

## Common Course Numbering System

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| <b>Course:</b>             | NUA 181  |
| <b>Title:</b>              | Hospice Care Internship  |
| <b>Long Title:</b>         | Hospice Care Internship  |
| <b>Course Description:</b> | Prepares the hospice health care professional to provide care for serious or terminally ill patients and their families in the hospice and/or palliative care setting. |
| <b>Credit:</b>             | 1  |

### **STANDARD COMPETENCIES:**

- I. Identify aspects of hospice care that are unique to the patient's place of residence.
- II. Identify key factors in developing rapport and a relationship with the patient and the caregivers or family; including culture, family structure, and home environment.
- III. Identify behaviors that exemplify adherence to professional boundaries for a hospice professional while working with a patient.
- IV. Identify observed communication skills or techniques that are useful when working with dying patients and their caregivers/families.
- V. Discuss emotional and spiritual support for patients and families in hospice and palliative care.

### **TOPICAL OUTLINE:**

- I. Introduction to the field of hospice and palliative care, including a variety of hospice settings.
- II. Exposure to end-of-life care for patient and family.
- III. Relationship building and boundaries in hospice care.
- IV. Cultural competency for hospice professionals.
- V. Communication techniques for working with patients and families.
- VI. Emotional and spiritual support in hospice and palliative care.