

# Interdisciplinary Palliative Care Certificate (IDPCC)

CONNELL SCHOOL OF NURSING • SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK • SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

This certificate program aims to provide graduate students from nursing, social work, and theology and ministry with:

- Knowledge of the core principles of palliative care across disciplines;
- Appreciation and respect for the unique and complementary contributions of each discipline in collaborative care; and
- Comprehension of the interdisciplinary processes needed to care for seriously ill persons and their families throughout the illness trajectory and across care settings.

The IDPCC certificate would be granted by Boston College (not the respective schools) upon completion of four courses, for a total of 12 credits. For School of Social Work students, the course selection would be:

1. SCWK8831 Dying, Grief and Bereavement
  2. Two or three courses from the School of Nursing (HLTH) to be selected from:  
HLTH 7700 Serious Illness, Death and Dying (summer course)  
HLTH 7702 Responding to Suffering in Serious Illness, Death and Dying  
HLTH 7704 Interdisciplinary Leadership in Palliative Care
- or
3. One course from the School of Theology and Ministry to be selected from:  
TMPS 7006 Grief and Loss  
TM7018 Death and Dying