doctoral studies.

It is important for learners to consider their goal in obtaining SPC education. A degree in SPC may facilitate both SPC delivery and leadership in the field. A certificate in SPC facilitates entry into specialty palliative care delivery and expertise to grow into leadership. Many palliative care programs use SPC certificate programs to onboard their employees. Both SPC academic degrees and certificates programs state that they have been used by palliative care clinicians to support eligibility for specialty certification in palliative care. It is important to consider time allocations to the various SPC programs and the cost of programs.

CAPC is excited to offer this first complete listing of interprofessional SPC education programs in the United States. It has been systematically collated and verified with the referenced education providers. It includes the various types of interprofessional SPC education programs – interprofessional certificate programs, profession-specific certificate degree programs, and SPC degree programs. It should be noted that while these programs focus on education (i.e., content), they vary widely in their type, format, concept, time, and cost.³

METHODS

Data collection for this resource involved systematic Google web searches conducted from 2022-2024 using the key terms ‘palliative care certificate’, ‘palliative care education’, ‘graduate programs in palliative care’, ‘specialty palliative care education’, ‘palliative care programs’, and ‘specialty profession specific (i.e., nurse, physician, social worker, chaplain, pharmacist, physician associate/assistant, rehabilitation therapists, doulas, etc.) palliative care.’⁴ Programs that fit the criteria were then verified through survey⁴ and then revalidated through program websites and confirmation from program directors. Programs whose directors did not respond were not included. Because specific information on programs may change over time, this database provides the following: the name of the program, which profession(s) it is directed to, general requirements, length, eligibility, population focus, cost range, and other general information offered on its website. Interested individuals are encouraged to view program websites for more specific information.

SPECIALTY PALLIATIVE CARE EDUCATION PROGRAM LISTING

Each program is described with the following details:

1. Name and address of program
2. URL for more information of program
3. Eligible team members who could apply to the program
4. Name of program
5. Type of program:
 - a) In-person - takes place on site
 - b) Synchronous - virtual with online sessions in real time
 - c) Asynchronous - virtual with video recordings or on a platform
 - d) Hybrid - a mix of in-person and virtual
6. Requirements and length of program - number of credits or courses and how long it takes to complete the program
7. Eligibility - the eligibility criteria to apply
8. Population Focus - adult, children, or both
9. Program Cost - delineated by \$ signs, for four categories: \$500 or less; \$ 500- \$1000; \$1000; \$1000-\$2000; and greater than \$2000
10. Comments - any information about the program in terms of experience, faculty, courses, continuing education credits or use for other degrees

Note: Each program director was contacted to verify their program as of November 2024. If the program director did not respond, a program was not included. Programs were verified in Summer 2025. This list will be reviewed annually for any updates.

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TABLE 1 - US INTERPROFESSIONAL SPECIALTY PALLIATIVE CARE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

PALLIATIVE CARE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS						
INTERPROFESSIONAL						
Arizona State University College of Health Solutions Phoenix, AZ https://degrees.apps.asu.edu/minors/major/ASU00/NHHAPCCERT/hospice-and-palliative-care?init=false&nopassive=true Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Registered Nurses, Physicians, Physician Assistants/Associates, Social Workers, Chaplains, Other Health Professionals or Interesting Individuals working with individuals with serious illness, Other Interested Individuals						
Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost	Comments
				Adult, Pediatrics, or Both	\$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	
Hospice and Palliative Care Certificate	In-person	18 credit hours • 4 (3 credit) courses • 2 (3 credit) electives • 2 years to complete	ASU Student • Student must be enrolled at ASU as an undergraduate or graduate	Adult	\$\$\$	• Internship at Hospice of the Valley

Grand Valley State University

Cook DeVos Center for Health Sciences

Grand Rapids, MI

<https://www.gvsu.edu/phc/>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Registered Nurses, Social Workers, Chaplains, Physicians, Pharmacy, Other Health Professionals, Administrators, Other Interested Individuals

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost \$ = \$500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
Interprofessional Certificate Hospice and Palliative Care	Hybrid	12 credits • 3 (3-credit) courses • 1(3-credit) elective • 8-12 months to complete	U.S. and International Students • Bachelor's • Application, Transcripts, ID, Fee, Interview	Both	\$\$\$\$	• Interprofessional Faculty • Both clinical and administrative focus

Ohio State University

College of Nursing

Columbus, Ohio

<https://online.osu.edu/program/palliative-end-of-life-care-certificate>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Chaplains, Registered Nurses, Pharmacists, Physicians, Physician Assistants/Associates, Social Workers, Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Nursing assistants, Medical students

