

# FELLOWSHIP IN PALLIATIVE CARE

The Fellowship in Palliative Care is a comprehensive international program offered through a partnership between the WHO Collaborating Centre at the Institute of Palliative Medicine in India, St. Christopher's Hospice in London, the Sanjeevan Palliative Care Project in Pondicherry, and Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University in Bangladesh. This six-month online course, spanning 240 hours, aims to address the global shortage of leadership in palliative care by providing high-quality, accessible, and affordable training, specifically designed for participants from low- and middle-income countries.

The Fellowship program aims to educate palliative care workers by providing a comprehensive understanding of organizing palliative care services at the grassroots level while keeping them informed about current advancements and challenges in palliative care and community involvement on regional, national, and global scales. The curriculum emphasizes essential concepts, skills, and practical applications relevant to the participants' local contexts, with an optional clinical stream to enhance the clinical knowledge of healthcare professionals. Graduates receive certification, and since its inception, over 750 individuals from more than 50 countries have completed the program, many of whom have gone on to expand or initiate palliative care services in their regions. This global network of Fellows supports each other informally. In 2021, the program received the Leadership Award from the European Association of Palliative Care (EAPC) and the European Palliative Care Academy (EUPCA) for its outstanding global leadership in capacity building.

## **Target Audience**

This course is designed for individuals involved in or interested in palliative care, including clinical staff, program managers, coordinators, community volunteers, trainers, and those working in non-governmental organizations and government agencies focused on palliative care. It is also suitable for social workers, non-clinical volunteers, healthcare advocacy groups, and professionals seeking to explore palliative care. Additionally, individuals interested in establishing palliative care services are encouraged to apply.

## **Medium of Interaction and Training Format**

The course will be conducted in English and delivered online. Participants must have access to a reliable internet connection and a laptop or desktop computer. Following adult learning principles, the program includes ten full-day online sessions, assignments, group activities, and ongoing mentorship over six months. Participants should expect to dedicate approximately 40 hours per month to the course.

## **Course Schedule**

The course offers a comprehensive blend of online sessions, interactive discussions, assignments, peer assessments, and presentations, spread over six months, beginning in January 2025. The online sessions will start in the final week of January 2025, followed by full-day sessions in February, with one session scheduled monthly thereafter. Specific session dates will be shared with the selected candidates. Participants will gain access to an online learning platform, featuring recorded sessions, discussion forums, and various resources, from January 15, 2025, to December 31, 2025.

Participants are expected to commit approximately 240 hours over the six-month duration for course activities, including preparing presentations, completing assignments, peer evaluations, and engaging in discussion forums. Workshops on palliative care topics, led by international experts, will also be offered.

## **Course Fee**

The subsidized fee for the course is INR 12,000 (US\$150), payable upon receiving the selection letter.

## **Evaluation and Certification**

The evaluation of participants will be based on the following criteria:

1. Online presentations
2. Quality of contributions to discussion forums
3. Submission of assignments
4. Participation in interactive sessions and group activities

A minimum score of 50% is required to qualify for the completion certificate. The certificate will be jointly issued by the four organizing institutions upon successful completion of the program.

## **Application Process**

Applications must be submitted by December 23, 2024. Selection notifications will be sent by December 31, 2024, and selected candidates must remit their fees by January 15, 2025, to confirm their place in the program.

Application forms can be downloaded by scanning the QR code/contacting the office



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