

Collaboration between the International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care (IAHPC) and WHO to offer a course on the development of policy briefs in palliative care and long-term care, in preparation for the July 2018 Open-Ended Working Group on Ageing (OEWGA9)

In the context of IAHPC's collaboration with WHO, a nongovernmental organization in official relations, this project aims to develop an online course to train palliative care workers on the development of national policies.

Objectives of the course

- To train selected candidates (palliative care providers/workers jointly identified by WHO and IAHPC) on how to develop evidence-based policy briefs and to work with policy-makers to strengthen palliative and long-term care programmes in their own national settings.
- To develop evidence-based awareness regarding the provision, or lack of palliative care for older people in their country.

Topics

The course on developing policy briefs on palliative and long-term care for older people includes the following topics:

- Public and political awareness in your country of the need for palliative care and long-term care for older persons
- How to Identify, select and assess the quality of evidence
- Workforce capacity to meet country needs
- Stakeholders use analysis/mapping models of care delivery, including primary and home care
- Strategies to engage in the decision-making process.

Expected outcomes

A series of policy briefs on palliative and long-term care for older people will be presented during the July 2018 Open-Ended Working Group on Aging (OEWGA9) <https://social.un.org/ageing-working-group/>

Ways of working

The course is open access and will be taught online using WebEx technology

Basic commitments from the students must include:

1. Selecting a topic relevant to the webinar course.
2. Listening to, and understanding, all parts of the virtual course.
3. Applying what you have learned through practical exercises.
4. Submitting homework on time for review and guidance.
5. Completing a feedback/reflective survey after each session.

Students must be prepared to dedicate 12-15 hours to the course in January-February 2018.

WHO's commitment

- WHO will disseminate information about the course across its departments at headquarters and within its regional offices, WHO collaborating centres and nongovernmental organizations in official relations, to identify potential candidates.
- WHO will facilitate this training with a course instructor.

Criteria to apply

- Candidates must be proficient in written English.
- Candidates must have a working email account and access to broadband internet.
- Preference will be given to individuals working full-time in palliative care or long-term care in low- and middle-income countries and who are members/representatives of their corresponding national palliative care association.

How to apply

Please send the following information to Ms Genevieve Napier, IAHPC Programs Manager at gnapier@iahpc.com

1. A completed application which should include:
 1. a statement explaining your interest in palliative or long-term care and older people;
 2. a statement about how you intend to use this webinar after completion;
 3. description of any previous advocacy efforts and/or campaigns you have participated in;
 4. your CV (a short version).

The application form can be downloaded from the IAHPC website [here](#)

A letter signed by your direct supervisor written on your institution's letterhead (PDF or JPG format) stating that if you are selected for this webinar, your institution will enable and support your participation and allow time for the completion of tasks related to it.

2. If applicable, please include your membership status with any national palliative care association and/or the IAHPC.
3. A sample of your writing (no more than 500 words).

Deadline to apply is 30 November 2017. A committee of IAHPC and WHO representatives will then select the candidates. Results will be announced by mid-December and the course will begin on 8 January 2018.

More information

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