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
Palliative and End of Life Care Certificate	Online - Asynchronous	12 credits (4 courses) • 2-3 semesters to complete	U.S. Students • Bachelor's • Must be available in state of student	Adult Adult, Pediatrics, or Both	Adult \$\$\$\$	• Interprofessional faculty

Yeshiva University

Wurzweiler School of Social Work

New York, NY

<https://www.yu.edu/wurzweiler/certificate-programs/gerontology-and-palliative-care>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Social Workers, Chaplains, Clergy, Mental Health Professionals, Registered Nurses, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Physicians, and Clinicians in Training

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus <i>Adult, Pediatrics, or Both</i>	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
Interprofessional Aging and Palliative Care Certificate Program	Online - Asynchronous	18 credits (6 courses) • 1-3 years to complete	U.S. and International Students • Clinical Experience, • Professional bachelor's degree minimum (e.g., BSW, RN) • SW • Other mental health professional • Chaplain • Clergy • RN • APRN • MD • DO • Seminary student	Adult	\$\$\$\$	• Graduate degree credit, SW CEUs available • Can use certificate towards Wurzweiler MSW degree for licensure as SW or LMH professional • Nationally known Social Work faculty

PROFESSION-SPECIFIC CERTIFICATES

CHAPLAINS

California State University

Shiley Haynes Institute for Palliative Care

San Marcos, CA

<https://csupalliativecare.org>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Spiritual Care Professionals

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
Certificate in Essentials of Palliative Care Chaplaincy	Online - Asynchronous	- Completion of in-depth course work 8 weeks to complete	- Chaplain - Spiritual Care Professional	Adult	\$\$	Awarded 64 CE credits

Hospice Chaplaincy Certificate

Spiritual Care Association

New York, NY

<https://www.spiritualcareassociation.org/hospice-chaplaincy-certificate/>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Hospice Chaplains

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
Hospice Chaplaincy Certificate	Online - Self-guided course	• Completion of all course work • 6 months to complete	• Chaplain who works with hospice teams	Both <i>Adult, Pediatrics, or Both</i>	\$	• Course Author Board certified • Awarded 35 CE hours • Awarded 1 credit towards board certification

DOULAS

University of Vermont

Learner College of Medicine

Burlington, VT

<https://learn.uvm.edu/program/end-of-life-doula-certificate/>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Open to All, Doulas, End-of Life Practitioners, Family Caregivers, Hospice and Palliative Volunteers, Social Workers, Mental Health Workers, Spiritual Care Professionals

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Continuing Education Credits
End of Life Doula Professional Certificate Program	In-Person	- Completion of all coursework 8 weeks to complete	Open to all	Both <i>Adult, Pediatrics, or Both</i>	\$\$	8 CE credits - Offered 5 times a year

University of New England

Portland and Biddeford, ME

<https://online.une.edu/continuing-education/professional-certificates/end-of-life-doula/>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Doulas, Family caregivers, Hospice and Palliative Care Volunteers

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Continuing Education Credits
End-of-Life Doula Professional Certificate	Online - Asynchronous	- Completion of all coursework 8 weeks to complete	Open to all	Both <i>Adult, Pediatrics, or Both</i>	\$\$	8 CE credits - Offered 4 times a year

MUSIC THERAPY						
<i>The Center for Music Therapy in End of Life Care</i> Lauderdale by the Sea, FL http://www.hospicemusictherapy.org/ https://www.facebook.com/hospicemusictherapy/ Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Music Therapists						
Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
Certificate in Hospice and Palliative Care Music Therapy (HPMT)	Online	• Completion of 4 Institutes • Each institute is 2 days • 1 year to attend all 4 institutes	Music Therapist	Both <i>Adult, Pediatrics, or Both</i>	\$\$	• Experienced faculty

NURSING

REGISTERED NURSES

California State University

Shiley Haynes Institute for Palliative Care

San Marcos, CA

<https://csupalliativecare.org>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Registered Nurses

Name of Program	Types of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
RN Certificate in Palliative Care	Online - Synchronous, Asynchronous	• Course completion • 8 weeks to complete	• RN	Adult	\$\$\$	• Awarded 64 CE contact hours

ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

California State University

Shiley Haynes Institute for Palliative Care

San Marcos, CA

<https://csupalliativecare.org>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

Name of Program	Types of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
APRN Certificate in Palliative Care	Online - Synchronous	- Course completion 9 months to complete	- NP - CNS	Adult	\$\$\$\$	Awarded 175 CE contact hours

