

## Summary of Hospice Northwest Training Modules

**COURSE OBJECTIVE:** To prepare graduates to function effectively as palliative care and bereavement support volunteers in the community, acute, and chronic care hospitals and long-term care facilities.

1. INTRODUCTION TO HOSPICE NORTHWEST & PALLIATIVE CARE
2. ILLNESS SPECIFIC INFORMATION, PAIN MANAGEMENT, SIGNS OF DEATH, PRACTICAL COMFORT MEASURES PROVIDED BY THE VOLUNTEER, AND BASIC INFECTION CONTROL PROCEDURES
3. CULTURAL ASPECTS OF DEATH & DYING
4. SPIRITUAL ISSUES OF DEATH AND DYING
5. EMOTIONAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ISSUES OF DYING AND DEATH
6. THE FAMILY
7. THE CHALLENGES OF EATING  
INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM & OTHER COMMUNITY CARE PROVIDERS  
PALLIATIVE CARE FOR CHILDREN IN COMMUNITY
8. ETHICAL ISSUES IN HOSPICE CARE  
ADVANCE CARE DIRECTIVES & POWER OF ATTORNEY
9. GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT
10. THE ART AND SKILL OF SENSITIVE COMMUNICATION
11. ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VOLUNTEER
12. BODY MECHANICS, LIFTS, TRANSFERS, POSITIONING, AND OTHER SKILLS