

Common Course Numbering System

Course: NUA 120

Title: Hospice and Palliative Care

Long Title: Introduction to Hospice and Palliative Care

Course Description: Introduce health care professionals to the fields of hospice and palliative care. Students will learn how to care for patients with serious and/or terminal illness and how to support their families. The course will address mandatory topics for all newly hired hospice employees in the state of Colorado.

Min Credit: 1

STANDARD COMPETENCIES:

1. Describe main concepts of hospice and palliative care.
2. Identify the variety of professionals comprising a hospice team and their respective roles.
3. Identify Medicare and Medicaid benefits for hospice and palliative care patients.
4. Recognize signs and symptoms of dying and appropriate palliative interventions.

TOPICAL OUTLINE:

- I. History and philosophy of hospice.
- II. Trends in hospice and palliative care practices in the U.S.
- III. Introduce the hospice interdisciplinary team members and the typical organization of a hospice program.
- IV. Medicare and Medicaid hospice benefits.
- V. Self-care strategies for health care professionals.
- VI. Psychosocial and spiritual aspects of dying and the dying process.