PHYSICIAN ASSOCIATES/ASSISTANTS

California State University

Shiley Haynes Institute for Palliative Care

San Marcos, CA

<https://csupalliativecare.org>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Physician Associates/Assistants

Name of Program	Types of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
Certificate in Palliative and Serious Illness Care for PAs	Online - Synchronous	• Course Completion • 12 weeks to complete	• PA	Adult	\$\$\$	• Awarded 72.5 AMA PRA Category 1.0 CME credits

REHABILITATION THERAPY

Medbridge Education Courses on Hospice and Palliative Care

<https://www.medbridge.com/certificate-program/13698-hospice-and-palliative-care-for-therapists/>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Other Rehabilitation Therapists

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost	Comments
				Adult, Pediatrics, or Both	\$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	
Education Courses in Hospice and Palliative Care	Online	• Course completion • 18 hours to complete	• PT • OT	Adult	\$\$\$	• Basic online education • Self-paced

PSYCHOLOGY, SOCIAL WORK, MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

California State University

Shiley Haynes Institute for Palliative Care

San Marcos, CA

<https://csupalliativecare.org>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Social Workers, Licensed Therapists, Psychologists

Name of Program	Types of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
Advanced Practice Care Certificate for Social Work	Online - Synchronous	• Course completion • 8 months long	• MSW • LMFT • PhD or PsyD Psychologist • Other psychosocial care professional with advanced degrees	Adult	\$\$\$\$	• Awarded 144 CE credits • Awarded 6 CE credits in ethics

PEDIATRICS

California State University

Shiley Haynes Institute for Palliative Care

San Marcos, CA

<https://csupalliativecare.org>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: See specific certificate eligibility below

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus <i>Adult, Pediatrics, or Both</i>	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
Certificate in Clinical Pediatric Palliative Care	Online	• Completion of 7 focused topics • Open for 90 days after registration	• APRN • RN • MD • DO • PA	Pediatrics	\$\$\$	• Awarded 66 CE hours • Self-paced
Multi-disciplinary Certificate in Pediatric Palliative Care	Online	• Completion of 4 focused topics • Open for 90 days after registration	• SW • Chaplain • Child Life Specialist • Other team member	Pediatrics	\$\$	• Awarded 37.5 CE hours • Self-paced

ACADEMIC GRADUATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS (Allows Bridge to Master's Degree)

University of Colorado

Anschutz Medical Center

Aurora, CO

<https://www.cuanschutz.edu/graduate-programs/palliative-care/about-us>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Chaplains, Counselors/Therapists, Pharmacists, Ethicists, Nurse Practitioners, Psychologists, Physicians, Physician Assistants, Registered Nurses, Social Workers, Spiritual Care Providers

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost	Comments
				Adult, Pediatrics, or Both	\$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	
Palliative Care Certificate	Online - Synchronous/ Asynchronous • One 3-day virtual intensive with real time sessions	12 credits • 4 (3-credit) courses • 9 months to complete	U.S. and International Students • Application, Transcripts, ID, Fee, Interview	Both	\$\$\$\$	- Nationally known, interprofessional, faculty - Begin in August and end in May

University of Maryland Baltimore

Graduate Studies in Palliative Care

Baltimore, MD

<https://graduate.umaryland.edu/palliative/>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Clinical and Administrative Members. Administrators, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Chaplains, Counselors, Pharmacists, Physicians, Physician Associates/Assistants, Registered Nurses, Social Workers, Spiritual Care Providers, Thanatologists, Volunteer Coordinators

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus <i>Adult, Pediatrics, or Both</i>	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
Graduate Certificates 7 Areas of Palliative Care	Online – Synchronous/ Asynchronous	12 credits for all certificates • 3 yrs. allowed to complete	U.S. and International Students • Baccalaureate degree • Application, ID, CV, Transcripts, Fee	Both	\$\$\$\$	• 7 Separate Secondary Certificates in the Following Tracks: - Principles and Practice of Palliative Care - Clinical - Psychosocial/Spiritual - Administrative/Leadership - Thanatology - Research in PC - Pediatric PC • Nationally known, interprofessional, faculty

ACADEMIC CERTIFICATE STAND-ALONE PROGRAMS (No Bridge to Master's Degree)

University of Washington
Palliative Care Training Center
Seattle, WA
<http://pctc.uw.edu>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Chaplains, Physicians, Registered Nurses, Social Workers, Spiritual Care Providers, Physician Associates/Assistants

