This learning pathway provides comprehensive online education in social work practices to improve quality of life for patients living with a serious illness. Social workers can use Social Work Serious Illness Designation to demonstrate expertise in working with this patient population.

**An In-Depth Look At Palliative Care And Its Services**
Defining palliative care, which patients need it, how it is delivered, and how palliative care differs from hospice.

**Delivering Serious News**
Communicating serious clinical news to patients and families.

**Conducting a Family Meeting**
Communication techniques for an effective family meeting.

**Advance Care Planning Conversations**
How to initiate and conduct conversations about advance care planning.

**Discussing Prognosis**
How to discuss patient prognosis in a manner that is sensitive, clear, and supportive.

**Clarifying Goals of Care**
Strategies for eliciting patient goals and preferences to inform treatment decisions.

**Care Coordination**
Guidance for all clinicians on improving communication and ensuring smooth transitions of care for patients living with serious illness.

**Supporting the Family Caregiver: The Burden of Serious Illness**
Assessing and supporting caregivers of people with serious illness.
Course 1: Comprehensive Pain Assessment

Conducting a comprehensive pain assessment to guide safe and effective treatment.

**Depression**

Prevalence, screening recommendations, and evidence-based strategies to treat depression in patients with serious illness.

**Anxiety**

Prevalence, screening recommendations, and evidence-based strategies to treat anxiety in patients with serious illness.

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