

Hospice and Palliative Care, Certificate

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Improve the lives of our growing elderly population. Develop skills and competencies in providing necessary care, and expand your opportunities for employment upon graduation.

Description

The certificate in hospice and palliative care provides future health and health care workers with the skills they need to lead and manage chronic and end-of-life care in a variety of settings, including home health care.

Learn from interprofessional instructors who are involved in hospice and palliative care as physicians, social workers, nurses and bereavement counselors --- professionals who work with children and adults, as well as palliative care and hospice patients.

Through this certificate, students will:

- complete an internship at Hospice of the Valley, where they have the opportunity to help address the nonclinical care needs of patients and their families
- have the opportunity to shadow health professionals and learn about their roles through field experience
- learn how contemporary issues are burdening the healthcare system under its current structure
- receive specialized instruction on dementia and Alzheimer's disease

At a glance

- **College/School:** [College of Health Solutions](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#)

Program requirements

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The certificate requires a total of 18 credit hours. A minimum grade of "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) is required for each course, with the exception of the MED 484 internship which is pass/fail.

Required Courses -- 12 credit hours

[MED 325: Elements of Hospice and Palliative Care](#) (3)

[MED 375: Alzheimer's and Other Dementias \(SB\)](#) (3)

[MED 475: Palliative Care: Managing Complex Serious Illness](#) (3)

[MED 484: Internship](#) (3)

Notes: Directed by Dr. Gillian Hamilton at Hospice of the Valley. A minimum ASU cumulative GPA of 3.00 is required to enroll.

Electives -- 6 credit hours

[HSC 410: Supporting the Health of Older Adults](#) (3)

[HSC 412: Health Issues in Later Life](#) (3)

[MED 445: Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease](#) (3)

[PSY 447: Psychology of Aging \(SB\)](#) (3)

[SOC 400: Perspectives on Aging \(SB\)](#) (3)

[SOC 418: Aging and the Life Course \(SOBE OR SB & H\)](#) (3)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

GPA Requirement: 2.00

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student.

Career opportunities

This undergraduate certificate provides students with in-depth experience in health care settings and specialized training in hospice and palliative care.

Students who wish to continue on to medical school or professional school, such as dental, pharmacy or optometry school, may leverage this certificate as an additional credential to support their application process.

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