

FELLOWSHIP IN PALLIATIVE CARE- 2023

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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 through the 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 program aims to fill the global gap in organizational and management skills in palliative care. The objective of the Fellowship program is to deliver a good quality training program, affordable to participants from low- and middle-income countries.

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 grassroots level and well versed with the recent advances and challenges in palliative care and community participation regionally, nationally, and globally.. The course covers foundations, concepts, skills in organising and managing palliative care services and application of these in local situations faced by the participant. Those who successfully complete the course are issued certificates of successful completion

Around 350 candidates from more than 50 countries have successfully completed the program so far. The program won Leadership Award by European Association of Palliative Care (EAPC) & European Palliative Care Academy (EUPCA) in 2021 as an example of outstanding leadership capacity building programme worldwide.

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 the principles of adult learning. Online sessions will start on 30 January 2023. There will be 10 full days (7 hours each day – participation mandatory) of online training spread over six months, along with assignments and group activities. It has been estimated that the candidate will have to spend approximately 30 hours for the course each month on an average

SCHEDULE OF ONLINE SESSIONS:

The program will start with a full-day online session on 30 January 2023. There will be five full-day online sessions in February and one full-day session each month after that. The exact dates for these sessions will be announced later. Online Learning Platform with recorded sessions /discussion forum/other resources will be accessible to registered candidates from 15 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

In addition, the candidate is estimated to spend an additional 120 hours over six months on 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 forum

There will also be 6-8 additional workshops on palliative care-related subjects by international experts. Attendance in these extra workshops is optional.

COURSE FEE

The course fee is INR 9,000 (US\$ 125)

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: **30 January 2023**

Last date for receiving applications: **15 December 2022**

Notification to selected candidates: **31 December 2022**

Last date for remittance of fees by selected candidates to secure the place: **15 January 2023**

The Fellowship program will have

1. Online sessions which include 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
5. Additional resources/ background material made available on the Online Learning Platform

EVALUATION

Candidates will be evaluated through

1. Presentations online by the candidate
2. Quality of contributions in discussion fora
3. Response to Assignments to be submitted online
4. Level of participation in the interactive sessions and group activities

CONTACT

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