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus <i>Adult, Pediatrics, or Both</i>	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
Graduate Certificate in Palliative Care	Online – Synchronous/Asynchronous	15 credits • 5 (3-credit) courses • 9 months to complete	U.S. and International Students • Application, bachelor's or equivalent, Transcripts, ID, Fee	Both	\$\$\$\$	• Does not offer CE credits. • Tracks for Adult and Pediatric • Includes VitalTalk Training • Nationally known, interprofessional, faculty

DEGREE PROGRAMS

INTERPROFESSIONAL POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Grand Valley State University

Cook DeVos Center for Health Sciences

Grand Rapids, MI

<https://www.gvsu.edu/phc/>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Registered Nurses, Social Workers, Chaplains, Physicians, Pharmacy, Other Health Professionals, Administrators, Other Interested Individuals

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
Interprofessional Certificate Hospice and Palliative Care	Hybrid	12 credits • 3 (3-credit) courses • 1 (3-credit) elective • 8-12 months to complete	U.S. and International Students • Bachelor's • Application, Transcripts, ID, Fee, Interview	Both	\$\$\$\$	• Both clinical and administrative focus • Interprofessional Faculty

INTERPROFESSIONAL MASTERS IN PALLIATIVE CARE

University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Center

Anschutz Medical Campus

Aurora, CO

<https://online.cuanschutz.edu/programs/palliative-care-ms>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Chaplains, Counselors/Therapists, Ethicists, Pharmacists, Physicians, Physician Associates/Assistants, Psychologists, Registered Nurses, Social Workers, Spiritual Care Providers

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Capstone Project	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
Master of Science in Palliative Care (MSPC)	Online - Synchronous/Asynchronous • Two 3-day virtual intensive with real time sessions	33 academic credits • Can be completed in 24 months • Up to 7 yrs. allowed to complete	U.S. and International Students • Bachelor's degree (or equivalent) • Application, ID, CV, Transcripts, Fee	Both <i>Adult, Pediatrics. or Both</i>	Yes • Systems -level Capstone Project	\$\$\$\$	• Interprofessional, well-known, faculty

University of Maryland Baltimore

Graduate Studies in Palliative Care

Baltimore, MD

<https://graduate.umaryland.edu/palliative/>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Clinical and Administrative Members. Administrators, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Chaplains, Physicians, Pharmacists, Registered Nurses, Nurses, Researchers, Physician Associated/Assistants, Psychologists, Social Workers

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Capstone Project	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
Master of Science in Palliative Care (MS)	Online - Asynchronous	30 credits (10 courses) • Can be completed in minimum of 6 semesters • Up to 5 yrs. allowed to complete	U.S. and International Students • Baccalaureate degree • Application, Transcripts, ID, Fee, Interview	Both <i>Adult, Pediatrics, or Both</i>	No	\$\$\$\$	• 5 Tracks: - Clinical - Pediatrics - Administration - Spiritual /Psychosocial - Thanatology • Interprofessional, well-known, faculty

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

University of Maryland Baltimore

Graduate Studies in Palliative Care

Baltimore, MD

<https://graduate.umaryland.edu/palliative/>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members – Administrators, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Chaplains, Physicians, Pharmacists, Registered Nurses, Researchers, Physician Associates/Assistants, Psychologists, Social Workers.

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Dissertation Type	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
PhD in Palliative Care	Online - Asynchronous	36 Academic Credits • Program can be completed in 3-4 yrs. • Up to 9 yrs. allowed to complete	U.S. and International Students • Master's degree or higher • Application, Transcripts, CV, Essay. • Related Palliative Care Experience	Adult, Pediatrics, or Both	12 credits for Dissertation – a series of articles	\$\$\$\$	• Courses must be taken in order • Courses only offered once a year. • Interprofessional, well-known, faculty

PROFESSION-SPECIFIC PALLIATIVE CARE CERTIFICATE WITHIN DEGREE PROGRAMS						
NURSING						
POST BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATES						
<i>University of Illinois Chicago</i> <i>College of Nursing</i> <i>Chicago, IL</i> https://nursing.uic.edu/programs/certificate-programs/hospice-palliative-care-certificate/ Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Registered Nurses, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses						
Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost	Comments
				Adult, Pediatrics, or Both	\$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	
Hospice and Palliative Care Certificate	Hybrid - In-Person / Virtual	9 courses • 3 (3-credit courses) • Can be taken in any Sequence • 2-3 semesters to complete	• RN student • APRN student	Both	\$\$\$\$	• Runs in Spring and Fall • For RNs and APRNs across settings

