Palliative care nursing focuses on improving the quality of care of patients through serious, chronic, or terminal illness. Through interdisciplinary team collaboration, the nurse provides palliative care in all specialties across all ages. The demand for registered nurses and advance practice registered nurses with expertise in palliative care will continue to rise as the health care industry focuses on improving the patient experience and reducing suffering.

The Palliative Care Certificate consists of three online graduate courses including evidence-based strategies for management of pain and common symptoms; social, cultural, and psychological aspects of human grief; and ethical & political factors that influence palliative care for clients and families across the life span. The certificate is appropriate for RNs & APRNs in acute care, home care, long-term care and community practice settings.

The following criteria must be met for admissions:

1. Baccalaureate degree with a minimum GPA of 2.75/4.00 in the last 60 semester hours
2. License to practice as a professional nurse in at least one political jurisdiction

The Certificate programs admit during the fall and spring semesters. Prospective students are encouraged to complete the application process early. All application materials must be submitted by the deadline for full consideration.

- Complete a UIC Application at [http://applygrad.uic.edu/](http://applygrad.uic.edu/) and select Campus Care - Palliative Care Nursing as your program.
- The application will require you to upload a copy of your previous college transcripts as well as a resume or CV.
- One letter of recommendation is required for Palliative Care nursing applicants. Enter the name/e-mail of your reference when prompted in the application.

International Applicants

Additional materials are required for International applicants, including:

- TOEFL OR IELTS scores
- University or college issued transcripts or mark sheets for all undergraduate work in the original language
- University or college issued transcripts or mark sheets for all post-baccalaureate work in the original language
- Certified English translation of all credentials
- Proof of all degrees awarded
Degree Requirements

In order to receive the Advanced Practice Palliative Care Nursing Certificate, students must complete the following courses:

- NUEL 520: Dying, Loss and Grief (3)
- NUEL 522: Palliative Management of Pain & Common Symptoms (3)
- NUEL 524: Sociocultural & Ethical Issues in Palliative Care (3)

The courses can be taken in any sequence. No transfer credit will be accepted toward the certificate.

Academic Policies

Students in the APPCN Certificate program are held to the academic policies of the UIC College of Nursing, which state that students are expected to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 (“B” average) throughout the program.

Students wishing to transfer academic credit earned in the certificate program to a graduate degree program must receive a minimum grade of “B” in each course to be transferred.

Program URL: https://nursing.uic.edu/programs/certificate-programs/advanced-practice-palliative-care/