

TITLE

Hospice Social Work

CONTINUING EDUCATION HOURS

4 hours

CLASS OUTLINE

1. Definition of hospice
2. History of hospice care
3. Medicare Hospice Benefit
4. Models of hospice care delivery in the U.S.
5. Legislation in NY State on providing information to patients and decision-making
6. Role of the social worker on the interdisciplinary hospice team
7. Social work hospice competencies
8. Goals of care, shared decision-making, and advance care planning
9. Family meetings
10. Cultural issues
11. Spirituality
12. Ethical issues
13. Death, Dying and Bereavement
14. Self-care

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Social workers who have taken this class will:

1. Be able to define hospice care;
2. Understand the history of hospice care;
3. Know the legislative and funding context for hospice care in the U.S. NY State;
4. Be able to define several models of hospice care delivery in the U.S.;
5. Define the role of the social worker on the interdisciplinary hospice team;
6. Be able to define the competencies necessary for hospice social workers;
7. Be able to describe at least one theoretical perspective on death, dying, and bereavement;
8. Appreciate the importance of self-care and be able to describe several methods for achieving this.