GRADUATE CERTIFICATES

Central Connecticut State University

New Britain, CT

<https://www.ccsu.edu/programs/nursing-hospice-palliative-care-msn>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Registered Nurses

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
MSN in Hospice & Palliative Care	Online	35 credits 7 didactic courses - Completion of Practicum - Completion of Capstone - Can be completed in a minimum of 18 months	- RN with active license - Application - essay, references, transcript	Both	\$\$\$	- Practicum occurs across health settings - Adult, Pediatric, or Psychiatric Palliative Care - Capstone in Adult, Pediatric, and Psychiatric Palliative Care

Columbia University School of Nursing New York, NY https://www.nursing.columbia.edu/academics/academic-programs/palliative-care-throughout-lifespan-advanced-practice-registered-nurses-aprns						
Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Nurse Practitioners						
Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
Certificate for Professional Achievement in Palliative Care Throughout the Lifespan for APRNs	Online - Synchronous	12 credit hours (4 courses) • 1 (2 - credit) course • 2 (3 - credit) courses • 1 (4 - credit) course • 9 months (30 weeks) to complete	• NP	Both	\$\$\$\$	• Both clinical and administrative focus • Must be taken in Sequence • Interprofessional Faculty

New York University

Rory Myers College of Nursing

New York, NY

<https://nursing.nyu.edu/academics/advanced-certificate/palliative-care>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Nurse Practitioners

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost	Comments
				Adult, Pediatrics, or Both	\$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	
Advanced Certificate – Palliative Care	Hybrid - Online / in-person	12 credits • 4 (3-credit) courses • 12-15 months to complete	• NP	• Adult • Pediatrics • Family • Mental Health	\$\$\$\$	• Can be integrated into the DNP program

University of Pennsylvania

School of Nursing

Philadelphia, PA

<https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/palliative-care-certificate/>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost	Comments
				Adult, Pediatrics, or Both	\$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	
Palliative Care Certificate	Hybrid - Online / in-person	3 course units • 2 required course units • 1 elective course unit • 12 months to complete	• BSN with an MSN	Both	\$\$\$\$	• Offered year-round

POST MASTER'S DOCTOR OF NURSING PROGRAM

Medical University of South Carolina

College of Nursing

Charleston, SC

<https://nursing.musc.edu/admissions/our-programs/palliative-care/education/dnp-palliative-care>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Nurse Practitioners, Master of Science in Nursing Students

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
DNP in Lifespan Palliative Care	Online	44 credits • 5 semesters to complete	• MSN applicants must have practice site to conduct DNP project	Adult, Pediatrics, or Both	Both \$\$\$\$	• APRNs graduate with palliative care woven into coursework, clinical experiences, and DNP project. • Option to attain clinical hours necessary for eligibility to sit for the ACHPN examination.

University of Southern Alabama
 College of Nursing
 Mobile, AL
<https://www.southalabama.edu/colleges/con/palliativesubspec.html>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
Palliative Care Subspecialty for Advanced Practice Nurses	On-line	9 credits • 3 (2-credit) courses • 3 credits (180 – 500 clinical hours) • 1 year to complete	• MSN or DNP • May be added to MSN or DNP program or stand alone	Adult, Pediatrics, or Both Adult – some	\$\$\$	• Clinical hours taken in 60 credit increments. • DNP capstone can be palliative to add to clinical hours. • Option to attain 500 clinical hours necessary for ACHPN eligibility. • Graduates educationally prepared for ACHPN examination.

SOCIAL WORK

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Eastern Washington University

School of Social Work

Cheney, WA

<https://www.ewu.edu/cpp/social-work/aging-studies/palliative-care-graduate-certificate/>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Social Workers

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
Certificate in Palliative Care Certificate	Online	12 credits • 3 (4-credit courses) • 1 year or over a summer to complete	• Bachelor's	Adult, Pediatrics, or Both Psychosocial	\$\$\$	• Can be taken as an MSW student or afterward.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

New York University

Silver School of Social Work

New York, NY

<https://socialwork.nyu.edu/a-silver-education/continuing-education/certificate-programs/pelc.html>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: MSW Social Workers, Mental Health Workers

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
Post-Master's Certificate Program in Palliative and End-of-Life Care	Online	4 Modules • 2 semesters to complete	• MSW • 2 years of post-master's experience in palliative care	Adult, Pediatrics, or Both	\$\$\$\$	• 70 CE Contact hours NYSED and ASWB/ACE • Nationally known Social Work Faculty

Eastern Washington University School of Social Work Cheney, WA https://www.ewu.edu/cpp/social-work/aging-studies/palliative-care-graduate-certificate/						
Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Social Workers						
Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
Certificate in Palliative Care Certificate, Graduate Certificate in Palliative Care	Online	12 credits • 3 (4-credit courses) • About 1 year or over a summer to complete	• Bachelor's	Psychosocial Adult, Pediatrics, or Both	\$\$\$	• Can be taken as an MSW student or afterward.

