The Fourth National Interprofessional Institute in Palliative Care

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Designed for Students of Canadian Health Care Professional Schools

“Relieving suffering, enhancing hope”

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McMaster University
About the Institute

The Division of Palliative Care at McMaster University is hosting an innovative immersion week in palliative care for Canadian students currently enrolled in health care professional schools such as medicine, nursing, pharmacy, social work, rehab sciences, and chaplaincy.

This student focused Interprofessional Palliative Care Institute is the first of its kind in Canada.

The Institute will be held in collaboration with regional palliative care programs. In this dynamic educational program, approximately 50 students will spend a formative week together achieving core competencies in Palliative/End of Life Care.

The Institute will follow a format of interprofessional problem based learning, with a focus on integration of core concepts of palliative care competencies. Self reflection and professionalization will be woven into the course content and structure.

Objectives

- To learn core competencies articulated by the Health Canada Palliative/End of Life Care curriculum
- To understand the basic principles of palliative/end of life care based on the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association (CHPCA) norms of practice and WHO definitions
- To experience the interprofessional nature of palliative care and gain an understanding of the role of each health care discipline in end of life care
- To be exposed to palliative care programs, care settings, teams, and patients and families receiving care

Topics to be covered

- Pain and Symptom Management
- Psychosocial and Spiritual Care
- End of Life Decision Making
- Communication in End of Life Care
- Effective Interprofessional Teamwork
- Suffering
- Care of the Dying in the Community
- The Dying Process

Who is eligible?

The Institute is open to students currently enrolled in undergraduate Canadian health care professional schools in years 2-4. The course is particularly suitable for medicine, nursing, pharmacy, social work, rehab sciences and chaplaincy. Enrolment is limited and may be done on a first come first serve basis. It is our hope to have student representatives from across the country and from each discipline to create the richest interprofessional learning environment.

How much?

Students’ home universities will be asked to provide some sponsorship for their students to help defray costs such as travel ($1000 contribution). Cost to the students will be minimal once sponsorship from their home university is secured.

Accommodations

Meals and accommodations at McMaster University student residence will be provided.

Interested?

Letters of invitation will be sent to the Deans and Associate Deans of the Canadian health care professional schools.

Interested individuals should contact their Dean’s office to express interest as well as submit the attached registration form.

For more information, please visit our website at www.fhs.mcmaster.ca/palliativecare.