

Online Graduate Studies in Palliative Care



UNIVERSITY of MARYLAND
GRADUATE SCHOOL

Interprofessional Online PhD, Master of Science,
and Graduate Certificates in Palliative Care

ABOUT THE PROGRAMS

The Online Graduate Studies in Palliative Care programs have been designed to meet the educational needs of individuals who are currently working in hospice and palliative care and want to gain a deeper understanding of the physical, psychological, spiritual, and social needs of patients and families affected by advanced illness, or health care professionals who wish to start working in this field. As such, the programs will be of interest to a wide range of health care professionals, including but not limited to:

- Physicians
- Pharmacists
- Nurses
- Advanced Practice Nurses
- Physician Assistants
- Therapists
- Psychologists
- Administrators
- Social Workers
- Chaplains
- Counselors
- Bereavement Specialists
- Volunteer Coordinators
- Thanatologist
and others

FEATURES INCLUDE

- PhD, Master of Science degree, and Graduate Certificates
- Completely online – no need to travel
- Affordable tuition – in-state AND out-of-state
- Nationally recognized, interprofessional faculty
- Interprofessional learners
- Five Graduate Certificate options (four courses each)
- 30 credits (10 courses) for Master of Science degree
- Four elective pathways (MS) - clinical, psychosocial/spiritual, administrative, thanatology
- 36 credits (8 courses and dissertation) for PhD
- International students welcome
- Flexible learning - can work at your own pace

ABOUT THE PHD

The PhD in Palliative Care program at the University of Maryland, Baltimore is the first of its kind in the United States. The program is designed for those who want to assume a leadership role in teaching, scholarship, or service.

The program requires the completion of 36 academic credits in addition to the 30 credits in the master's degree in palliative care, or builds on a student's existing master's or other graduate degree in a relevant field with substantial and current experience in palliative care.

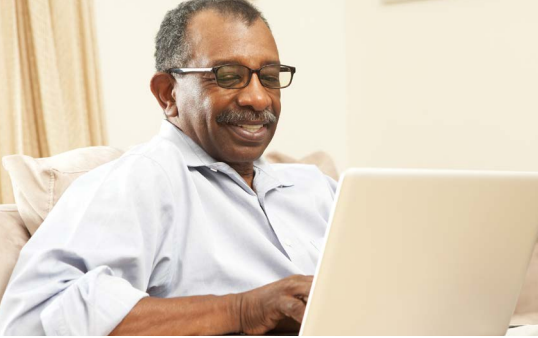
Graduates will be well-equipped for positions in academia, leading tertiary care or palliative care centers, leading granting/funding institutions and foundations associated with palliative care, and working with accountable care organizations to identify patients who would benefit from palliative care.

The program can be completed in 3-4 years, although up to 9 years is allowed.

PHD COURSES

- Understanding the Foundation of Palliative Care: Building Blocks for the Future
- Teaching Methodology in Palliative Care
- Leading Change in Palliative Care
- Applied Biostatistics in Palliative Care
- Study Design and Critical Appraisal of Palliative Care Evidence
- Quantitative Research in Palliative Care
- Qualitative Research in Palliative Care
- Person-Centered Outcomes Research in Palliative Care
- Dissertation (12 credits)





MS AND CERTIFICATE COURSES

CORE – Required

- Principles and Practice of Hospice and Palliative Care
- Communication and Health Care Decision-Making
- Psychosocial, Cultural, and Spiritual Care
- Symptom Management in Advanced Illness

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
PRINCIPLES AND
PRACTICE OF HOSPICE
AND OF PALLIATIVE CARE**

Choose four elective courses

CLINICAL TRACK

- Advanced Pain Management and Opioid Dosing
- Advanced Non-Pain Symptom Management
- Advanced Disease State Management
- Clinical Management of Special Patient Populations

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
IN CLINICAL HOSPICE AND
PALLIATIVE CARE**

ADMINISTRATIVE TRACK

- Hospice Leadership and Administration
- Palliative Care Leadership and Administration
- Practice Development and Strategic Planning
- Principles and Practice of Palliative Care Education

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
IN LEADERSHIP AND
ADMINISTRATION IN HOSPICE
AND PALLIATIVE CARE**

PSYCHOSOCIAL/SPIRITUAL TRACK

- Advanced Decision-Making and Communication Skills
- Advanced Spirituality and Psychosocial Skills
- Self-Care
- Principles and Practice of Palliative Care Education

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN
PSYCHOSOCIAL/SPIRITUAL
ASPECTS OF HOSPICE AND
PALLIATIVE CARE**

THANATOLOGY

- Death and Dying: Ethical and Legal Considerations
- Palliative Care (Than)
- Caring for the Bereaved
- Psychosocial Perspectives in Aging

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
IN AGING AND APPLIED
THANATOLOGY**

CORE – Required

- Critical Appraisal of Research
- Advanced Team-Based Palliative Care

- All MS students take first four core courses, results in award of a Graduate Certificate.
- MS students select four electives. If student takes all four courses in a given track, results in a second Graduate Certificate. Electives can be taken across tracks as desired.

- All MS students take the last two required core courses.
- All semesters are eight weeks long: two eight week semesters in the Fall semester, two eight week semesters in the Spring semester, and one eight week semester in the Summer semester.

ADMISSIONS DEADLINES

Dec. 15 MS/Graduate Certificate (Spring start)

July 15 MS/Graduate Certificate (Fall start)

March 31 PhD (Fall start)

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