Yeshiva University

Wurzweiler School of Social Work

New York, NY

<https://www.yu.edu/wurzweiler/practice-specializations/gerontology-palliative-care>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Social Workers

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
MSW Certificate in Gerontology and Palliative Care	In person or Online	9 credits • 1 year of practicum • Can complete in 1 year	• Current MSW student at Wurzweiler School of Social Work	Adult Pediatric placements available	\$\$\$\$	• Nationally known Social Work Faculty

PHARMACY

University of Pittsburgh

School of Pharmacy

Pittsburgh, PA

<https://www.pharmacy.pitt.edu/academics/doctor-pharmacy/personalize-your-education>

Eligible Interprofessional Team Members: Pharmacists

Name of Program	Type of Program	Requirements/ Length of Program	Eligibility	Population Focus <i>Adult, Pediatrics, or Both</i>	Program Cost \$ = 500 or less \$\$ = 500-1000 \$\$\$ = 1000-2000 \$\$\$\$ = > 2000	Comments
Geriatrics and Palliative Care Area of Concentration	Certificate Program	• Completion of 6 elective course credit hours in geriatrics and/or palliative care • Completion & dissemination of research project • 2 APPE rotation experiences in geriatrics and/or palliative care • 1 year to complete	• U Pitt PharmD student in good standing	Adult	\$\$\$	• Experienced Pharmacy Faculty

TABLE 2 – PRECIS ANNOTATED RESOURCES IN SPECIALTY PALLIATIVE CARE EDUCATION

Resource	Content	Link
National Consensus Project: <i>Clinical Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care</i>	Framework for high-quality, evidence-based, patient centered palliative care under the 8 domains of care for education and program development. Emphasis: • Interprofessional teams and care • Pain and Symptom management • Quality measures and metrics improvement	https://www.nationalcoalitionhpc.org/ncp-guidelines/
<i>Interprofessional Specialty Palliative Care Education and Training</i>	A review of current state of specialty palliative care education and training. Emphasis on: • Standardized and comprehensive training across disciplines to ensure expert and team-based care	Dahlin, C. Interprofessional Specialty Palliative Care Education and Training. <i>Curr Geri Rep.</i> 2023;12, 40–49. https://doi.org/10.1007/s13670-023-00381-9
<i>A Survey of Current Specialty Palliative Care Education in the United States</i>	A review of the current landscape of specialty palliative care education in the United States, focusing on certificate programs residencies, fellowships, and immersion opportunities for interprofessional team members. Highlights: • The variability of interprofessional education • The variability of interprofessional training A through overview of program options including duration, cost, and delivery methods to guide the interprofessional team members in selecting the best educational path for them.	Dahlin C, Wright PM. A survey of current specialty palliative care education in the United States. <i>Ann Palliat Med.</i> 2024;13(4):1035-1046. doi:10.21037/apm-23-582
<i>Interprofessional Specialty Palliative Care Clinical Education and Training</i>	A summary of current palliative care education and training with an emphasis on promoting interprofessional education.	Kestenbaum A, Reid T, Dahlin C. in Donesky D, Milic M, Saks T, Wallace C. (Eds). <i>Intentionally Interprofessional Palliative Care</i> . New York, NY: Oxford University Press. 2024. 187-212.
<i>A Systematic Review of Interprofessional Palliative Care Education Programs</i>	A <u>systematic review</u> of interprofessional PC educational studies was conducted to summarize current approaches in PC IPE and to appraise teaching and research methods. While the effect of interprofessional collaboration on patient outcomes is well-documented, the effect of IPE on PC delivery is not. Although content spanned all interprofessional and PC domains, few studies addressed cultural aspects and fewer addressed well-being for the care provider.	Kirkpatrick AJ, Donesky D, Kitko LA. A Systematic Review of Interprofessional Palliative Care Education Programs. <i>J Pain Symptom Manage.</i> 2023;65(5):e439-e466. doi:10.1016/j.jpainsymman.2023.01.022