



Advanced Palliative & Hospice Social Work Certification

Benefits of the APHSW Certification

For the Social Worker:

- Enhanced professional recognition from employers, colleagues, peers and clients.
- Official recognition for knowledge and skills in specialist-level palliative and hospice care.
- Patients and public assurance that care is provided by an expert based upon Objective evaluation of professional competence.
- Enhanced sense of personal accomplishment and satisfaction.
- Evidence of commitment to work to the top of one's social work license.
- Ongoing professional growth through recertification every four years.
- Increased opportunities for hiring and promotion.

For the Employer:

- Acknowledgement that the organization employs social workers who have met evidence-based, nationally developed criteria established by an objective certification body.
- Improvement of patient/family care provided by competent social workers.
- Recognition of quality care by organizations such as the Circle of Life and Joint Commission.
- Confidence that social worker has obtained the needed knowledge and skills for advanced practice .
- Identification of qualified individuals for employment and advancement.
- Increased professionalism of social work staff.
- Increased staff satisfaction and decreased staff turnover.
- Justification for advancement of social workers.
- Potential to create career ladder that includes recognition of advanced certification.