The University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

INTERPROFESSIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAMS

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE
Graduates of the Interprofessional Graduate Certificate and Master of Science in Palliative Care demonstrate mastery in the following areas:

- Communication
- Pain and non-pain symptom management
- Ethics, advocacy, and legal aspects of care
- Spiritual, religious, and existential aspects of care
- Psychological, social, and cultural aspects of care
- Palliative care integration and education (MSPC)
- Systems thinking (MSPC)

**OUR INTERPROFESSIONAL PROGRAM PREPARES PROFESSIONALS TO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY PALLIATIVE CARE TO PATIENTS WITH SERIOUS AND LIFE-LIMITING ILLNESSES AND THEIR CAREGIVERS.**

**BECOME A PALLIATIVE CARE COMMUNITY SPECIALIST**

**WHY CU ANSCHUTZ?**

- Graduate Certificate and Master of Science degree options
- Evidence-based palliative care practice
- Biomedical and Allied Health Professional tracks
- Flexibility with online hybrid curriculum
- Master's Capstone Project

**WHO SHOULD APPLY?**

**BIOMEDICAL PROFESSIONALS**
- Nurses (BSN) • Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) • Physicians • Physician Assistants • Pharmacists • Other

**ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**
- Social Workers • Spiritual Care Providers • Psychologists • Counselors • Therapists • Other
CURRICULUM
12 semester credit hours/4 courses
Two semesters in nine months of continuous study
Credits can be applied to the Master of Science in Palliative Care
One 3-day on campus weekend intensive experience to practice communication skills with standardized patients

“*The educational experience was far beyond anything I expected. The knowledge gained is very practical, as I was able to apply new knowledge in my daily work throughout the course. I would encourage any physician or midlevel provider who is transitioning into palliative care to take this curriculum.*”

- Tim Holder, MD
Medical Director, Supportive Care and Survivorship
Cancer Treatment Centers of America - Tulsa

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PALLIATIVE CARE (MSPC)
36 semester credit hours (two years of continuous study)
Flexible completion up to 7 years
Three 3-day on-campus weekend intensive experiences to practice communication skills with standardized patients

Curriculum
Our MSPC program sets students apart with an integrative, systems-level Capstone Project. Students apply what they have learned in the program to real-world problems in their work settings with the support of faculty mentors. Results are shared through a professional abstract and poster presentation.

CAPSTONE PROJECT
Project types: evidence-based practice, quality improvement or patient safety, program development or evaluation, ethics, humanities, needs assessment, education and engagement, or research.

“*The combination of online and on-campus course work is an excellent melding. The three-day intensive was absolutely a positive experience.*”

- Ellen Fulp, PharmD, MSPC, BCGP
AvaCare, Inc.
“The interprofessional nature of the MSPC program mimics the reality of healthcare practice. The intensive communication lab experience gave me the tools and confidence for successful patient and family interactions, even under the most challenging circumstances. This training absolutely transformed my practice.”

- Kacey Boyle, MSPC, BSN, RN, CHPN
  University of Vermont Medical Center

““The best part of the program was learning new communication skills in a hands-on environment. It was truly an interdisciplinary education experience, and I benefited from working with other disciplines on assignments. I feel more prepared to work with seriously ill patients and their families!”

- Jenny Dickman Portz, MSW, PhD
  Assistant Professor, General Internal Medicine
  University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

“This program really helped me transition from family medicine into palliative care. The staff was incredibly supportive. The knowledge that I gained allowed me to confidently talk with potential employers about palliative care and my role as a PA on an interdisciplinary team.”

- Sandy Wagner, PA-C
  Palliative Care Program, University of North Carolina