

The University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

INTERPROFESSIONAL PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAMS

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE

MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE



UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
iPallCARE™
preparing palliative care professionals



Graduate School

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
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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

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

- Communication
- 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)

WHY CU ANSCHUTZ?

Biomedical and Allied Health Professional tracks

Evidence-based palliative care practice

Flexibility with fully online curriculum

Graduate Certificate and Master of Science degree options

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



INTERPROFESSIONAL GRADUATE PALLIATIVE CARE CERTIFICATE

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 virtual intensive weekend to practice communication skills with faculty



"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)

CURRICULUM

33 semester credit hours (two years of continuous study)
Flexible completion up to 7 years
Two 3-day virtual weekend intensive experiences to practice communication skills with standardized patients

CAPSTONE PROJECT

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.

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



"I was a hospice nurse, my heart was awakened and reignited by this remarkable online program. It delivers the skills and knowledge we should all have in the heart of medicine through a format that is inspiring and reflective!"

- Dora Mueller MSPC, RN, BSN
Specialty Coordinator, Reach palliative care
Children's Hospital Colorado

APPLY NOW

Visit cuanschutz.edu/palliative-care for additional program details, admissions requirements, and application deadlines.



"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, PhD, MSW
Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine
University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus



"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



"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


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