

# Palliative Care Social Worker Onboarding Curriculum

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This Learning Pathway contains recommended clinical training for new social workers on the specialty palliative care team.

## **Introduction to Palliative Care for Health Professionals**

An introduction to palliative care, how it is delivered, its impact on quality of life, and the growing population of patients who need it.

## **Delivering Serious News**

Communicating serious clinical news to patients and families.

## **Discussing Prognosis With Patients and Caregivers**

Learn how to effectively discuss prognosis with patients and their caregivers.

## **Clarifying Patient Goals of Care**

Learn best practices for building trust, eliciting patient values, and having patient-centered conversations about goals of care.

## **Leading a Patient and Caregiver Meeting**

Learn to effectively lead meetings that help patients and caregivers become aligned around the patient's goals.

## **Care Planning**

Learn techniques to help patients and their caregivers plan for the future, both during the early stages of a serious illness and as a disease progresses.

## **Care Coordination**

Guidance for all clinicians on improving communication and ensuring smooth transitions of care for patients living with serious illness.

## **Supporting the Family Caregiver: The Burden of Serious Illness**

Assessing and supporting caregivers of people with serious illness.

## **Course 1: Comprehensive Pain Assessment**

Conducting a comprehensive pain assessment to guide safe and effective treatment.

## **Depression in Patients with Serious Illness**

This online course teaches how to accurately identify and treat depression in patients living with a serious illness.

## **Anxiety in Patients with Serious Illness**

Take this online course to learn evidence-based strategies to identify and treat anxiety in patients with a serious illness.

## **Reducing Risks for Older Adults**

This course provides context and best practices for identifying older adults at risk for poor outcomes, including falls, delirium, and caregiving challenges.

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