



Advanced Palliative & Hospice Social Work Certification

What is The Advanced Palliative Hospice Social Work Certification Program?

Specialty certification is a process by which a nongovernmental agency verifies, based on predetermined standards, an individual's qualifications (knowledge, skills, abilities and experience) for practice in a defined area. Thanks to a grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, the Social Work Hospice and Palliative Network (SWHPN) and the University of Louisville collaborated to develop **an evidence-based certification program for hospice and palliative social workers**, the Advanced Palliative Hospice Social Work Certification (APHSW-C). The certification program is now administered by an independent Board of Directors.

This certification is similar to the specialty certifications of physicians and nurses in hospice and palliative care. Certification is awarded based upon years of experience, verification of licensure and ethical practice, and passing of a robust exam. The content of this exam is based upon a nationwide job analysis of hospice and palliative social workers. Exam items were developed by experienced content experts with the expert leadership of PSI, a testing company with over 70 years of experience. Those who complete the requirements for certification receive the designation *Advanced Palliative and Hospice Social Worker Certified* (APHSW-C).

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