

MASTER OF SCIENCE in Extensive End-of-Life Care

2024/25

理學碩士（全面紓緩照顧）



(in collaboration with the Society for
the Promotion of Hospice Care)
(與善寧會合作之課程)



Introduction

The programme is based on the philosophy of death, which is a certainty in life. The end-of-life period can be a very uncertain time, with a range of decisions having to be made on matters such as health, well-being, estate disposal, a good death, and so on. Towards this end, this programme will train personnel to provide **Extensive End-of-Life Care (EELC)** in a person-centred manner.

EELC adopts the unique approach of deinstitutionalizing and normalizing the dying process. With a passion for life and compassion for sufferings as the two key attributes of the programme, healthcare professionals will be trained to instil hope to older people and their carers in the process – the hope for the best in their final life journey.

Programme Information

Programme Code:	MSCEELCF
Programme Mode:	Face-to-face
Duration of Study:	1 year (full-time mode)
Medium of Instruction:	English
Courses & Credit-Units:	9 Courses, with a total of 30 Credit-Units
Tuition Fee:	Subject to the latest announcement by the University



Programme Features

✦ Collaboration with Society for the Promotion of Hospice Care (SPHC)

The SPHC is the first palliative and hospice care training provider in Hong Kong, and regularly offers classes on end-of-life care, bereavement support, and advance care planning to both local and overseas participants. It runs institutional, home, and respite services in end-of-life care, with a key objective of encouraging active carers participation to act as a buffer against complicated grief and to improve the quality of death.

✦ Clinical Practicum

This programme is designed to prepare students to take on active roles and develop their competence in the area of Extensive End-of-Life care (EELC). The Clinical Practicum course is an important practical unit in the programme. It will give students hands-on opportunities in real-life settings to apply theories and skills learnt from various courses. SPHC provides a platform of venues for students to experience and explore issues related to end-of-life care.

Programme Aims

Upon successfully completing the programme, students should be able to:

- ✦ Comprehend the end-of-life philosophy and principles to address an emerging need, and to contribute to the quality end-of-life care needs of individuals in society;
- ✦ Enhance physical comfort for care recipients throughout their disease trajectory;
- ✦ Respond to the challenges of clinical and ethical decision-making in end-of-life care;
- ✦ Develop interpersonal and communication skills appropriate to end-of-life care;
- ✦ Be able to listen and self-reflect, practise self-awareness, and undergo continuing professional development in end-of-life care.

Admission Requirements

- ✦ A Bachelor's degree in a health-related discipline from a recognized institution or equivalent qualification, and
- ✦ Fulfil the University's English language proficiency requirements.

Career Prospects & Professional Recognition*

- ✦ Graduates who have satisfactorily completed all programme requirements will be awarded a Master's Degree in Extensive End-of-Life Care.
- ✦ Graduates with cumulative clinical experiences may subsequently experience career promotions as advanced practice nurses (APN), administrators, or educators.

*Completion of this programme would not lead to eligibility of registering as Registered Nurse (RN) with the Nursing Council of Hong Kong



Programme Structure

Course Titles	Credit-Units
Contemporary Issues in Extensive End-of-Life Care (EELC)	3
Integrative Symptom Management in EELC	3
Research Methodology	3
Discourse on Life	3
Therapeutic Communication in EELC	3
Mindfulness	3
Novel Approaches in EELC	3
Social Innovation & Entrepreneurship	3
Clinical Practicum	6
Total	30

Enquiry

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