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PALLIATIVE CARE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE
Beyond Hospice: An Advanced Education Model

Graduate-level Coursework (3 credits each)

Complete your graduate certificate in less than one year by taking three online courses.

• **Advanced Concepts in Palliative Care - NURS 6744**
  An advanced course focusing on theory and practice in palliative care including: use of an evidence-based approach; current palliative care models and practice; multidimensional assessment and care plan development; advanced communication skills; responses to loss and grief; ethical decision-making; and palliative care in diverse settings and populations.

• **Complex Symptom Management - NURS 6745**
  An advanced course focusing on complex symptom management in palliative care including: use of advanced practice assessment and intervention skills; advanced symptom management (pain, dyspnea, fatigue, acute confusional states, anxiety, depression, complex GI symptoms, sleep issues, issues in hydration and nutrition, nausea, vomiting, palliative sedation and corresponding ethical issues; pharmacological/non-pharmacological interventions; and case study resolution focusing on the integration of course content.

• **Practical Applications for Palliative Care Programming - NURS 6747**
  An advanced course focusing in practical applications of palliative care in the acute, post-acute, and ambulatory settings. Course content emphasizes program development, public policy, quality improvement, and analytics.

Who should participate?

Intended Audience:
• Graduate students (Master’s, Post-Graduate, Doctoral)
• Advanced practice nurses (CNS, NP)
• BS nurses who practice in palliative care or hospice
• Other interested health care professionals

Purpose of the Certificate Program

• To provide advanced education for palliative care.
• To advance knowledge, practice, and research in palliative care.
• To promote change in the clinical climate towards palliative care.
• To introduce a caring science framework into the practice of palliative care.
• To reach nurses and health care professionals in both urban and rural settings in Colorado and beyond.
• To provide theory review for the Advanced Certified Hospice and Palliative Nurse (ACHPN) certification exam.

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The essence of **Palliative Care** is to focus on the delivery of holistic care within an interdisciplinary model that provides appropriate symptom management to improve quality of life in individuals who have a chronic and/or life-threatening illness.