

FELLOWSHIP IN PALLIATIVE CARE- 2021



WHO Collaborating Centre
for Community Participation in
Palliative Care and Long Term Care



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INTRODUCTION/ OBJECTIVES

Fellowship in Palliative Care is an advanced course run by the Institute of Palliative Medicine, India in partnership with Sanjeevan Palliative Care Project, Pondicherry, India, St Christopher's Hospice, London, United Kingdom and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, Bangladesh. The six-month course is designed as a distance education program with contact sessions based on principles of adult learning. This Fellowship Program is conducted at Institute of Palliative Medicine, Calicut, India, at the request of WHO as part of its designation as a WHO Collaborating Centre for Community Participation in Palliative Care and Long-term Care. The objective of the program is to deliver a good quality training program, affordable to participants from low- and middle-income countries.

The course will cover foundations, concepts, skills in organising and managing palliative care services and application of these in local situations faced by the participant. More than 79 candidates from 20 countries have already successfully completed this program.

The Fellowship Program aims to create a group of palliative care workers with an in depth knowledge of core issues in organising palliative care at the grassroot level and well versed with the recent advances and challenges in palliative care and community participation regionally, nationally and globally. Those who successfully complete the course will be issued a certificate.

TARGET GROUP

This course is aimed at people working/ interested in the field of palliative care. Clinical staff or program managers/ coordinators or community volunteers are eligible to apply. This training program will be particularly useful for trainers and program managers (individuals in management positions in Non-Government Organizations and government agencies) in palliative care. The main target participants include:

- Program managers of health care projects
- Palliative care trainers
- Social workers in palliative care
- Non-clinical volunteers/ staff/ paid carers
- Health care advocacy groups
- Doctors/nurses who want to further explore non-medical aspects of Palliative Care
- Any other person interested in learning about setting up of palliative care services

MEDIUM OF INTERACTION

The course will be in English. As the course will be delivered online, access to a good internet connection and a laptop/ desktop will be required.

MODE OF TRAINING & ESTIMATED TIME REQUIREMENTS

The six- month online course is designed as a distance education program based on principles of adult learning. Duration of the course will be sixty hours. Online sessions will start on 1 February 2021.

Schedule of Online sessions:

1 February – 6 February (6 hours / day x 5 days = 30 hours)

First Monday of every month from March 2021 to July 2021 (6 hours/ day x 5 days = 30 hours)

In addition, the candidate is estimated to spend an additional 80 hours over six months for other activities related to the course:

- Preparation of presentations
- Online sessions with mentors
- Learning through key videos and resources made available online
- Preparation and submission of assignments
- Peer evaluation of assignments
- Participation in the discussion fora

COURSE FEE

Course fee is INR 7500 (US\$ 100)

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course will be delivered as distance education, with online sessions and discussions in online groups. Multiple modalities including assignments, peer assessments, participation in discussions and presentations by candidates will be used for evaluation.

Duration of the Course: **6 months**

Start date: **1 February 2021**

Last date for receiving applications: **30 November 2020**

Notification to selected candidates: **15 December 2020**

Last date for remittance of fees by selected candidates to secure the place: **15 January 2021**

The Fellowship program will have

1. Online sessions which includes didactic sessions, group discussions and presentations by candidates
2. Interactive sessions/ mentoring online
3. Assignments: the candidate is expected complete five written assignments during the course

4. Mentorship: trainees will be linked with Mentors throughout the course for online discussions and guidance

EVALUATION

Candidates will be evaluated through

1. Formal Written Examinations
2. Presentation online by the candidate
3. Quality of contributions in discussion fora
4. Response to Assignments to be submitted online

POST FELLOWSHIP MASTER CLASS (OPTIONAL)

1. There will be a one-week **optional** face to face master class with field exposure at the Institute of Palliative Medicine, Kozhikode, Kerala, India from 6 to 11 September 2021. All those who have successfully completed Fellowship 2021, or the previous Fellowships are eligible to apply for the Master Class
2. Course Fee for the Master Class is INR 7500 (US\$ 100)
3. Course Fee for the Master Class does not include cost of travel and accommodation & food
4. Further details of the Master Class will be made available in due course

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