ARE YOU READY?

For Advanced Practice Certification in Palliative Care and Hospice

COMPETENCY 1

Integrate the history of the hospice movement and the subsequent development of palliative care, while differentiating between the current philosophy and goals of palliative care and hospice in practice.

COMPETENCY 2

Familiarity with state and federal laws regarding Advance Directives and other end of life practices.

COMPETENCY 3

Demonstrate an integrated knowledge of implications of medical treatment for life-threatening or life limiting illness as it impacts a patient’s physical, psycho-social, emotional, and spiritual pain.

COMPETENCY 4

Demonstrate utilization of family systems theory incorporated in the practice of palliative care and hospice as applied to care recipients, families, and health care providers.
COMPETENCY 5

Apply culturally appropriate, evidence informed strategies for addressing the breadth and depth of multifaceted grief including complicated and anticipatory grief to extend to bereavement resources.

COMPETENCY 6

Incorporate a working knowledge and integration of psych-socio, emotional and spiritual perspectives to function as a communications and emotional expert in the practice of palliative and hospice care.

COMPETENCY 7

Demonstrate effective communication and facilitation of goals of care family meetings that align treatment plans with patient’s values and or advanced care plans.

COMPETENCY 8

Demonstrates collaborative and facilitative leadership with care recipients, family, teams, and organizations.

COMPETENCY 9

Demonstrate best practices in palliative care and hospice spiritual assessment and documentation to facilitate aligning patient values and goals with the treatment plan.

COMPETENCY 10

Demonstrate a working knowledge of the difference in the provision of advanced practice chaplaincy care as care recipients and families negotiate through the trajectory of a life limiting illness in various settings.
COMPETENCY 11

Demonstrate knowledge and skill in addressing ethical dilemmas at end of life and concerns as related to spiritual and/or religious issues.

COMPETENCY 12

Demonstrate and model the ability to attend to the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual well-being of the transdisciplinary team.

COMPETENCY 13

Demonstrate the ability to teach and educate through articulating and integrating current research on best practices for the provision of palliative care and hospice chaplaincy care.

COMPETENCY 14

Participate in quality improvement projects and/or research to increase the standard of palliative care and hospice care provided.