

SC 4335—01: Introduction to Hospice and Palliative Care

Course Description: This one-credit pass/fail course is designed to provide undergraduate students with an introductory understanding of palliative and hospice care. It is designed specifically for undergraduates interested in careers in medicine, but can also be useful to student aspiring to other helping professions. This course will provide students with an in-depth understanding of what is palliative and hospice care focusing on how this care is given in the current healthcare system and an introduction to how this care is given in practice. Students will also be given an introduction in compassionate interpersonal communication skills that are needed in caring for people who are in need of palliative care and for people who are dying. A number of films will be used including Frontline documentary “Facing Death” and “Okuyamba.”

Faculty Notre Dame: Dr. Dominic O. Vachon M.Div., Ph.D., Director of the Ruth M. Hillebrand Center for Compassionate Care in Medicine and Professor of the Practice at the University of Notre Dame, will be the Notre Dame faculty coordinating the course along with experts at the Center for Hospice Care and IU Goshen Center for Cancer Care.

List of other faculty and subject area for the day:

Mark Murray, President and CEO, History of Hospice
Donna Tiemann RN, Dir. of Nursing, Nursing in Hospice
Gail Wind RN, Assistant Director of Nursing, Nursing in Hospice
Dave Labrum, LMAC, Grieving Process, Art Therapy
Michele Guldberg, CHC, Bereavement
Chuck Kreps-Long, MSW, LSW, Social Work and the Hospice Family
Marge Braden, MDiv, Spiritual Care
Mike Wargo, COO, Hospice care in Uganda
Valorie Eads, Volunteers and Hospice
Dr. Greg Gifford MD, JD, AMBS, Palliative Medicine
Dr. Amber Berger MD, AMBS, Palliative Medicine
Dr. Daniel Bruetman MD, Dir. Medical Oncology IU Health Goshen Center for Cancer Care, Physician Collaboration with hospice care

Date: Saturday, February 23, 2013, 8 am to 5 pm with a 3-hour self-study student component (i.e. viewing several films online) done by April 30.

Number of students: Maximum of 250 students

Location: Notre Dame, Hesburgh Library Auditorium

Assignments: 3 to 5 page paper summarizing what is hospice and palliative care including reflections on what they gained from the course and how this relates to their future careers. There will be a pre-test and a post-test. Films can be viewed independently but students must complete quiz if this option is done.

Meals: We will be providing lunch on-site to conserve time. No charge.